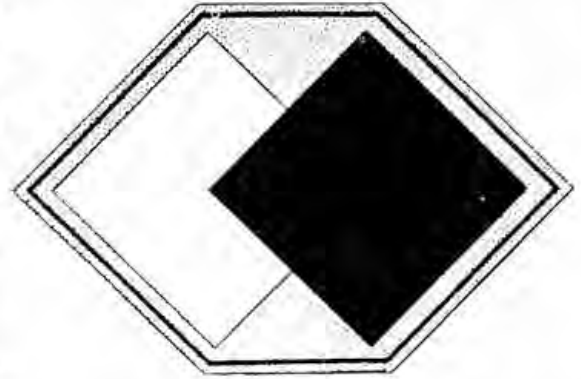


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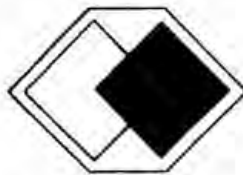
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# President's Corner

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



Dear Deadeyes:

I consider it a great honor to be President of the 96th Infantry Division Association of which I am so very proud.

It was so nice to see all of you Deadeyes and Mrs. Deadeyes in Spokane having such a fine time. Every year it seems that with the retired people coming in, we are growing to be a greater and better organization.

I'm sure all of us gain new friends at Reunions. In our own group, we live like a family, spending as much time together as we can. Our friendship continues constantly and at the same time, we have met new people and made new friends.

What we Deadeyes are doing, I feel, is keeping this 96th Division Association going, not only for ourselves, but also for our buddies we lost during Leyte and Okinawa. There is always that bond between all of us. We know more about each other than husbands and wives do sometimes. For every year that we extend this Reunion, it means our departed buddies are with us again.

My wife and I always drive, each time seeing a new part of our country, and we spend hours talking and going over the Reunion and about the enjoyment of seeing our friends and so many other people.

As we go along the road, I think about our days in Oregon and through California, amphibious training and Camp Beale to finally Stoneman and then on to Leyte and Okinawa.

For all of you who do not attend these Reunions, and who receive this Dispatch News, you are missing a good time, good fellowship and good friends.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the unsung heroes and heroines who work so hard to make these Reunions the successes that they are. We hope to see all of you and hopefully many more in Louisville.

Sincerely,

Joseph Garabedian, President  
96th Inf. Div. Assn.

## Auxiliary Corner

**96<sup>th</sup> INF. DIV. ASSN.**

**DEADEYES**  
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Friends:

Greetings from Mackinaw, Illinois.

It is a beautiful autumn day, and I am just sitting here thinking. I have attended all of the 96th Divisions reunions and have been a member of the Auxiliary for 30 years. Now I find myself President of the Auxiliary of this Great Organization. It is an honor, and I am complimented by the confidence you have shown in me. I will do my best to fulfill the obligation. With the expertise of the Louisville Chairpersons, the Raffertys and the VonHolles and the leadership of the Association President Joe Garabedian, I am off to a good start.

I wish to compliment all those who participated in the success of the Spokane Reunion -- especially John and Marilyn Elliot, Gwen Martin and Jim Knight. It was Great!

It was so thoughtful of Rosalie Hamilton to present an index book to each lady, a memento commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Auxiliary. It was a lovely gift and something everyone will find useful.

July 1992 will be here before we know it, so lets start planning. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Louisville, Ky. Y'all come now!

Sincerely,

Mary Lou White  
Auxiliary President

TO ALL DEADEYES:

Your dues are what pays for the "DEADEYE DISPATCH". Please mail your dues in today to Ed Dunning using the following form.

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Make Remittance Payable to: 96th Infantry Division Association      Auxiliary dues are \$2.00 per year.  
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The price for an Association 4 line badge is \$5.00 with pin back.

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All badges will have the line "96th Inf. Div. Ass'n."

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# AWARDS

## 10 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

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## 15 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

Jack Barron, Jake Bitzer, Floyd Coppinger, Paul C. Foster, George Hannig, John Kloepfel, Clarence C. Moes, Norris Stokke.

