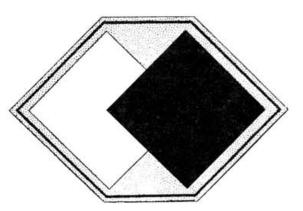
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Greetings to all Deadeyes and their wives, members of the 96th Infantry Division Association and its Ladies Auxiliary:

Greetings Deadeyes,

The "Memphis Reunion" seems as only Yesterday. Now it is time for my "Greeting" as your President for 1987-88.



I wish to Thank the membership for the Privilege and Honor of serving as your President. I Pledge to you, I will make every effort to make the Peoria Reunion a Memorable Event.

President Tony Pavell is to be congratulated on a job well done as our President for 1986-87. Thanks to Glenn and Betty Hollingsworth and their Committee and all the Officers, who put together a Great Memphis Reunion. The Ducks, meeting old friends and making new ones will long be a bright spot in our Memory.

The face of our hardworking, efficient and organized Treasurer, Anthony V. Skaronea is recognized by everyone attending the Reunion. Thanks to "Tony" and his wife along with his help for the long hours they spend.

One of the things that makes the "Deadeyes" an active on going Organization, is the "Deadeye Dispatch." Thanks to Lorraine Strand, Editor, Virginia and Harm Alberts, Assistants for their editing the Dispatch.

Henry White and Glenn Hamilton are well known for their work for the Deadeyes. They are hard at work to out do their past record, working and arranging for the 1988 Reunion in Peoria.

Make your plans and schedule the last week of July to join your Buddies and your Deadeye friends in Peoria, IL. Please note the room reservation request that all Rooms are assigned by the Peoria Housing Bureau, using the Request Form, no phone reservations. First come, First served basis. Make your room reservations NOW.

Information and Form will be in the Spring Dispatch to Pre-register, it helps you and the Committe in charge of the Reunion. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Peoria in July 1988.

Sincerely,
Don J. Foster-President
96th Inf. Div. Assn.

Auxiliary Corner 96 HINF. DIV. ASSN. DEADEYES ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

Greetings from Topeka, Kansas. It was indeed an Honor and Privilege to be elected President of the Auxiliary of our Great Organization.

I thank you for the Confidence you have shown in me and will strive to make it a good year for our Auxiliary. It is an Honor to be serving alongside my Husband Don, who is President of the Association for 1987-88.

I want to Thank all the People of Memphis, especially Glen and Betty Hollingsworth and those that helped in any way to make the Reunion the Great success that it was. Eyerything was wonderful.

It was so nice to see so many New Ladies at the Reunion. There were (25) twenty-five first timers at the meeting, certainly hope they continue to come. We Welcome you all.

Henry and Mary Lou White and Glenn and Rosalie Hamilton are the Chairman and Chairladies for the Peoria Reunion and I Know they have already been busy getting things lined up and arranged for next year's Reunion. It is going to be Great, so make your Plans now to come to Peoria the last week of July 1988.

Please give some thought to Pre-registration, as it helps the Chairman and the Ladies have a better idea of how many are going to attend and make plans. Also it insures you having a ticket for functions and not being disappointed because they are sold out when you get there.

Have a Good Year and Hope to see all of you in Peoria, Illinois next July.

Sincerely,
Donna J. Foster-President
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25 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

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Joe J. Fritz, Hubert Hoffman, C. L. Snyder, Richard Van Etten and Henry J. White.

6 GALS RECEIVED "OUR KIND OF GAL" AWARDS IN 1987



Pictured above are Eleanor Gibbons, Jean Owens, Catherine Chapman, Kathryn Cale, Marjorie Holms, and Etha Caswell.

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96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION July 28-30, 1988

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notices

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The Ohio (Buckeye) Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will meet the 1st Saturday after Mother's Day in May at Marysville, Oh. All members and attached personnel are invited. For further information contact WILLIAM BROSCHK -- 17819 So. Station Rd., Columbia Station, Oh. 44028.

