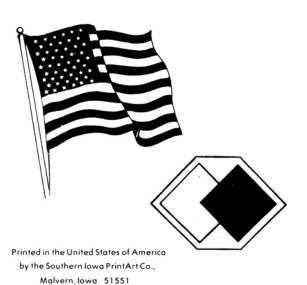


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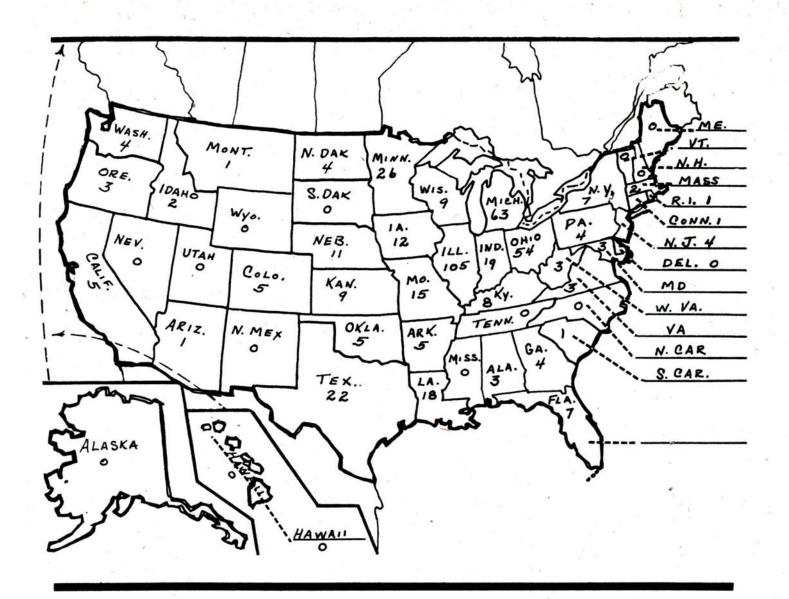
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**Auxiliary Corner** 





President Florence Moore has 118 members from 27 states at the business meeting and 152 women attended the luncheon. A student from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Tom Burkston-accompanied by his wife Frances -sang melodies composed by Oscar Hammerstein. Virgil Barth made noteholding ducks which were surprises at the luncheon. Door prizes were different pieces of Ohio glass.

President Moore presented Charter Members, Past and Present Officers with ribbons and certificates for the 15th Anniversary celebration. Twenty-six Charter members have paid dues continuously for 15 years. Forty-one members received 10 year certifi-

The following received "OUR KIND OF GAL" awards: Norma Barth, Ruth Below, Gladys McDermott, Jacqueline Peden, Lois Qualls, Margaret Rhodes, Juanita Shelton and Jo Watts. Congratulations to you gals.

Don't forget to bring something for the



"white elephant" exchange at the business meeting.

Mary LaTour and her committee are planning a Cajun Cuisine luncheon out of the hotel. If you plan on attending the luncheon, you MUST notify Mary LaTour so that she can get an idea of the attendance.

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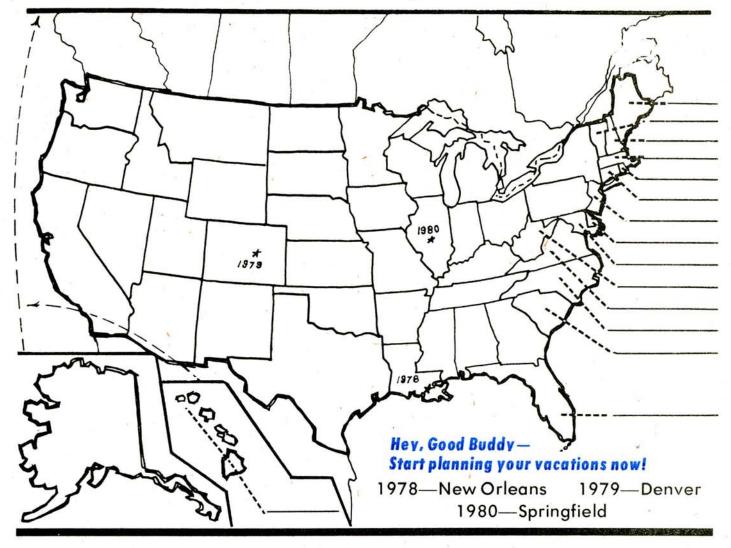
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\* The luncheon will be a full course luncheon and one we hope you won't miss.