## 20 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

Donald Brown, Orville Caspers, Louis E. DeLuca, Ernest A. Ganaway, Daniel B. Hart, Roman Klimkowicz, Robert L. Kline, Milo Thompson, Arthur J. Ziomek, Harold I. Rabine.

## 25 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

Loren J. Brinkmeyer, Melvin Coobs, Russell Watts, Iden A. Johnson, Marcel P. Oubre, John Obal.

## 30 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

Edward Dakan and Edward Dunning.

Joe Fritz, Hubert Hoffman, C. L. Snyder, Richard S. VanEtten and Henry White have attended all the reunions. CONGRATULATIONS!

The following ladies received "OUR KIND OF GAL" Certificates.

Marilyn Elliott, Betty Jacobson, Clara Belle Knight, Gwen Martin and Ruth Siefert.

The DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE award went to Hubert Hoffman. Hubie and his wife have attended all the reunions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.

It is people like you all that make the Association so great and each reunion a success.

# notices

The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. invites all Deadeyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 1991. For further information contact -- MILO THOMPSON, 1018 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Mi. 49203-2848.

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The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will hold their 1992 reunion the 1st Saturday following Mothers Day in 1992 at the American Legion Post in Marysville, Oh. All Deadeyes and all attached units are welcome. To get on the mailing list please contact RUSSEL WATTS, 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43229.

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The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will hold their 13th Annual Reunion June 7, 1992 at the Old Officer's Clubhouse at Camp Adair, Benton County Park, Corvallis, Or. All 96th Div. Assn. members and attached personnel are welcome. It will be "Pot Luck" at noon and arrival time will be 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. For more information contact CECIL L. WILLIAMS, 1218 King Road, Winlock, Wa. 98596, President or W. C. THOMAS, 1930 Advance Rd., West Linn, Or. 97068, Corresponding Secretary.

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TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE: Hopefully, someone is contemplating to host the 38th Annual Reunion in 1995. All requests should be in the Committee's hands no later than May 1, 1992. The petition should contain the name, address and phone number of the ON-SITE Chairman, his assistants, and any other information regarding a program, hotel/motel commitments, tours, parking, etc. PLEASE DIRECT ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
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DOUGLAS BURTON -- 11279 S. Fowler, Selma, Ca. 93662 (209-891-0352)

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# 96th Infantry Division Association

July 23-25, 1992 - Louisville, Kentucky

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- 2) If the hotel requested is not available, your next choice will be assigned based on availability.
- 3) Complete all information requested below and mail before June 20, 1992.
- 4) No telephone requests will be accepted.
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C. Red Roof Inn Louisville East	\$44.95	\$44.95	-----
D. Travelodge @ Hurstbourne	\$33.00	\$33.00	-----

\* Rates do not include sales tax.

\*\* All rates subject to change.

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400 South First Street

Louisville, KY 40202

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## III. HOTEL RESERVATION

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Occupants Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Single (1 Bed/1Person)

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Limited Mobility (Handicapped rooms are limited)

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EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FOR WEDNESDAY JULY 22nd 3:00 PM to 12:00 PM

A generous sample of Kentucky's beauty, unique treasures, excellent cuisine, and matchless entertainment. By comfortable air conditioned, rest room equipped motor coaches, we will leave our Convention Center and visit Bardstown, Kentucky.

FIRST STOP: Jim Beam's Outpost museum where more than 500 of Beam's world famous decanters are displayed and the amazing origin of Kentucky Bourbon is disclosed. CONCURRENTLY, half of our entourage will tour the beautiful, Isaac Bernheim Forest. This lovely park provides examples of the wide variety of trees, shrubs, plants, animals and birds common to Kentucky.

A few miles further south we will tour historic Bardstown, long the center of the Kentucky distillery industry due to it's abundance of pure limestone water. In addition to numerous historic homes we will see the first Roman Catholic Cathedral west of the Alleghenies, completed in 1819.

