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President Robert Fitzpatrick presented the Distinguished DEADEYE award to the man whom he had selected for having made the most significant contribution of his time and talents to advance the Association.

This year the citation read, "Alexander Markus, 382-B, serving as the gracious and efficient chairman of the annual reunion in Chicago in 1968 when new attendance and membership records were established, you earned the appreciation of all DEADEYES. Your good works helped to gain for the Association a reputation for being the most active group of its kind."

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**SPARK PLUG**

Mrs. Lorraine Strand, President of the Auxiliary, from Glenwood, Iowa, received Our Kind of Gal award for her handling of a spectacularly successful year for that group.

Harold, 381-M, attained the status of Old Timer this year by his attendance at 10 reunions.

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**TWELFTH ANNUAL REUNION  
HOTEL FORT DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA  
JULY 24, 25, 26, 1969**

Robert Ray, Governor of Iowa, welcomed DEADEYES. He was the first governor ever to appear on the reunion program.

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**ATTENDANCE**

Official attendance count at the reunion was 354, not including several hundred wives and children.

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**DEADEYES: JOIN YOUR OLD BUDDIES. PAY YOUR DUES.**

**WHO SAID REUNIONS WERE FUN?**

**REUNION ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

States With High Representation

Illinois	88
Iowa	61
Minnesota	32
Nebraska	22
Michigan	21
Missouri	20
Wisconsin	16
Texas	15
Kansas	15

Units With High Representation

Div. Hqs.	20
921st FA	17
361st FA	16
383 - I	15
QM	12
383 - K	11

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(Right) MEMORIAL SERVICE,  
Saturday, July 26, 1969.



**AUXILIARY LUNCHEON**

Women of the 96th took over all of the space in the Terrace Restaurant, Saturday noon, July 26, 1969.

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**AUXILIARY DUES ARE \$1.00 PER YEAR. TREASURER'S ADDRESS IS:**

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For the site of the reunion to be held in Detroit next summer, the 96th Division has chosen the Statler Hilton Hotel, Grand Circus Park at Washington Boulevard, right in the middle of the theatre district and close to various exciting shops that the ladies will enjoy.

The place has 1,000 air-conditioned, attractive guest rooms. This hotel offers free parking for registered guests, also, free ice machines on most floors. Altogether, the management has agreed to provide luxurious facilities for DEADEYES and their families.

Prices will be kept reasonable. There will be room for everyone, including children and grandchildren.

Chairman Ted Hanna has been arranging some surprises to be included in the reunion program. Full details will be printed in the Spring Issue of the newsletter, but he has hinted that an Hawaiian Revue will be featured as entertainment following the banquet on Saturday night.

DEADEYES will be going first class. Detroit will be ready for DEADEYES. Now is the time to resolve to be in Detroit with your old buddies. Remember the dates – July 23, 24, 25, 1970.

Hotel reservation blank will be printed in the Spring Issue of the newsletter.

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**PAST PRESIDENTS**



Seven DEADEYES who have served as president of the Association showed up in Des Moines. That was a record number for any reunion.

The men have been listed with their present hometown and term of office.

L to R, front: Jake Fisher (Baltimore, Md.) 1962–1963; Hoss Mitchell (Ponchatoula, La.) 1961–1962; Hubert Hoffman (Wichita, Kansas 1959–1960; Paul Bauer (Altamont, Ill.) 1967–1968; Robert Huff (Indianapolis, Ind.) 1965–1966.

L to R, back: Peter Pohl (St. Paul, Minn.) 1966–1967; Alex Markus (Chicago, Ill.) 1964–1965.

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**OFFICERS** (L to R, seated) Klassen, Fritz, White, Dunning, Dakan. (Standing) Breece, Kohan.

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## AUXILIARY REPORT

by Mrs. Norma Bauer

Our Des Moines Reunion activities began at the KRNT television station where Mrs. Lorraine Strand, President, and Mrs. Inez Easley were interviewed on the Mary Brubaker Show. They were asked to recount some of the history of the Association, then they told about reunion events that had been planned.

Fifteen Auxiliary officers and members were included on a tour of the TV station.

Scheduled tours on Friday afternoon proved interesting. Places visited were Better Homes and Gardens Test Kitchen and Photo Studio, Meredith Publishing Company, American Republic Insurance Company, Des Moines Art Center, and Iowa State University Research Farm.

A new event on the Auxiliary calendar occurred Saturday noon when a luncheon was served at the Terrace Restaurant. There were 76 members present - all that the place would hold.

During the business meeting, Auxiliary members approved a motion to purchase \$550.00 worth of 96th Infantry Division History books. This was done in order to make the reprinting project even more successful.

Various ideas were discussed to encourage individuals to purchase the book. It was recommended that everyone who has a book might purchase a second copy for donation to a library of his choice, believing that students should have access to the story of the DEADEYES.

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A three-day program for the Teens was planned and supervised by the Auxiliary. A Des Moines policeman was employed in this connection, resulting in favorable comments from the hotel management. Our aim is to continue a similar plan at reunions in the future.

At the Memorial Service, Mrs. Gladys Boals was soloist. She was accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Nowlin at the piano.



**AUXILIARY OFFICERS** (L to R, front) Etha Caswell, Recording Secretary; Ann Pohl, 3rd Vice President; Dorothy Fitzpatrick, President; Lila Buxton, 2nd Vice President; Inez Easley. (L to R, back) Lorraine Strand, Retiring President; Rose Fritz, Treasurer; Norma Bauer, Teresa Hoffman, Gladys Boals, Corresponding Secretary; Helen Klassen.

Mrs. Easley, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mrs. Klassen are members of the Board of Directors.

LaVon Wilker, 1st Vice President; and Rachel Butler, Chaplain, not present for picture.

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## BULL SESSION IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

Men of the 728th Amphibious Tank Bn. have always claimed the 96th Infantry Division. There never was any doubt about the relationship, because through the years, the Association had been maintaining an up-to-date roster for the outfit. The idea to have a meeting of their own group started at the DEADEYE reunion in Indianapolis.