10-Year Auxiliary Award



#### Congratulations, Vic!

A very surprised Vic Barth received the Distinguished Deadeye Award at the Dinner-Dance in Cincinnati.

The citation read:

Victor Barth, 383 HQ. During past years and continuing to the present time, and as a member of the Cincinnati Reunion planning committee, you have proved that saying is one thing and doing is another.

Tyson L. Shelton Cincinnati, Ohio President 7-30-77

September 14, 1977

It was with surprise and very humble feeling that I accepted the "DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE" citation. Being a 96th Division man I just did what had to be done and will continue in the coming years. Words can never say what is in my heart but for now THANKS.

Victor F. Barth 1st Bn. Hqd. Co. 383 Reg.



The editors of the Deadeye Dispatch wish to thank Mayhew Photographers, Cincinnati, Ohio, for the group pictures which they furnished for the Dispatch.

#### Mayor's Welcome

August 26, 1977

96th Infantry Division Association

As Mayor of the City of New Orleans and on behalf of her citizens, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our special welcome to the 96th Infantry Division Association.

New Orleans has something to please and interest everyone. There are exciting things to see and do between the Mighty Mississippi and scenic Lake Pontchartrain.

New Orleans is a city of proud tradition, elegant serenity, progressive bustle and a carefree atmosphere. Our French Quarter retains its old world charm while antebellum splendor lingers on in the Garden District.

Yet, with our preservation of the old and traditional, we are still one of the most rapidly progressing cities in the South. New hotels and magnificent buildings are springing up in the commercial district, thereby providing a pleasant and harmonious mixture of old and new.

New Orleans is a great place for people to gather and a perfect place for a convention. New Orleans is truly one of the world's unique cities and we welcome you with traditional southern hospitality and know you'll discover why we believe "You'll Love New Orleans and She'll Love You Right Back."

Cordially yours, Moon Landrieu Mayor





Dear Deadeyes:

First, I want to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your president.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate Russell Watts and his committee for the manner in which they conducted the Cincinnati Reunion.

Tyson Sheldon, you are to be commended for the manner in which you did your job as president, and especially for choosing Vic Barth as Distinguished Deadeye. It's people like Vic that make our organization what it is.

Having served as an officer in the association for the past several years, I realize how much work and time go into planning a reunion. So again, I commend the reunion committee, and also the officers of the association—especially Glen Hamilton, treasurer; Elmer Stuckmeyer, assistant treasurer; Virgil Below, corresponding secretary; and Fred Weeks, recording secretary.

There is another group in our organization that I like to refer to as the "Gray Beards". These people are past officers of the association and serve with the present officers as the executive committee which helps to direct the activities of the association and advise the officers.

I would be remiss if I didn't compliment the ladies of the auxiliary for their work. Especially for the manner in which the banquet tables were decorated. We can always depend on the ladies.

As I am writing this, Thelma and I are finalizing our plans for our trip in October to the Philippines. We hope to join a big group of Deadeyes in San Francisco for the trip.

So, if we don't see you in San Francisco we'll surely see you in New Orleans.

Best regards,

P.S.

If any of you Deadeyes have the slightest notion that you might attend the reunion in New Orleans, be sure to send in your hotel registration card from the "Dispatch". Remember: you are under no obligation. Every year we see Deadeyes turned away from the hotel because they failed to send in a registration card or sent it in too late.

#### Visit from St. Nick

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the yard, Not a creature was stirring, not even a guard. My socks were stuffed in my shoes to save space, And alas, in my tent there was no fireplace.

My friends in their shorts and me in my shoes, Had just settled down for a tropical snooze. When out in the area there arose such a clatter That I sprang from my cot to see what was the matter.

I became so entangled in my mosquito net That if no one had helped me, I would be there yet. And then, very cautiously, I pulled back the flaps Expecting to see a battalion of Japs.