At HILLBILLY HEAVEN we will enjoy a lavish buffet with no limit to quantity, including dessert and beverage. Blue Grass and Country Music with commentary and mementos will entertain you during the meal.

A very short ride away we will enter the open amphitheater of the "STEPHEN FOSTER STORY", on the grounds of My Old Kentucky Home -- known as Federal Hill Manor. This lively musical is a memorial to the memory of Stephen Foster and is truly one of America's Greatest Summer Theater Presentations. The lovely costumes and familiar melodies will provide an unforgettable memory of the days when gracious living was a practiced art.

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS are essential to assure adequate accomodations and seats on the Motor Coaches. The cost is \$47.00 per person. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 96th Inf. Div. Assn., and MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO:  
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BARDSTOWN    STEPHEN FOSTER STORY    EARLY BIRD SPECIAL    July 22, 1992

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WHO IS OUR LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 35th REUNION SITE CHAIRMAN???????????

In 1944 when the 96th Infantry Division received an attached tank Battalion, he was a very green 2nd Lt. Platoon leader proudly commanding the 3rd Platoon of Company "D" 763rd Tank Battalion. Schoefield Barracks didn't offer us much of an opportunity to get acquainted, but on Leyte this 2nd Lt. learned that tankers NEVER, NEVER ought to tangle with the enemy without friendly Infantry nearby. Later in the foothills above Dagami, one Infantry patrol sadly learned they'd ought to wait for us in the mopping up operations so we could take the point. WE BECAME A TEAM.

Similar lessons were learned after our Easter landing on Okinawa. Our tanks attracted remarkable accurate artillery and anti-tank fire. This was a different type of war to the one we had on Leyte. Casualties increased and we learned to expect snipers behind the front lines, waiting for targets of opportunity. Again, the Infantry man on the ground told us where to lay our fire, and we dispatched considerable numbers to a meeting with their ancestors.

Ten years ago my wife and I attended our first reunion at Dearborn, Mi. We have missed only one since then. The happiness we've witnessed as friends of long ago are re-united, and the pleasure we experienced has been priceless. As beneficiaries of the fruit of others labors, we acknowledge an obligation, and hope to fulfill that obligation with a joyful 35th Reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association on the 50th Anniversary of the Division's organization.

The 2nd Lieutenant took a brief try at civilian life after the war and elected to remain in the Army where his lovely wife to be, was waiting at Fort Knox. By 1962 the Army had progressed to the point that they thought they could make it without Rafferty, so he retired as a Major. Another Career with the Commonwealth of Kentucky convinced this individual that Kentucky is a good place to be. I hope everyone thoroughly enjoys their visit to the Blue Grass State. Thank You for permitting me to serve as your party chairman.

Sincerely

David M. Rafferty  
333 Robin Road  
Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

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A N      A P O L O G Y

Turner Publishing Co. has been informed that several people who purchased the 96th Infantry Division History Books were disappointed in the quality of the type in the biographies. We apologize for any mistakes, but often information is handwritten and difficult to read. It was indeed an honor and a pleasure to work with the veterans of the Deadeye Division, and we do apologize for any inaccuracies contained within the book.

# End of A Long Dry Spell

The Army made waiting more bearable by throwing a party



From: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject: BEER, Request for authority to purchase.

REQW NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_, 1944  
 U.S.S. \_\_\_\_\_

- I have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ enlisted men under my charge as a Recreation Party. It is requested that I be permitted to purchase cases of BEER, to be issued under my supervision to these men.
- I understand that I am solely responsible for the issue of the above requested beer and for the proper conduct of the officers and enlisted men under my charge. Further, I WILL NOT PERMIT THE MEN ON SHORE PATROL DUTY IN MY PARTY, NOR THE OFFICERS ASSISTING ME AS THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS GROUP to participate in drinking of beer in violation of Art. 698, Navy Regulations. Further, I will not allow the officers of this party to fraternize with the enlisted men under my charge during this period of recreation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Rank)

## BEER BUST

This is a copy of the beer requisition that 1st Lt. A. E. VonHolle signed on October 8, 1944, for 1240 men of the 3d Battalion of the 383d Infantry going ashore from the U.S.S. Bolivar. The 105 cases of beer cost \$189.00 in cash.