After all, many of the men were from the South. Their origin had been with the Tennessee National Guard. To begin with, in 1941, the unit had been known as 775 Tank Destroyer Bn. Then the outfit had been re-organized and given the designation with which it went overseas.

It happened that their meeting date for 1969 was the same week-end that the Association met in Des Moines. There were 47 men, plus families, who met in the Holiday Inn at the Nashville Airport. Some of the ladies visited The Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson. There was swimming for everyone. But mostly the fellows just sat around and talked of the war years. There were 81 for dinner.

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NAMES OF THOSE WHO REGISTERED AT DES MOINES

381st	381st	381st	381st
381st HQ	1st Bn. Hq. Co.	F Co. NONE	K Co.
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## NONE

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## FROM THE HEADLINES

On April 15, 1968, two Chicago policemen, both former DEADEYES, made headlines across the country when they were involved in the capture of a berserk gunman. One, Sgt. James Schaffer (383-Ser.), was killed while trying to apprehend the gunman. The other, Deputy Supt. James Rochford (number two policeman in Chicago), became a hero when he was able to talk the gunman into giving up. The berserk man had been in Okinawa, too, but with the Marines. Rochford was able to talk to him as one GI to another.

Incidentally, Rochford attended the reunion in Chicago, having served with 383rd HQ.

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## TAPS

It is with deep regret that the following names of men must be listed as having passed during the last year.

When such information is received by the editor, the name is withdrawn from the mailing list, unless other instructions are received.

The widow, or any member of a DEADEYE family, may continue to receive the Dispatch.

### 381st

#### Antitank

Robert J. Campbell - Confirmed - letter from wife  
6-18-69

#### 381st MED

Casimir Czubat - Confirmed - oral message  
Adolph Gunter - Confirmed - 5-15-69  
Hubert Mason - Newsletter returned 7-69  
1st Bn. Hq. Co.  
Ivan Coker - Newsletter returned 3-69  
Charles W. Lehardy - Confirmed - April 1969  
Francis Leonard - Newsletter returned 4-69  
B Co.  
Orlando Guaccio - Confirmed - Nov. 1963  
C Co.  
Arthur Emick - Newsletter returned 7-69  
D Co.  
Vernon Kidd - Confirmed - 2-2-69  
2nd Bn. Hq. Co.  
Lester W. Lerche - Confirmed - Coronary Dec. 1968  
E Co.  
Charles Vandeventer - Newsletter returned 4-69  
H Co.  
Joseph Strickler - Confirmed - Dec. 1945 from jeep  
accident in Hawaii  
M Co.  
Fredrick Trost - Newsletter returned 4-69

### 382nd

#### Antitank

Raymond Haas - Confirmed  
E Co.  
Leonare W. Bush - Newsletter returned 6-69  
Elias Perez - Newsletter returned 7-69  
F Co.  
Roger Pennington - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Anthony Salwoitis - Newsletter returned 7-69  
G Co.  
Ralph McKeown - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Alphonse Repking - Confirmed  
H Co.  
Robert Douglas - Confirmed - 8-24-68  
Hiram Henderson - Newsletter returned 4-69  
L Co.  
Wilho Maki - Confirmed - note rec. 4-69

### 383rd

#### Antitank

Leonard Walstrom - Confirmed - note at reunion

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## 383rd (Continued)

#### Service Co.

James Schaffer - Confirmed - Chicago police officer  
killed while on duty.  
Gerald Sunday - Confirmed - note at reunion  
Ike Waters - Newsletter returned 7-69  
1st Bn. Hq. Co.  
Erwin Stabler - Newsletter returned 7-69  
A Co.  
Milton Haack - Confirmed - 2-26-69 coronary  
K Co.  
Clair D. Kai - Confirmed - 8-13-69  
Arthur Sorenson - Newsletter returned 7-69  
L Co.  
Blaine Matkins - Confirmed - 1-21-69

## ARTILLERY

#### Div. Arty

Roy Grub - Confirmed - Feb. 69  
921st  
Earl Dayton - Confirmed - Auto accident  
George Havrilla - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Chester Morris - Newsletter returned 7-69  
361st  
Leonard Pacholski - Newsletter returned 4-69  
362nd  
Albert Corwin - Confirmed - 8-18-68  
Lawrence Kain - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Kenneth Rice - Newsletter returned 3-69  
James Sharp - Newsletter returned 7-69  
363rd  
Roman Baker - Confirmed - 6-29-69 coronary  
Frank Hard - Newsletter returned 7-69  
Hayward Raglin - Newsletter returned 7-69  
Frank Spaak - Confirmed - 2-16-69

## ATTACHED TROOPS

### 321st ENGINEERS

Charles Engels - Confirmed - note at reunion  
Jess Evans - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Chester Organek - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Donald Pitts - Newsletter returned 4-69  
321st - MEDICS  
Harry Ostrander - Newsletter returned 7-69  
DIV HQS  
John Saltzman - Newsletter returned 7-69  
796th ORD  
Sidney Ancale - Newsletter returned 4-69  
Harrison Grimshaw - Newsletter returned 4-69  
RECON  
Edwin Berlinghoff - Confirmed - note at reunion  
728th AM TRAC  
Glendon Rice - Newsletter returned 4-69  
COMPANY UNKNOWN  
Casper Kight - Newsletter returned 4-69

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### 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 and place of the event. Just tell about it in your own words. Also, if you have news about yourself or an old buddy, send it in. The Dispatch is intended to serve DEADEYES.

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**A BUDDY'S GONE**  
by William Kohan 383-K

A buddy's gone.....he walks this earth no more.  
A friendship's over.....a friendship born of war.  
For those of us who knew him; it seems like such a crime.  
This man was truly a leader – a leader among men.  
And our minds slip back thru yesterdays; back to the days when the guns of war were booming, and we oft times were afraid.  
But merely by his presence, our fears were much allayed.  
He seemed so indestructible – a Gibraltar of a man.  
You know he'll get you thru the war.....if anybody can.  
He's gone now, but I wonder if, upon that fateful day; did he report to General Bradley, or perhaps to Colonel May?  
And in that booming voice of his – sing out those words once more: "Third platoon present and accounted for, sir!"  
Yes, a buddy's gone forever.....he was really quite a guy!  
And we never will forget you.....  
"Good-bye".....Clair Kai.