But to my amazement I saw there instead
The famous St. Nicholas in his suit of bright red.
He sat on his sled which was pulled by six jeeps
As they bounced along gaily, in short bounds and leaps.

And they came to a halt and away Santa went, But suddenly he turned and came to my tent. He was chuckling so merrily, that his fat little belly 'neath his jacket of red was shaking like jelly. And then as I wondered, I was sure 'twas a gag When I noticed his pack was a blue barracks bag. Then he reached in his bag, and without hesitation Turned to my tent mate with a pack of K ration.

He dug in again and came up with some Spam. "C" ration cookies and Bully Beef Ham. He followed this quickly with dehydrated potatoes And then he reached in for a can of tomatoes.

And then he remarked there was work he must do, So he raised a plump finger and away he flew. I dashed to the tent flap and was able to see Him get in his sled and wave back to me.

Away Willys on Ford was his cry in the night, And in no time at all he was clear out of sight. I'll still have to laugh when I'm ancient and old At the thought of St. Nick sliding down that tent pole.

That's all there is to it, the story is through, But before I sign off, here's my wish to you: "May your Christmas be happy and filled with good cheer. May you be well and merry throughout the New Year!"



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Harold Somers Lincoln, Mi.

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Jacob Bitzer Philadelphia, Pa.

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George McMahan Houston, Tex.

Russell W. Nickerson Truman, Minn.





#### **MEMORIAL TO 96th DIVISION**

We are the men of America,
The men of the city and farm;
We are the men who have built you
And sheltered you from all harm;
We are the men from the bombers,
The men from the tanks and the ships—
Will you not pause and pray for a moment
To heed the cry of our lips?

We are from Leyte and Okinawa,
The men who battled and bled,
On beaches and ridges and struggled
Till the ground ran rivers of red.
We counted the cost but little
Out where the bodies are strewn—
Is it too much to ask you
Not to forget us so soon?

We are the lame and the crippled,
The men who had given their blood;
The men who have breathed malaria
And lived and slept in mud.
The men who have traded an arm
For less than a half mile gain—
Will you not lift your arm
To ease the sting of our pain?

We are the old and young of the nation,
And war has left us with many scars;
But love and freedom we cherished
Not medals or battle stars.
The bullets and shrapnel dug deep
And every wound was hard-gotten—
But the deepest wound of all
Would be to come home and be forgotten.

Credit to: Vincent A. Otto Chaplain Konisky

## MAIL CALL



I am working as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and I happened to notice a copy of the Deadeye Dispatch. I am sure that my Stepdad would love to get these copies and be a member of your association. I believe the membership fee was \$4.00 (which I am enclosing.) I served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and have a book about the 101st in Vietnam. I am a member of the 101st Association, when my stepdad saw my book and stuff he told me he wished he had something like that from the 96th Division. At that time we did not know that one existed. I am doing this for him without his knowledge to surprise him. Here is the information that I believe you need:

Curtis Nathaniel Shelton Co. E. - 383 Box 485 Spivey, Kansas 67142 Thanks so much.

> E.J.Dickens II 1022 Anita Dr. Haysville, Kansas 67060

Enjoyed having a forwarded copy of the Dispatch reach me this week. Got a special kick out of the note from Col. Dill and made a point of dropping a little letter of appreciation. I sort of think I owed it to him although it is about 32 or 33 years late.

Retired from my work in

California school administration and set out to see the world. I'm working my way around, first Alaska, then to Japan, and now Singapore. Plan next to hook onto something in Australia or New Zealand. Maybe I can teach their soldiers how to become "Deadeyes". Then to the Middle East, Europe, and back to the States around Social Security time in 1983.

Any "Deadeye" visiting Singapore between now and summer of 1978 will find the latchstring out at this place. How about a convention in Singapore. Then I could attend.

William John Wynn 1st Bn. - 382 6G Block G Taman Serasi Singapore 10

Thanks for sending the Dispatch.