The bottom part of the mimeographed page was a receipt.

Story and graphics by  
*Ed Dakan* (B-381)

In early October 1944, way over on the far side of the Pacific Ocean at the Manus anchorage, a strike force began staging for MacArthur's return to the Philippines. The latrine rumors that the Leyte Campaign would be opening a lot sooner than expected were about to come true.

First to show were Navy fighting ships of all sorts - everything from baby flattops to destroyers and cruisers to battlewagons with their auxiliaries - settling in to take on fuel and ammunition.

Manus was one of the finest protected anchorages anywhere in the Pacific. There were 40-odd islands making up the Admiralty group, usually called Manus after the main island. Those islands, on the fringe of civilization at the time, were possessed by native descendants of headhunters who wanted nothing more than to go about their own business if outsiders would please leave them alone.

No way. As soon as the Japanese had been kicked out by the Americans, the Navy moved into Seeadler Harbor, which was big enough to handle a huge fleet.

But Manus, 47 days by slow boat to the southwest of Hawaii, happened to be practically astraddle of the Equator. Out there one miserably hot day tended to be followed by another just like it.

Last to arrive on that stinking scene during the final week of the buildup was the 96th Division in a lumbering herd of assault transports (APAs). Together these ships by the dozens crammed with thousands of travel-worn troops lay baking in the tropical heat. It looked for sure like the old waiting game had taken a turn for the worse.

Life for troops aboard a transport was crowded, uncomfortable and boring without let-up. A typical APA was 492 feet long, with a 69-foot beam. Its rated speed was 16½ knots, carrying battle cargo in the lower holds and up to 1,500 troops, bunkered four to six deep, in the upper holds. Their decks were cluttered with landing craft.

Nobody worried much about security at Manus. The war had moved back north months ago; it was time to relax if possible. Now and then sailboats carrying brightly adorned natives trading souvenirs wandered amongst the big ships. At nightfall, on-deck movies were SOP. Then mixed audiences of soldiers and sailors lolled on hatches or any available perch.

The Navy had a thing about alcohol aboard ship. No question about it, every trip was bound to be bone-dry or else. Yet after such a long ride, the powers that be knew that loads of thirsty soldiers wanted something to drink besides desalted seawater.

The break came in a slow motion morning with the word for boat crews to standby. Landing craft (LCVPs) would be put in the water at 1300 hours. Anybody wanting to go ashore for beer should take his helmet and lifebelt. No canteens.

There were more than enough islands to go around, so a different one was assigned by battalions for the whole Division. The luck of the draw decided who got to go where. Some of the islands were just numbered flyspecks with the barest amount of clearing and straddle trenches dug then set aside strictly for partying. The larger islands had names such as Pityilu, "The Paradise of the Pacific."

Pityilu Island turned out to be the pride and joy of the Sea Bees. Their bulldozing and grooming had developed something along the lines of a city park back home. In addition to water fountains and picnic tables, there were privies.

At H-hour the harbor came alive with LCVPs buzzing around like bees swarming for nectar in a clover patch.

With a requisition for beer at the ready, Lt. Bob VonHolle led the 3d Battalion of the 383d Infantry onto the beach at Pityilu. After all, someone had to see to it that each man got his fair share.

VonHolle recalled recently how the beer bust at Manus went down and his part in it:

"I didn't know anything about that kind of job. Colonel May or somebody up the chain had made the arrangements. I said, 'Hey, I'm only a 1st lieutenant. I need help.'

"They said, 'No, but you can have the choice of any four sergeants you want.' So I took the 1st sergeants out of our battalion from I, K, L and M Companies.

"Those NCOs had more authority than anybody. Of course they pissed and moaned like everything because they were not allowed to have a beer. None of the five of us got any beer - I didn't get any, either.