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**ABOUT THE POEM**

Clair Kai was a platoon sergeant in 383-K. His old buddy, W. Kohan, believes that Kai probably exemplified the typical sergeant; his treatment of privates was harsh, but in retrospect, fair. When he spoke, you listened; if he looked your way, you jumped. In combat, he was a good man to have around.

It was in honor and respect for such men that the poem was composed by Kohan.

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**APPRECIATION**

There are numerous examples to show that the women of the 96th have a lot to do with the success that the Association continues to enjoy.

For instance, Pat Johnson (Mrs. Iden), wife of the Reunion Chairman in Des Moines, received an Our Kind of Gal Award for her tireless assistance during the past year.

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**DEADEYES: JOIN YOUR OLD BUDDIES**

Association dues are \$4.00 per year. Send to the Treasurer:

Ed Dakan  
P. O. Box 1254  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Membership year begins on August 1 and ends on July 31 the following year.

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**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY HAS MOVED**

Richard Klassen has moved to Denver, Colorado since the reunion in Des Moines. His job with the Association is just the same as it has been through the years and he still likes to receive mail. Write to him at following address:

Richard Klassen  
111 S. Hudson  
Denver, Colorado 80222

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**BREECE WANTS HISTORICAL MATERIAL**

James M. Breece, Historian, is looking for more items for the Association's scrap books. He needs clippings, maps, pictures, charts and anything else that you may have. He will copy, then return your original. His address is:

James M. Breece  
6618 Robinhood Lane  
Huntsville, Ala. 35806

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**MORE ABOUT THE 728th AMPHIBIOUS TANK BN.**

The men of the 728th do not appear to have a formal organization, but this offspring of the 96th Division seem to have started something that could develop along permanent lines to foster fellowship among members of their unit. For additional information, write to:

Harold L. McCoy  
139 E. Auburndale Ave.  
Youngstown, Ohio 44507

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**DEADEYES ARE MEN OF ACTION**

- \* Pay your dues regularly
- \* Write to your old buddies
- \* Attend annual reunions
- \* Send something for the newsletter
- \* Furnish addresses of other DEADEYES who ought to be on the mailing list.
- \* Stay on the mailing list by sending your change of address when you move
- \* Volunteer suggestions, gripes and yourself
- \* Keep the pride that you felt as a DEADEYE

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**SEND SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER**





**COLONEL COLLINS IN KOREA**

## **PROFILE**

Colonel Leroy P. Collins, Jr.  
Hq. KMAG, G-4 Section  
APO San Francisco 96302

(Above address will be obsolete after September, 1969)

Colonel Collins is the son of Brigadier General and Mrs. Leroy P. Collins (USA, Ret.) who live in Richmond, Virginia.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, he had been assigned to the 381st Infantry from before its activation, then stayed with it until the time when the Division was returned to the States.

Men of the 381st knew him as Captain Collins. He served successively as company commander, regimental operations officer and battalion commander in the Leyte and Okinawa Campaigns. He received two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Leaving the 96th at the end of the war, he was reassigned to Manila to serve a year on the staff of Army Forces, Western Pacific.

Later service was in Germany, Japan, Korea and in various Stateside Duties, including the Headquarters of the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

## **VIETNAM TOUR**

While in Vietnam from December 1963 to December 1964, he served as the Senior Advisor to the 1st Infantry Division of the Army of Vietnam, for which he was decorated with the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star. Narrow escapes were commonplace.

In April 1964 I was accompanying General Westmoreland on a tour of Special Forces camps in my division area. During our visit to A Chau, as we were preparing to depart in our CV-2 Caribou aircraft, we came under heavy small arms fire. The plane was riddled by Viet Cong bullets; both our pilot and co-pilot were wounded, as were two Vietnamese soldiers in the rear of the aircraft.

Despite the fact that bullet holes were appearing between General Westmoreland and myself, he was the calmest person among the 20 or more aboard. The pilot managed to take off and we flew to Da Nang, about 40 miles to the east, landing safely in our crippled plane.

Next, Collins served a tour with Headquarters Fifth U. S. Army in Fort Sheridan, Illinois, for which he was awarded an Army Commendation Medal.

## **KOREA DMZ**

Colonel Collins is now assigned to the Headquarters of the U. S. Army Advisory Group, Korea (KMAG) where he is charged with planning and administering the Military Assistance Program, amounting to many millions of dollars annually, for the Republic of Korea Army.

Here in Korea, my duty is mostly in an office in Seoul. From time to time, however, I make jeep or helicopter visits to forward units to gain personal knowledge of the things for which I am programming. This picture of me was taken on one of those visits. In the background is the DMZ with North Korea in the distance and the DMZ fence in the foreground. The fence, by the way, is proving to be worth the money and effort it took to construct. Everyday, North Korean infiltrators are killed or repelled by the US/ROK forces as a result of this impediment to infiltration.

I would like for DEADEYES to know that the part of their tax dollar which goes toward providing the ROK Army with the muscles and sinews for self-defense is well-spent.

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## COLONEL COLLINS' STORY (continued)

### OKINAWA VISIT

Colonel and Mrs. Collins (Ray) went back to Okinawa expressly to find pictures and other items that might be of interest to old DEADEYES. They landed on 29 March and stayed until 12 April 1969. As a result, Colonel Collins has been preparing some articles for use in the Dispatch, beginning with this issue.

He has reported that the 96th Division's presence during the Battle of Okinawa is still a fact, fully recognized in the Armed Forces Museum and in naming of streets and other areas on military installations.