E.J. Messmore Co. C. - 382 Rt. 2 Box 308 Standpoint, Idaho 83864

Enclosed are my dues.
Sorry I couldn't make the reunion as I had to go back to the hospital. I am still hoping to get there one of these times.
Hope you all had a fine time.
Norman Finsaas

383 Box 202 Fairview, Mont. 59221 I'm sending a check for my dues for year ending July 31, 1978, and for one of the other years I missed paying since 1972.

I had hoped to be at the reunion at Cincinnati this year, but I have been doctoring this spring.

I enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch and reading it. I've gone through the names that have been to the reunions all these years, but none have seemed familiar to me.

Ralph Kress Co. E. - 383 1911 N. 38th St. Sheboygan, Wisc. 53081

Enclosed please find a check for my wife and myself's dues for the coming year.

Was sorry I couldn't make the reunion this year in Cincinnati; it was the first one we missed since '71. We are planning on attending next year in New Orleans, all our family including my two sons really enjoyed the last reunion there in '72.

Wm. Mason Co. B. - 321 Med. Bn. 404 So. Clinton St. Collinsville, III.

I was a member of Service Btry. 362 F.A. Bn. on the Leyte and Okinawa Operation.

During April 3-17, 1977, I attended the "Reunion For Peace" which was co-sponsored by the Philippine and United States Governments.

As far as I can ascertain, I was the only Representative of the "Deadeye" Division at

#### MAIL CALL...

the services on Mount Samat, Bataan on April 9, 1977. This date represented the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Bataan. (The Filipinos considered it a moral victory). This was also the first time the Japanese War Veterans were invited.

I visited Leyte and was pleasantly surprised to find the beautiful memorial to our Division on Hill 120. The first few days of the invasion the 362 F.A. Bn. was emplaced just below Hill 120. Needless to say, Things Look Better Now. Keep up the good work!

Vincent L. Jacobson Lt. Col. AUS (Ret.) 77 Miramonte Drive Moraga, Cal. 94556

I was thrilled to receive a copy of the Deadeye Dispatch. Enclosed is a check for dues for myself and wife Helen.

I was the Medic for Co. I - 383 and made the initial assaults on Leyte and Okinawa. I was wounded in the assault on Naha in April 1945. I received two bronze stars and the silver star while in combat.

I am only 15 miles from Plains, Ga., and live right on U.S. 19 in Ellaville, Ga. I hope to come to the Convention in Cincinnati, but in case I can't some of you drop by to see me. I'll always be glad to see someone from the Deadeyes. My telephone is 912-937-2603.

Frank Christie, Principal Schley County Elementary Ellaville, Ga. 31806 We really enjoyed the Reunion last year and planned to go to Cincinnati this year, but Ulys has open heart surgery the 20th of June, and we can't go. We plan to make New Orleans next year.

Ulys L. Deaton 96th Burleson, Tex. 76028

We were not able to attend the last reunion. My wife has been ill, but is improving. With God's help we will make the one in 1978, wherever it is. Our best wishes to all the 96th and especially to my outfit— Co. B. - 381.

> Rosendo Jimenez Co. B. - 381 7971 Olive St. Commerce City, Colo. 80022

I have been a member of the Deadeyes before, but somehow got out of touch. I would like to go to the reunions whenever possible, so would appreciate any information available. Please find check enclosed for my membership.

William H. Cravens Co. L. - 381

4721 St. Joseph Creek Rd. 2-3 F Lisle, Illinois 60532

I am sending a check for the dues for John A. Petty. He is in a nursing home and I wish you would put him on the mailing list.

> Co. 1. - 383 Prosser, Neb.

John A. Petty Whitney, Tex. 76692 Wish we could join the crowd for the reunion, but no way we can make it for Cincinnati. Still have hopes of making it again some day. Here is my \$4.00 for the Dispatch and a donation for whatever needed.

Loyal Teggle 4119 E. Waller Rd. Stockton, Cal. 95212

I'm happy to keep up my renewals although I have not as yet attended a reunion.

I am originally from Chicago and joined the 96th at Camp White—out of A.S.T.P. Was part of Co. M. - 383 throughout Leyte and Okinawa. Still exchange notes and Xmas cards with about a dozen of my good friends from "M" Co.