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will hold their 9th Annual Reunion June 12, 1988 at the old OFFICER'S CLUB HCUSE at Camp Adair, Or. All 96th Div. Assn. members and attached personnel are invited. It will be "Pot Luck" as usual, and arrival time will be 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. For more information contact DEEVEERE L. HERSHEY -- 191 B St., Veronia, Or., President, or CECIL L. WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Road, Winlock, Wa. 98596 - Corresponding Secretary.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE -- 1988. In order to have adequate time for the committee to function, it is requested that petitions to host our 1991 Reunion be directed to the Committee Chairman by May 1, 1988. Such petitions should be accompanied by the name, address and phone numbers of the ON-SITE Chairman, his assistants, together with a program and committments of the City and/or Convention Center involved. PLEASE DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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30-YEAR MEN



OUT OF THE 103 MEN WHO WERE AT THE FIRST REUNION IN 1958, ONLY FIVE HAD MANAGED TO ATTEND EVERY ONE SINCE. THEY RECEIVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES DURING THE BANQUET PROGRAM.

·(L to R) Henry White I-383, Mackinaw, IL., Clarence Snyder, Jr. I-383, Shenandoah, Ia., Richard Van Etten 361 F.A., Toledo, Oh., Hubert Hoffman 96 Sig., Wichita, Ks., Joseph Fritz E-381, Beatrice, Ne.



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I wish to express my
thanks to the many dedicated
members and wives that so
ably assisted Wannetta and
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Your contribution of your
time is what helps to make
our organization the greatest. Thanks again!

A. V. (Tony) Skaronea
Treasurer

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FROM ST. LOUIS TO MEMPHIS AND COUNTING



Although only a handful of women accompanied their men to the first reunion, these were there at the beginning.

(L to R) Elaine (Clarence) Snyder, Mary Lou (Henry) White, Teresa (Hubert) Hoffman

Clarence Craft reunited with WWII citation in 1985

By Ed Dakan (B-381)

The historians who wrote The DEAD-EYES, The Story of the 96th Infantry
Division described Pfc. Clarence B. Craft's (G-382) feats on Hen Hill as "... the greatest individual exploit of the Okinawa campaign". His grim way for carrying the fight to the enemy was told in several paragraphs on pages 161 and 163 with page 162 taken up by a full-color illustration. This action won him the Medal of Honor.

Craft survived the war and returned to Santa Ana, Calif., then moved on to Fayetteville, Ark. At the time of his move to Arkansas, the Medal of Honor citation signed by President Harry S. Truman was left with a V.F.W. post in California. When Craft went back to retrieve the citation, it had disappeared.

One night about 10 years ago, Jim Wornski, owner of a janitorial business in Orange, Calif., was cleaning a recruiting office. He found Craft's citation in the trash.

Wornski and his wife, Linda, began a search for Craft by calling all Crafts in the area, but somehow missed Craft's brother, Louis, who lives in Garden Grove.



V.A. HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER

Clarence B. Craft
902 W. 12th St.
Fayetteville, AR. 72701

The search was rekindled in May 1985 when a friend of the Wornskis attended a Memorial Day service in Orange County and Craft was mentioned as a local hero. Wornski called the Orange County Register newspaper. Within a few hours and after a half-dozen more telephone calls, a reporter found Clarence Craft weeding his tomato garden in Arkansas. The story was spread by AP and UPI in newspapers across the country.

"It kind of blew my mind," Wornski said. "I never thought we would find him alive."
"I told him I was happy he located the citation. I'd like to have it," said Craft,
surprised to hear from Wornski.

And Craft got back the citation by mail.

Since Clarence Craft's address in Fayetteville, Ark., was not recorded in current DEADEYE files, Norman Schram (H-382), who lives in nearby Rogers, Ark., made a point of inviting Craft to a reunion of 81mm mortarmen in 1985. Again, in the fall of 1986, Norman contacted Clarence at the V.A. Hospital in Fayetteville where he is a volunteer twice a week helping new patients find their way around and pushing wheelchairs.

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Once again I want to thank all Deadeyes and Deadaye Gals for the support and words of encouragement. Also a big thank you to those of you who have contributed to the "Deadeye Disptch." Without your contributions of articles, letters and pictures the Dispatch would not be what it is.

Glyn and Bettie Nelle Hollingsworth and their committees deserve a big pat on the back for a very enjoyable reunion. It was great!. The Memphis Reunion was the largest one yet. So many showed up for first time. Do continue to come and bring a buddy with you.

It is now getting to the time of year when so many of you travel for the winter. PLEASE make arrangements to have your "Dispatch"either saved for you or forwarded to you. There were to many returned last year marked "temporarily away." Each one returned costs 30¢. Postage costs have gotten so high that we can no longer send additional copies to those who have forgotten to have their addresses changed or are temporarly away, unless you send postage.