During his investigation into the condition of the Easley monument and his subsequent attempts to locate someone who would take on responsibility for maintenance of the marker, Collins became acquainted with Colonel Martin E. Nolan, Executive Officer of Fort Buckner. It turned out that Colonel Nolan is the younger brother of LTC (now Col.) Daniel A. Nolan, Jr., formerly C.O. 3rd Bn., 381st Infantry.

Guided by maps of the campaign, Colonel Collins believes that he located the spot where Colonel May was killed 5 June 1945. No monument is there, but there is a tall cross made of wood, about 12 feet high, which could have been used in engineer triangulation work, but because it was not on the highest spot on the hill, he decided that it might not have been used for the latter purpose.

### SEQUEL

The Collins family was scheduled to leave Korea 4 September 1969. Next assignment, after short delays in Japan and on the West Coast, will be at Fort Lee, Virginia, near Petersburg, south of Richmond. Their home will be near that of a son who is a land surveyor in Newport News, Virginia. A younger son, still living with his parents, has been attending college in Seoul.

The Colonel and Ray are looking forward to the prospect of renewing acquaintances with DEADEYES at future reunions.

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### REPRINTING OF 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORY

If you had previously ordered a copy of THE DEAD-EYES, you should have received it during October or November 1969. Ed Biggs had charge of filling all subscriptions.

From the start, those who worked on the project felt obligated to do a good job. Upon examination of the reprinted book, general opinion seemed to be that this book was equal to the original in quality of printing and binding.

History books are still available. Clip the order blank that has been provided on the inside cover of this issue of the Dispatch. Enclose \$10.00.

Orders for the book will be filled according to earliest postmark. In case the supply of books should become exhausted, money will be refunded.

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### DEADEYES: JOIN YOUR OLD BUDDIES

Membership in the Association is a privilege that is available to any soldier who served with the 96th or its attached units.

A special campaign for 1969-1970 membership year is being started in this issue of the newsletter. In order to encourage new members to enroll and to get delinquent members to pay up, a set of three maps will be sent upon receipt of dues. The whole proposition is described on next page. A pre-addressed envelope is being provided for your convenience in mailing.

It is the intention of the editors to publish the kind of newsletter that will make every issue worth the entire price of \$4.00 annual dues to bring in the financial support that is necessary.

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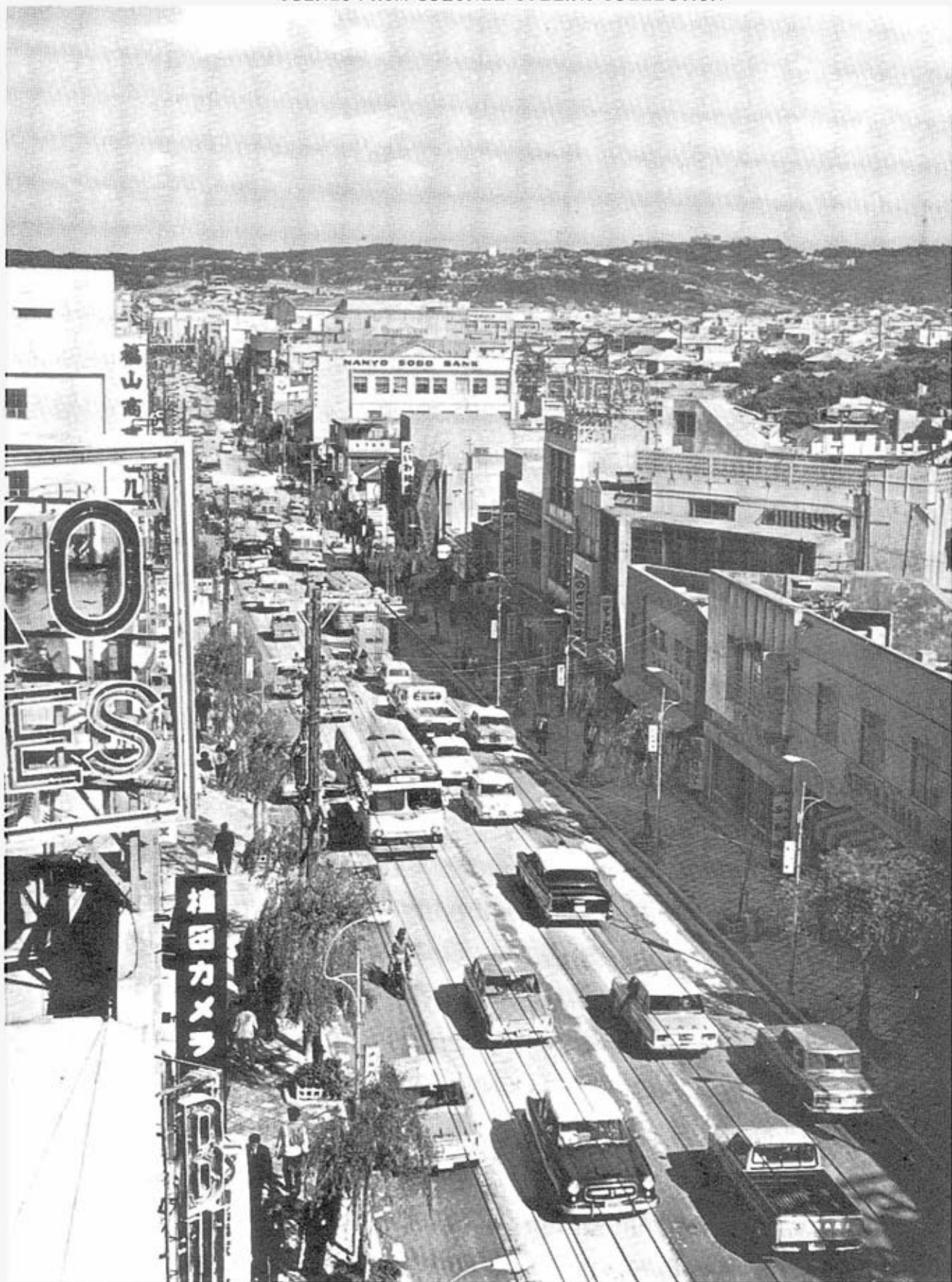


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**SIGHT-SEEING IN NAHA 1969**

Naha City was a small town with a population of 70,000 inhabitants before the war. Destruction was so complete that native survivors could not recognize familiar places. However, the city has been expanded along "Kokusai-Dori" (International Street) and now has become a large city as capital of Okinawa. The Rainbow Hotel has twin-bed room rates ranging from \$12.00 to \$17.00 per day. There are many good restaurants and teahouses that offer a variety of Japanese, Chinese, Okinawan and American dishes.