Dan Meyers 4861 Geranium Pl. Oakland, Cal. 94619

Enclosed is dues for myself and for my wife. I enjoy the Dispatch very much. The reunion in K.C. was super—got to see some of my old buddies I had not seen since 1945.

Hope to attend more reunions in the future, was with the 96th all the way and came home from Mendora.

> R.L. Johnson 1st Bn. Hq. Co. - 381 206 N.W. 63rd Terrace Kansas City, Mo. 64118

Enclosed please find my check for my annual dues. Enjoy reading the Dispatch.

#### MAIL CALL...

Met several buddies at Ft. Worth, Tex., last year.

Paul Edwards Ser. Co. - 381 P.O. Box 540 Prescott, Ark. 71857

Always enjoy reading the Dispatch and learning of what everyone is doing. The last issue with pictures surely brings back a lot of memories. A fine job!

Wish I could get away for the convention, but I am still putting in full days here at my job as Clinical Director so hope I can hear from some of those 381 Medics that I have lost track of over the years.

> Bill Hewes, M.D. 381 Medics 514 Yellowbird Marco Island, Fla. 33937

Enclosed find annual membership dues for the year July 31, 1978. Certainly do enjoy the Dispatch and a "Thanks" to all who help to make it so.

> 382 Anti-Tank R.R. 2 Box 89 Forreston, III. 61030

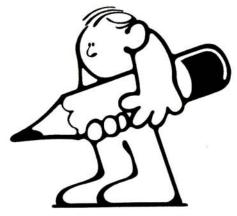
Please accept my dues for the next fiscal year. I've always looked forward to receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. I'm one of the original band members of the 96th Div. At first it was the Artillary Band—later it was called the 96th Inf. Band under the direction of Warrant Officer Orville Shetney. I was one of the vocalists who sang with the Swing Band - ala Glen Miller style. We once played a broadcast at the Schefield Barracks Palladium, once a week. I sang the theme song "O Give Me Something to Remember You By". It was an arrangement made by Sgt. Cole, whom we called "Cozy Cole."

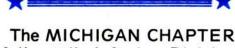
I plan to be in Cincinnati for the 20th Reunion, and I hope to see a lot of my band buddies there. Since I was wounded in Leyte during the war, I've lost contact with a lot of my good buddies.

> Carmen Monda 715 Marlboro Rd. Glen Burnie, Md. 31061



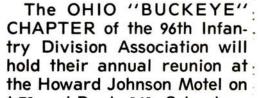
Your Editors are asking you for HELP. In order for us to correctly make a change of address, we must have your OLD address along with the NEW address. We have found that there are many similar names on the mailing list, and we do not want to omit anyone who is interested in receiving the Deadeye Dispatch.





of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Michigan and surrounding areas reunion on Saturday, April 15th, 1978, at the Quality Inn Motel on I-94 in Jackson, Michigan. Anyone interested please contact:

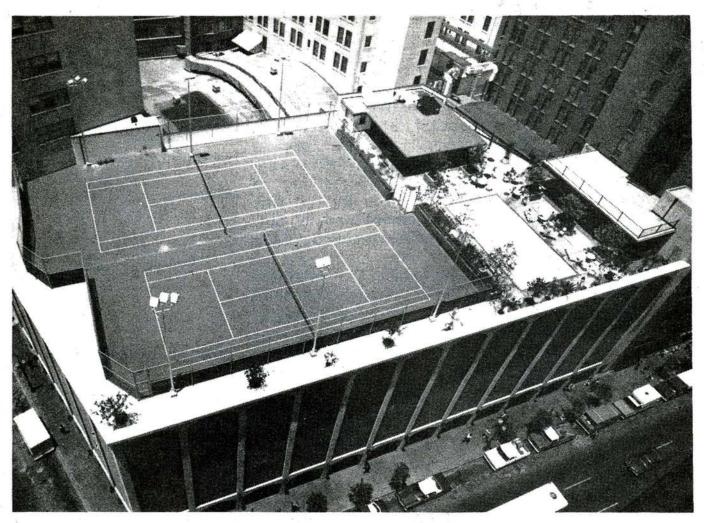
> Milo Thompson 807 Third Street Jackson, Michigan 49203