Be sure to send in your reservations early so that you be assured of a room in the Reunion Hotel.

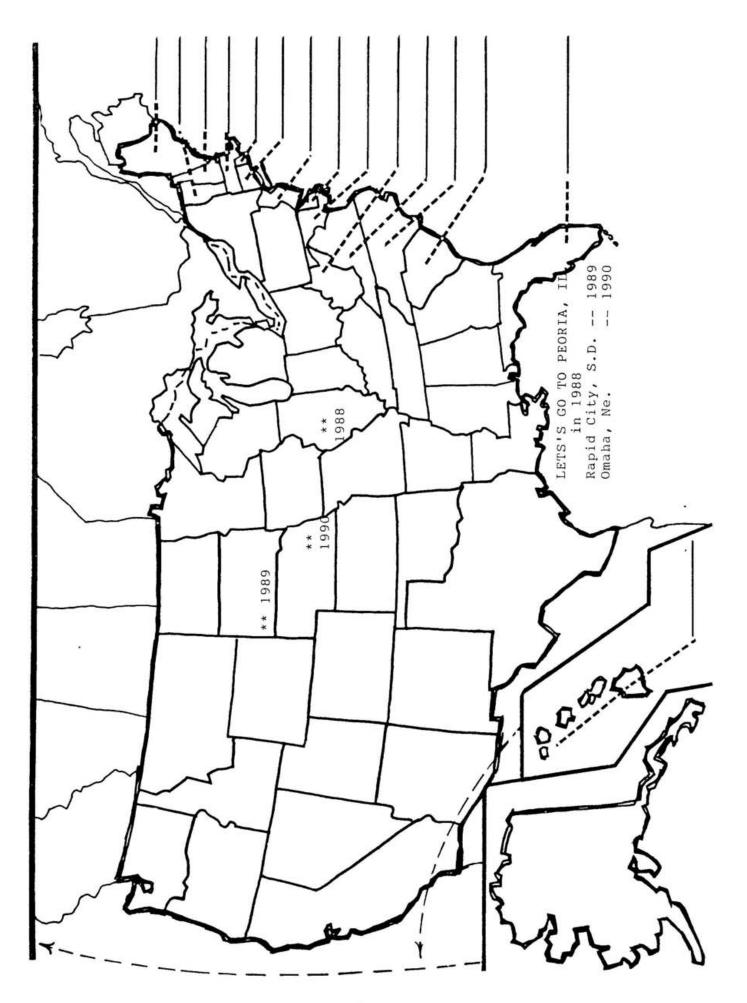
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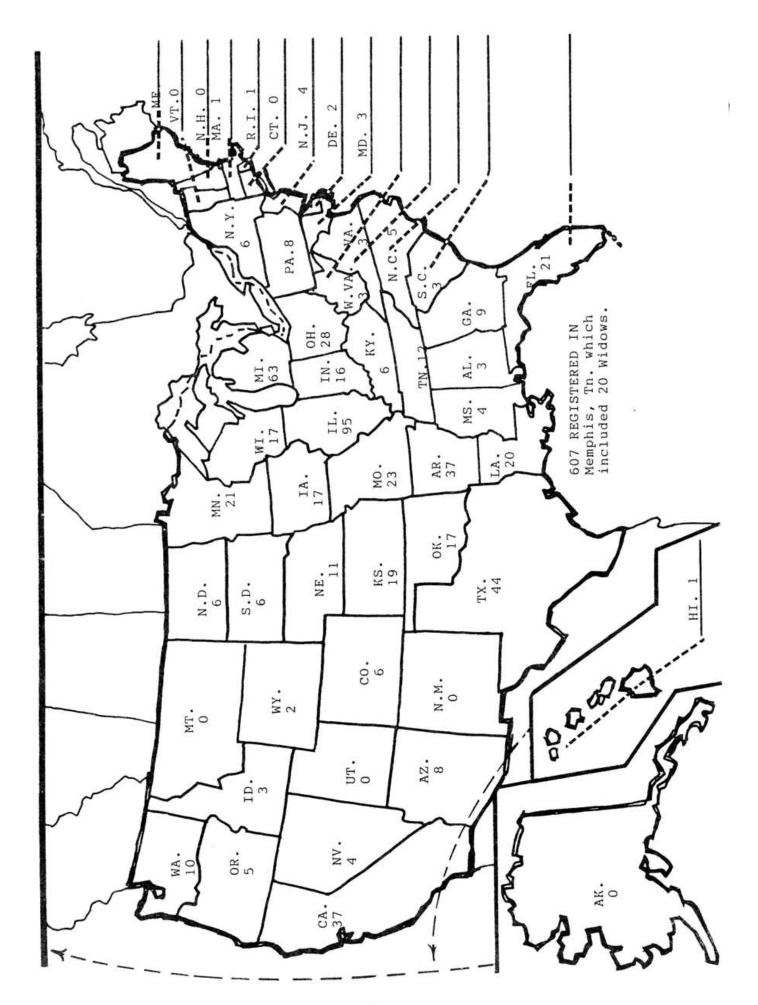
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ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES

Many of you have received letters from the United States Veterans Memorial Incorporated. They have apparently acquired our mailing list in some way.

The 96th Infantry Division Association does not condone nor condemn this corporation in any way, however, they are not associated with the 96th Infantry Division Association, The United States Veterans Administration or the United States Government. They are a private organization.







Enclosed is a check for my dues and dues for my wife in the Auxiliary. We could not make it to the Reunion again this year due to health reasons both of us. Each year we plan and hope to be there, but are not able to. It is great to meet old buddies and hopefully the reunions can go on for many years to come.

Leroy Bookman -- 382- H&H 531 E. Iroquois Freeport, I1. 61032

I regret that I could not attend the reunion at Memphis. It would have been my third, as I didn't know of the organization until I met some of the members at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Leyte Landing in October 1984. At that time I joined immediately and enjoyed two reunions: Oklahoma City, Ok. and Fresno, Ca. I hope to resume my attendance with Peoria next year and Rapid City the next. Enclosed is a check for current dues for my wife and myself.

Harold Sletten -- 383-B 8426 Rathburn Northridge, Ca. 91325

Wrote this check for our dues and a "tad" extra -- then forgot to mail it. Marion has enjoyed hearing from the fellows that wrote, and I'm going to try to get answers to them. We are quite well -- our parts are wearing out and few replacements available, but happy and looking forward to going to a 96th reunion one year.

Nita (Marion) Rankin -- 382-A 4246 Logan Avenue RR 2 Waterloo, Ia. 59703 Scrry that we could not attend the reunion in Memphis. I had two heart attacks and might have to have a by pass. Hopefully will make it next year. Sure enjoyed the reunion in Fresno.

Anthony Cazares -- 381-C 3529 W. Dayton Fresno, Ca. 93711

I am mailing auxiliary dues for two years. I have been a member since inception. My husband, Herman H. Kurowski, passed away Sept 3rd, 1976. We attended practically every reunion until 1972 -- New Orleans being our last. Hope to make it to your next reunion. I just want to keep in touch. Good luck to all of you!

Johanna Kurowski 4921 W. Winona Chicago, Il. 60630

Memphis was our first reunion, but you can betcha your boots, it won't be our last -- The Good Lord Willing.

Jack Thrash -- 361-FA
P. O. Box 1460
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Guess it is about time I send you some money for my dues. Sorry I haven't sent any all these years. I am not at home much during year as I work in different parts of the country. I've been getting my Deadeye Dispatch every year, so I am sending you a check and hope it covers all of my dues, and then some. Keep the balance for anything you need it for. I am hoping I get to a reunion one of these years. I was in 362 FA-Btry A. . Good luck to all of you and God Bless you all. You are doing a good job.

Walt Schnell 1634 So. 12th St. Lincoln, Ne. 68502 Enclosed are dues and a few extra dollars. Haven't been able to go to any of the reunions, but sure do enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch.

John A. Polodna -- 382-E 21N. Oakland Springfield, Mo. 65803

Enclosed is my check for my membership, plus a little more toward publishing the Deadeye Dispatch. I thoroughly enjoy reading all the news from cover to cover.

Jerry Regentik -- 381-H&H 6060 Oakman Dearborn, Mi. 48126

I am sending a check for dues for my wife and myself. I enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch very much. It is so nice that we have people who give of their time and talents preparing each edition. Until we meet, God Bless each and every one of you. I reminisce every once in a while about you guys and the Division. It sure was a great outfit.

Alvin R. Sellers -- 383-F 622 Benson St. Philadelphia, Pa. 19111

Here are my dues. I sure enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch. We hope to make the reunion in Peoria. Would enjoy seeing some of the boys again. I went all the way through Leyte and when we got to Okinawa, after a couple days, I came down with a terrible case of jungle rot and spent most of the time in a hospital in Saipan soaking my feet and did not get to rejoin my unit. I often think of all the gang. Seems like I can remember every little detail that happened just like yesterday. I would like to hear from some of the fellows.