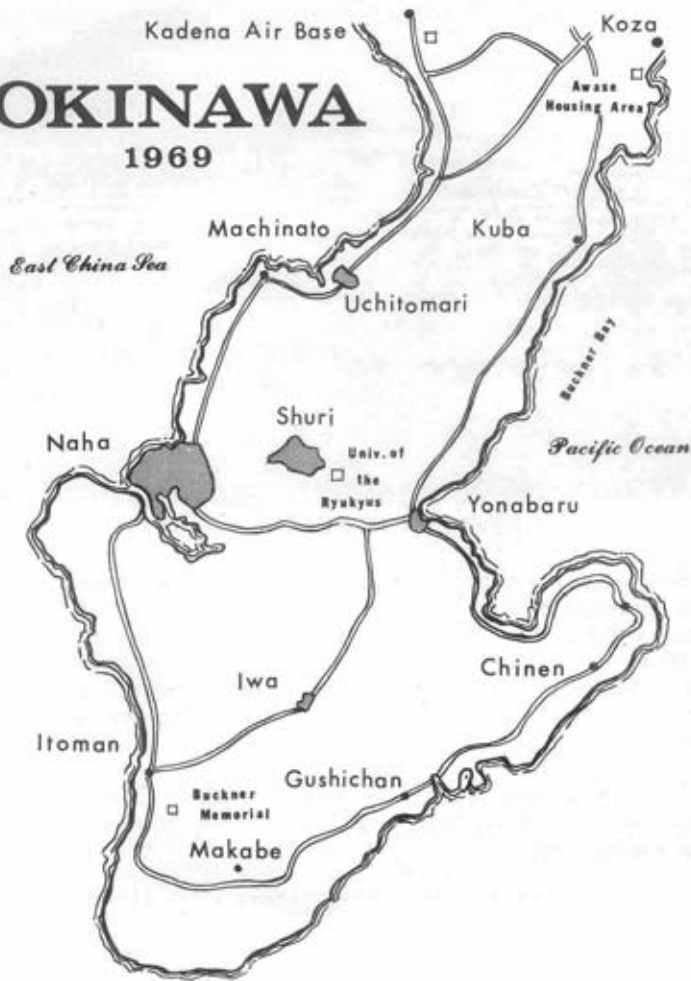


## MAP SHOWING HIGHWAY SYSTEM

## TOURISM

# OKINAWA

1969



Besides passenger liners that run every other day between Okinawa and Kyushu Island (Japan), Naha has a busy new airport. Four scheduled air carriers flying international routes serve the island. Hong Kong, Taipei, Tokyo and Manila are less than two and one half hours by jet airliner.

A U. S. citizen can enter Okinawa without a visa, but must possess a valid passport and a certificate of required vaccinations and inoculations.

Tours, with English speaking guides, are conducted regularly through the southern district where the fiercest battles were fought.

Itoman and Suicide Cliff (Mount Mabuni), about seven miles south of Naha along Highway 3 is the largest fishing village in Okinawa. Nowadays, it is noted for its boat races in June.

Around this town are more than 100 memorials dedicated both to American and Japanese-Okinawans who lost their lives during the 73 days of fighting. Buckner Memorial was erected on the site where General Simon Bolivar Buckner was killed on 18 June 1945.

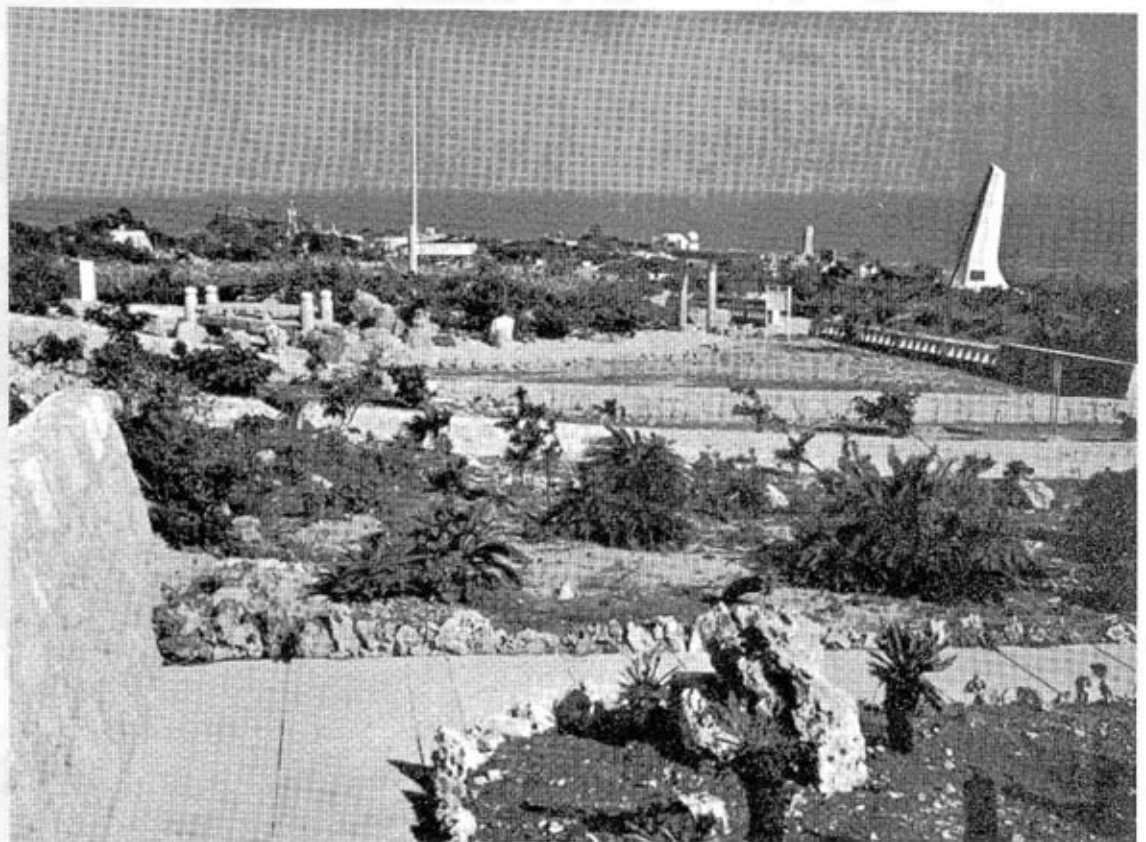
Suicide Cliff is remembered as being the last headquarters of the Japanese Army in their futile efforts to defend the island. It was here that Lt. General Ushijima, Commanding General of the 32nd Japanese Army, and his staff officers, committed suicide on 23 June 1945 at the end of the battle.