I-71 and Route 161, Columbus, Ohio, on April 29, 1978. Anyone interested please contact:

Edwin V. Phillips Box 232 Bettsville, Ohio 44815 or Russell W. Watts

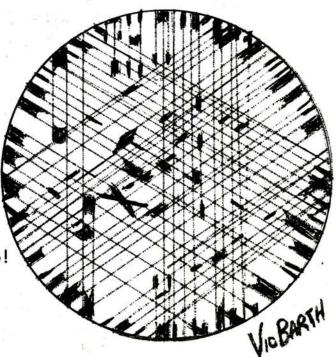
66 W. Norwich Columbus, Ohio 43201

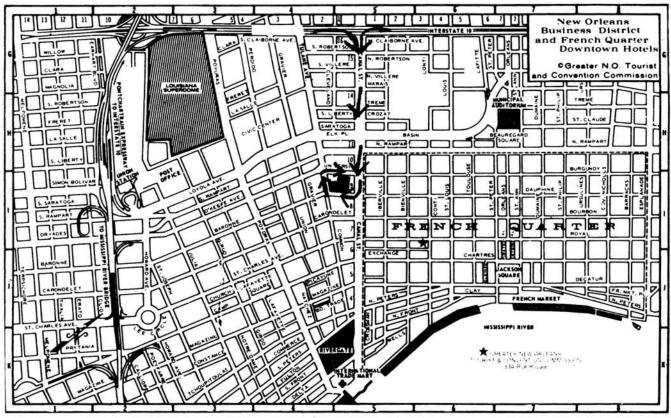


Smack in the heart of the New Orleans business district, the Fairmont Hotel boasts a pair of fine hard-surfaced, all-weather tennis courts plus swimming pool, bar and boutique, making the luxurious Fairmont tops in the South with resort facilities.

## Wha ...?

Vic Barth is at it again—
Here's a puzzle to twist your mind!
You'll have to come to the annual
reunion to find the solution. See ya there!





Map shows approach to downtown New Orleans with directional arrows to Fairmont Hotel.

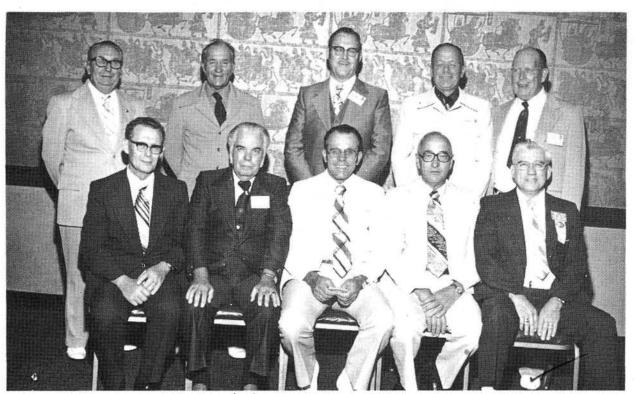
#### **ROUTE TO FAIRMONT HOTEL**

You will enter New Orleans on Interstate 10.

Approaching from the west, use East Claiborne Exit. Stay on Claiborne to Canal Street. Turn right and stay on Canal until you reach Baronne. Turn right on Baronne (a one way street). Immediately on the right you will see the Fairmont. Go around the hotel bearing right and unload at the University Place Entrance.

Approaching from the east, take Canal Street Exit. Turn left and stay on Canal until you reach Baronne. Turn right on Baronne (a one way street). Immediately on the right you will see the Fairmont. Go around the hotel bearing right and unload at University Place Entrance.

#### 1977-1978 OFFICERS



Standing left to right: Elmer Stuckemeyer, Whitney Champagne, Virgil Below, Stanley Smith and Harold Strand. Seated left to right:

Glenn Hamilton, Atwell Champion, Douglas Burton, Fred Weeks and Russell Watts.



Standing left to right: Lois Qualls, Mariam Deckrow, Thelma Burton, Ruth Below and Mary Lou White. Seated left to right:

Imogene Smith, Dorothy Benson and Virginia Alberts.