Grover W. Howard -- 381-2nd BH.

Box 263 Avoca, Ia. 51521

Enclosed is money for my dues and for a History of the outfit. Couldn't make Memphis but I'm hoping for Peoria.

Chuck Briggs -- 382-M 7474 Crocker Rd. Holton, Mi. 49425 Very best regards to you all! The years in the army and with the 96th 382-B are easily the highlight of my life.

Bob Peacock Drawer 700 Atlantic Beach, N.C. 28512

Enclosed find a check for my dues and for auxiliary dues. We weren't able to go to the reunion in Memphis, but maybe in 1988 in Peoria, II. We enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch very much.

Elmer W. Anding -- 382-SVC 4021 Birch Ave. Madison, Wi. 53711

Enclosed is our check for our dues for 87-88. I'm sorry we weren't able to attend the 96th Reunion in Memphis this past year, but have hopes to be in Peoria for our Reunion in 1988. We just recently returned from a trip to California visiting relatives, friends and also army buddies from the 96th Division -- which was a very enjoyable experience. My Deadeye Dispatch was in the pile of mail upon return. I have read it from cover to cover, and found it very interesting. I commend very highly the officers of our 96th Association for their time, ability and resourcefulness in the work they perform for our association. I thank you all for a job well done. Please keep up the good performance and effective operation as it has been in the past.

Mercer W. Carey -- 383-F P. O. Box 623 East Jordon, Mi. 49727

Last June I retired and left Houston, Tx., my home for a hundred years, to move to San Antonio. In the process, I'm ashamed to say, I failed to send a forwarding address. I'm sending my check for payment of our dues for 1986-87 and would appreciate your acknowledging receipts. Thanks again for the years you have put in keeping the surviving members of the 96th well and informed.

William B. Dazey -- 361-FA 419 East Hathaway Drive San Antonio, Tx. 78209 In the February 1987 edition of the American Legion magazine, there was a notice of the Outfit Reunion in July in Memphis, Tn. With your help, a few years ago, I obtained a copy of the book on this famous infantry division. Please find enclosed a check to help on the expenses of this reunion in July. My brother, Charles (Buddy) Jones, Co. K, was wounded in action May 5, 1945 and died in VA Hospital, San Antonio, Tx., on 23 December 1976. Good Luck for the Reunions

Vera J. McDonald Route 1 Box 344A Edna, Tx. 77957

Enclosed is a check for 1987 dues. I do enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch. I appreciate the efforts you put into it. Haven't made any of the reunions yet, but will try to now that I'm retired. I would like to hear from buddies from 381-H.

Richard H. Wilde 3324 W. Bloomington Dr. St. George, Ut. 84770

Enclosed are my dues for 1987. I have never attended a reunion, but some day I hope to do just that. Sounds like a lot of fun from what I read in the Deadeye Dispatch. I have not seen any one's name that I can recognize. All my $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, or whatever it was from day one, I was in Div. HQ. Maybe some one will recognize my name and can get in touch with me. I do enjoy reading all the mail you folks have in the Dispatch, so keep it up. You are doing a great job.

Pete Martinez 7260 Wedgewood Dr. Lincoln, Ne. 68510

Sorry that I could not make the reunion in Memphis as I just had Kidney Surgery. I had planned to be there, but hope to see you all next year. Say "Hello" to the 321 Med. Bn. bunch for me.

Dante Giannetti 754 Willow Drive Chicago Heights, II. 60411 Sure missed our reunion in Memphis this year. Madeleine and I had already made our reservations at The Peabody, when it was called to my attention that my 50th class reunion was the same week-end. We will see you all in Peoria.

Serafino Morichette -- 381-Can. Box 116 Manitowski Wtr., Wi. 54545

I spent a week in Fresno in 1987 (June) at a V.F.W. convention. The Fresno Conference and Convention Center was really nice. I stayed with Virginia Camp. We are both widows of 381-Co. E. Thanks for including the widows.

Betty Jean (Harold) Arms 11012 Debra Ave. Granada Hills, Ca. 91344

Encclosed are the dues for 1987. We were sorry that we were unable to attend the Memphis reunion, due to great medical expenses and also home repairs. We hope to see everyone in Peoria next year, if everything goes well. Best regards to all the Deadeyes.