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## BATTLE MEMORIALS

Although this is a place of sorrow, history is quite cynical, for the vestiges of war in this area are now a great source of revenue for the tourist bureau in Okinawa.

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## THE SITE OF THE BATTLEFIELD

Probably few DEADEYES would want to live here, but Okinawa might be a nice place to visit again.

Today, Hagushi Beach in the vicinity of Kadena Air Base shows signs of peaceful living - a dump of old tires and other auto parts with off-base housing in the background.

It is difficult to comprehend now, but on 1 April 1945 more than 1,300 ships pulled in along this eight mile stretch of beach, bringing four assault divisions, the 96th included. DEADEYES were keeping a second meeting with their destiny.

They had come in the springtime to a place from which too many of them would not return alive, for the Division would suffer 1,598 killed and missing, besides 5,614 wounded.

But nearly every village and town, especially in the southern end of the island, was decimated - razed to the ground.

In the battle for Okinawa an estimated one-hundred thousand civilians were killed; another one-hundred thousand wounded. Caught in a trap of blind obedience to Japan and the Emperor, one in eight of the civilian population was dead. It was said that no family remained untouched by the "Iron Typhoon."

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## HOUSING FOR AMERICANS IN KOZA



BEHIND THE BEACH

Kadena Air Base occupies 5,260 acres. Associated with this important military installation is the Awase Housing Area, Government family housing. These houses are small by U. S. standards, but waiting lists for both officers and enlisted men exist. Reinforced concrete was used to build these houses to make them typhoon resistant.

Golfers wander over the 18-hole Awase Meadows Country Club course. It is considered to be a beautiful and challenging one.

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KOZA - A Swinging Town

Koza did not exist in prewar Okinawa, but it grew with the establishment of Kadena Air Base, largest U. S. camp in the Orient. Although some Okinawans live here, it is mainly an American settlement where about 70% of the population are making their livings depending on the economy of the U. S. military. The business establishments of the town cater especially to American servicemen and their families. There are super markets, schools and places of entertainment.

MAIL CALL

From: Mrs. Albert D. Corwin 362-FA  
2013 S. Spring St.  
Springfield, Ill. 62704

I am sorry that I have not written sooner to report the sad news to you and the Association that my husband, Albert, passed away August 18, 1968.

We had attended the reunion in Chicago and enjoyed it so very much. He was proud to have been a DEADEYE. Our vacation followed the reunion in Chicago and Al had been back at work only three days when he was stricken suddenly with a cerebral hemorrhage.

Enclosed is a check to pay Al's dues, also my Auxiliary dues. I would appreciate receiving the DEAD-EYE Dispatch. We failed to receive the one telling about the reunion in Chicago.

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From: Robert H. Beutler 383-E  
Box 295  
Otterbein, Ind. 47970

I was referred to you by the National Archives and Records Department.

Can you help me to locate a family in Ohio whose boy was killed by the same shell that wounded me? It happened on May 16 or 17, 1945 at Conical Peak, Okinawa, 383rd-E. I do not remember his name, but he was a replacement in our squad. Please help me.

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From: John D. Murphy 383-HQ  
1 Elm Court, Colonie  
Albany, N. Y. 12205

Enclosed is my personal check in amount of \$5.00 to pay annual dues for myself and my wife. I wish that I had heard about the Association sooner. It was only by chance that I happened to hear about the reunion to be held in Des Moines where I lived for several years before moving to Albany.

I joined the 96th at Camp Adair in October 1942, then served with the 383rd until being discharged in December 1945 - after having been transferred to the 31st Division for the trip home from Mindanao to Camp Stoneman. During the entire campaigns in Leyte and Okinawa I was Regimental Sergeant Major of the 383rd, officially assigned to Service Co., but in Regimental Headquarters.

I was particularly interested in the very last sentence in the Division history book, stating that the Association had been disbanded as of that time. News of its reactivation was good to hear.

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MAIL CALL

From: O. D. Hayden 96 MP  
1823 Tudor Drive  
Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Maybe I can make it to Des Moines this year, but in the construction business, July is the worst time of the year for me to leave.

Because I married a Wisconsin girl, we have been going North every year for the past 21 years.

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From: Jack A. Royster 383-A  
2102 - 18th Ave.  
Nashville, Tenn. 37212

In looking over a recent issue of the newsletter, I found two men from Nashville that were with the 96th. They are Joseph McCaffrey and Melvin Barton, whom I expect to look up soon.

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From: Wayne M. Gocke 383-F  
2005 Kakela Drive  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

This check for dues and a copy of the DEADEYE history book is probably about four or five years late in being sent.

Having been a resident of Hawaii for more than 20 years, I have had the opportunity to re-live past moments that were associated with the 96th and its stay here before leaving for the Philippines.

Members of the Association may be interested to know that the bivouac area where we stayed while going through the Kahana Bay "enemy village" training is now a housing development. The old P-38 field had become a dairy even by the time that I arrived back in Hawaii in 1948, however the runway that crossed the highway can still be seen if a person knows where to look. Schofield Barracks, of course, is still an active installation and has served as a training base for units that were being prepared to go to Vietnam.

As a budget officer in Headquarters, U. S. Army, Pacific, my office is located at Fort Shafter. I am happy to say that it still looks the same. Outside my office door is a display case containing the shoulder patches of all of the major units that served in WW II. I still get a kick out of seeing the double diamond of the 96th for I am proud to have served with such a great outfit.

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MAIL CALL

From: Bruce R. Rasmussen 381-K  
120 N. Spring St.  
Beaver Dam, Wisc. 53916

I have a suggestion: Why not have the Association send a group of men back to the battlefields to write a report "25 years after" and to see if they can find every fox-hole I dug and will never forget and to add afterthoughts of the campaigns. They might find out whether that hill was really that high, or what that particular village looks like now, or what is left of the huge cave that we blasted on Big Apple.

Perhaps with the Association paying part, then each selected individual paying one half, we might get a representative group together, including men from different regiments, to include photographers and writer, that could put out a report for publication. Movies could be taken for showing at the reunions. Maybe we could get some transportation from the Armed Forces.

I assure you that I would like to go, if given the chance.

It's an idea - why not keep it in mind to be put into effect at a convenient time?

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From: Alvah Harrison 381-HQ  
Box 723  
Astoria, Oregon 97103

The other day while in a restaurant, I met a fellow and got to talking. To the surprise of both of us, we found that we had served together in the 96th Division. Of course it was an enjoyable visit. He was interested to know that an Association had been formed, stating that he would like to join. He said that I was the first DEADEYE that he had met since 1945.

I always enjoy reading the Dispatch. This time, it came when I had been laid up for almost three months from a car-pedestrian accident.

By the way, the name of our buddy is: Leslie E. Shirley, Box 511, Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110. He was with 382nd-AT.

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From: Jerry McClain Unknown  
Box 113  
Gurnee, Illinois 60031

Thumbing through the December issue of the American Legion Magazine, I came across the notice for the 96th Division reunion to be held in July 1969.

I can remember Dick Klassen from ASTP days.

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MAIL CALL

From: Lloyd Powell 383-K  
% VA Hospital  
Boise, Idaho 83701

Your letter came to Lloyd on Aug. 18th in regards to the passing of a fellow comrade, Clair Kai of Seward, Nebraska. It is indeed a shame that such things happen, but it looks as if we, as individuals, can not do much about it, can we?

Because Lloyd is in the Veterans Hospital in serious condition as result of being thrown from a race horse, this is being written by his sister. He is numb over half of his body, has serious eye damage, some brain damage, a broken shoulder, four broken ribs, broken arm and cracked neck. We only hope and pray that given time, he will be well again.

Lloyd would certainly like to hear from his old comrades in WW II.

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From: Lyle M. Schmitz 381-B  
2156 Strongs Ave.  
Stevens Point, Wis. 54481

This is from the guy that Oscar Johnson had to wake up every time we had a break.

For several years I have been driving a 12-foot step van for Continental Baking Company. I have my own truck and work on a commission.

I have been keeping in contact with Rosendo Jimenez. Remember, he was the bugler in B Company?

Also, I stopped to see Ed Hogan when I was moving to Texas with my family 10 or 12 years ago.

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From: Robert E. Hughes 381-  
823 Crescent St. N. E.  
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503

I joined the 96th soon after the cadre arrived at Camp Adair. While I was on furlough from Fort Lewis, I was jerked for ASTP, then wound up with the 180th Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. Then I soldiered with them through Benavento, Italy to Munich (S-1).

Although I did not see action with the 96th, I consider all of you to be my buddies, too.

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MAIL CALL

From: William Lindsay 381-D  
Rt. 1, Box 177  
Lena, Miss. 38094

A few weeks ago while routing mail for my daily run as a rural carrier, I picked up a piece of mail that had been put on my desk by mistake. As I started to hand it to the proper carrier, I glanced at the paper; it was a copy of the DEADEYE Dispatch. That was how I found out that my old outfit has one of the finest Associations in the country.

The Dispatch was addressed to a man with which I am acquainted, but never had suspected that he was a 96th Division man. I drove down to his place on the next Saturday and had a long talk with him. He was Cecil Massey of the 728th Am Trac Co. Cecil said that he had never attended a reunion. Several days later, he sent his copy of the newsletter to me. It has been read from cover to cover several times.

It was in that Dispatch that I read about my old squad leader, Harold Davidson, Dayton, Ohio, having attended the reunion in Chicago. If you could furnish Mr. Davidson's complete address to me, I would consider that to be one of the finest things that have ever happened to this ex-DEADEYE.

Davidson was one of the best soldiers that I ever knew. Had I known about the reunion in Chicago, and that Davidson would be there, I would have been there, too, even if I had had to crawl all of the way. I would run through hell barefooted just to be able to sit down and eat a can of C-rations with him and that old bunch.

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From: Everett Angles 383-I  
45 N. Powell Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43204

After reading through the long list of former "I" men who had attended the reunion in Chicago, I got awfully homesick thinking that I had been unable to be there with them. As all of the men in my company know, I had my back badly broken up as a result of an automobile accident, but I was able to be at the reunion in 1959. Then after much recuperation, I finally got back on my feet, only to have a bad industrial accident later. That caused me to have more hospitalization, then another operation. Now I have a back built out of metal.

I might make that reunion in Des Moines, yet. I will try hard to, and hope for the best. If possible, I hope to see all of the men in my company in July, however, if I cannot attend, my heart will be with you. I am sending my best regards.