Henry F. Ahrenholz -- 382-HQ. 11737 No. Ridgeway Ave. Mequon, Wi. 53092

Find enclosed dues for my wife and myself and a little extra for keeping "Deadeye Dispatch" coming in the future. Hope to see the gang in Memphis this year. Thanks again for a job well done.

Robert N. Quinn -- 383-E 8012 Oakland Ave. Kansas City, Ks. 66112

Please find enclosed my check and a little extra for my 1988 dues. I was with Co. B and Cannon Co. 382 from Camp Adair thru Okinawa. I have made two reunions -- Dallas, Tx. and Little Rock, Ar. Had planned to make Memphis reunion, but my wife just passed away, so I wasn't able to make it this year. Hope to make the 1988 reunion. I always look forward to receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. My best wishes to all my old buddies.

Jesse F. McDonald Rt. 12 Box 357 Orange, Tx. 77630 Enclosed find check for our dues. I was unable to make Memphis this year, but looking forward to Rapid City, S.D. in 1989. I wish everyone a big Hello and God's Blessings to every one of the 96th Division Association and also to those wonderful Ladies that married those wonderful men. The 96th was the greatest.

Walter F. Kirsch -- 383-D 1216 - 12th St. W. Dickinson, N.D. 58601

Sorry that we haven't had the opportunity to attend the 96th Reunions the past several years. It seems that some other things have taken priority, and we have been making annual visits to Indiana to see our respective families in the latter part of September and first part of October as that is such a nice time of year in the midwest - at least it usually is! Neil is still working for the local newspaper and I have been doing some part time work and manuscript typing. I left the medical profession in 1985.

Neil & Eva Grostefon -- Div. HQ 8721 Robilina Rd. Port Richey, Fl. 34668

Enclosed is my Auxiliary dues. I enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. I'm sure I read a lot of names that would have been familiar to my late husband, George O. Hopkins.

Fern Hopkins 38 Green Acres Effingham, I1. 62401

Enclosed is a check for the 96th Infantry Division History Book. We always intended to send for one but like so many things we put if off. Now I'd like to have one for Al's granddaughter when she grows up. I'd like to keep receiving the Deadeye Dispatch so I am enclosing a check to help with the printing of it. From time to time I'll send a check to help with the publishing of the Deadeye Dispatch. May you have continued success in your reunions and continue to enjoy the years left. God Bless!

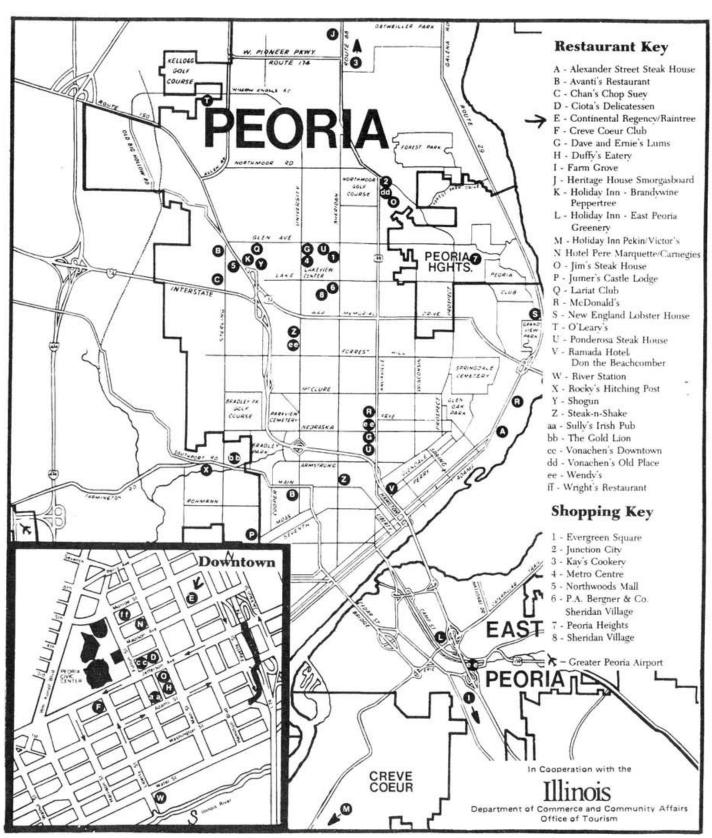
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