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MAIL CALL

From: David A. Grimm 381-C  
20 Goodwin Terrace  
Westwood, N. J. 07675

For a number of years I have been avidly reading the DEADEYE Dispatch.

I was with 381st-C for a short time, having joined as a replacement (with Bill Gimson), on Leyte in March 1945. Then I left Okinawa (without Gimson) via the hospital ship Solace in early May. Although my time with the men whom I got to know, like, respect and depend upon was short, the good and warm impressions made have been lasting.

Happily, every Christmas since 1946 there has been an exchange of greetings and a note from my former CO, Phil Newell. Also, I have visited with Ex-Commo. Sgt. John Kozlowski and his family several times.

I read in the last DEADEYE Dispatch that Clyde Baughman had passed away. Although my memory of him is vague, that news prompted me to refer to a letter written 22 years ago to all "Ex C Co. Commandos". I was a college student then; now I am with the American Broadcasting Co. in New York.

I have not been able to attend any of the reunions to date, but thanks to men like you, the 96th is not just a fond memory of the past.

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From: Mrs. Evelyn Hogg  
29 Westwood Drive  
Worcester, Mass. 01609

I am much interested in receiving the DEADEYE Dispatch, but an explanation of my interest and connection with the 96th Division is first required. It began in Corvallis, Oregon when the first cadres were formed. At that time, a number of the original officers were friends of mine. They asked me to help them to purchase things for the officer's clubs, also to provide a home-away-from-home for young officers.

Since then, I have lost track of three of my oldest friends from those days, so I am wondering whether you have their present addresses on your roster. They are:

- Charles W. L. Summerill (Major)
- Robert Billingsley (Lt. Col.)
- "Sandy" Saunders (Lt. Col.) RA

Sandy may have passed on, but his wife had been a college roommate of mine, so I would like to find her.

Editor: Names not on the roster. We need help.

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MAIL CALL

From: Robert L. Gourley 381-HQ & HQ  
2809 Lynn Circle  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

My service with Hq & Hq Co., 381 began at the time it was formed and lasted until December 1945. Among those of my unit who attended the last reunion, I recognized all but two names.

I retired from the Army 28 March 1968 (MSG). In the meantime, I lost a leg in Korea, then had a heart attack in 1967.

There are quite a few of my old buddies that I would like to write to, so please send a roster. I would like to know if my old 1st Sgt. (LSG) Giese is still around.

It was with interest that I read in the newsletter that Colonel Halloran, Major Hewes and SGM Merts are OK.

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From: Harold C. Straube 96 Sig.  
RR 1  
Marine, Ill. 62061

When I received the DEADEYE Dispatch today I was reminded that I owe last year's dues.

The only reunion that I have been able to attend was in Omaha. The problem has been with summer camp, because I came out of retirement to take over as training CO in the 85th Division. Now I have retired again, so I expect to be in Des Moines.

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From: George H. Boyd 363 FA-C  
752 Montezuma Dr.  
Pacifica, Cal. 94044

Here are my membership dues. I have been negligent about this, but I have been receiving the DEADEYE Dispatch for several years.

When the war started, I was already well on the way toward becoming a soldier, because I had been drafted before Pearl Harbor. In a short time I had been chosen to go to the 96th Division on the original cadre. I was in Camp Adair to greet the first DEADEYES.

In fact, I was one of the people who had the job of meeting the troop trains at Albany, Oregon. Needless to say, after all these years, I still feel an attachment to all of my old buddies, for I was with the division all of the way, then came home from Mindoro in October 1945.

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MAIL CALL

From: Dr. Everett M. Combs 382-H  
8731 Vinewood  
Dallas, Texas 75228

Enclosed is my check. I thoroughly enjoy the Dispatch and look forward to receiving each copy.

I have been to only one reunion, and that was the one here in Dallas. The pressure of my practice and many other things have prevented me from going to any of the others, but I will continue to plan.

If any of the old "H" Co. guys will write to me, I will reply promptly. I will appreciate your sending to me a roster of my outfit.

I have an original copy of the history book. Many pleasant hours have been spent browsing through it.

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From: Ed Jorgensen 382-HQ  
129 Avenue I  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11230

Enclosed is \$10.00 for a copy of the 96th Division history book.

I was glad to read in the newsletter that the prospects for reprinting looked good. Certainly the quota will have been met before the reunion in Des Moines.

Speaking of the convention - yes, I will be there, for some happy days, the same as we had in Omaha and Chicago. It was heart warming to meet some buddies from 382-HQ. There were six men plus wives and children in Omaha and 10 of us in Chicago, so we are advancing.

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From: John L. Briggs Div. Art. Hqs.  
Star Route Box 103A  
Mineral Wells, Texas 76067

After 28 years, I retired as a Lt. Col., in Mineral Wells, where I am employed by Mitchell Industries, a manufacturer of automatic pilots. My job is Director of Flight Engineering and Service.

We have three teenage boys: Elliott, Chris and Dick. There are two Irish setters.

I served with the 96th as a Captain, Liaison Pilot, at Camp Adair, Ft. Lewis, Camp White, Leyte and Okinawa.

Oh yes, some of my time was spent in the Korea and Vietnam fracas, too.

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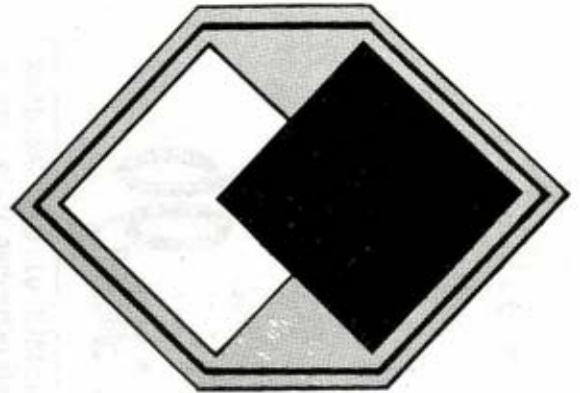
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