"At the end of the party, they were carrying guys who had passed out and throwing them on the LCVPs. We got back to the Bolivar just before dark. Nobody went up cargo nets that night."

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## Payback Time

Someone having to do with reunion plans for old LST 226 came across an article describing VonHolle's induction into the OCS Hall of Fame. That story, which included a rehash of more lurid exploits of Company I on Okinawa, generated a phone call with an invitation to make a speech.

"They knew the 96th, but not particular units, of course, because they helped haul us up there for the invasion. He said, 'Maybe we can abort our political speaker if you will come talk to us.' (It turned out both speakers had their say.)

"I went to Cincinnati this spring for the LST reunion and had all the fun bullcraping about the retraining at the hands of the Navy we old Army guys went through when we were kids. It was a matter of learning what the Navy was talking about to make the Division amphibious. Like when the admiral said, 'You will no longer walk on the floor; you'll walk on the deck. That is no longer a wall; it is a bulkhead. You will not have a rope; it is a line. Don't dismiss your men; secure them.' And so on. Those guys were roaring."

Then while he had the chance, VonHolle jumped on the swabbies about a certain order that came out of the ship's squawk box usually several times a day all the way across the Pacific Ocean.

"I told them I got tired of hearing 'so and so please lay up to the 1st lieutenant.' Who in the hell was the 1st lieutenant? Remember that? That was all they kept squawking.



Colonel A.E. "Bob" VonHolle (I-383)  
456 Lookout Ct.  
Ft. Wright, KY 41011

Sure, I knew the 1st lieutenant was like the officer of the day and that was who they wanted the man to report to. But who was that 1st lieutenant they were always laying up to? They never said 'report' always 'lay up to.' "

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### THIS IS BOB VONHOLLE

The Bob VonHolle who supplied materials for the two stories in this newsletter is the same old soldier who was inducted into the Officer Candidate's School (OCS) Hall of Fame in May 1991. VonHolle may be best remembered among DEADEYES as having been the company commander of I-383. He was wounded and evacuated from Okinawa. His service accounted for eight decorations.

VonHolle's military career spanned 32 years. He spent six years in active Army service. He spent another 23 years in active Reserves as an amphibious expert on loan to other branches of the military.

Meantime, Bob and his wife, Emily, raised a mostly military family. One son is an Army major and the other son is an Air Force major. A daughter spent four years as an Army nurse. The other daughter skipped military service

and is a reading and speech therapist.

After the VonHollers took ownership of the Zimmer Hardware in Covington, KY, in 1965, Bob continued teaching some business classes at Northern Kentucky University.

"I was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame because of my service after my active career, VonHolle said. "I started out as a private and advanced to a full colonel. That is one requirement for induction into the Hall of Fame. Lots of good men went through the school, but left the service before making colonel." Of the 178,000 officers commissioned through OCS, VonHolle said only 1,500 have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

(Note: Bob VonHolle is one of the co-chairmen for the reunion that will be held in Louisville, KY, in 1992.)

**1991 - '92  
96th Inf. Div. Assn. Officers**



96th INF. DIV. ASSN. OFFICERS FOR 1991-1992

Front row left to right:  
Edward Dunning, Jr., Steve Melnyk, Joseph Garabedian, Louis Canedo, Sam Benson.

Back row left to right:  
Harry Brown, Robert Schmidt, Lorraine Strand, Robert Siefert, Melvin Gill.

**1991 - '92  
Ladies Auxiliary Officers**



Photo taken in Spokane. Auxiliary Officers 1991-1992

Front Row left to Right  
Dorrick Caspers, Jewell Gill, Mary Lou White and Lillian Clemens

Back Row left to Right  
Dorothy Brachner, Ruth Siefert, Phyllis Schmidt, Katherine Chapman and Betty Shearer

**AUSSIES AT THE 1991 REUNION**



"Don't ask foolish questions. Th' schedule calls for calisthenics. We'll start with th' left eyelid."



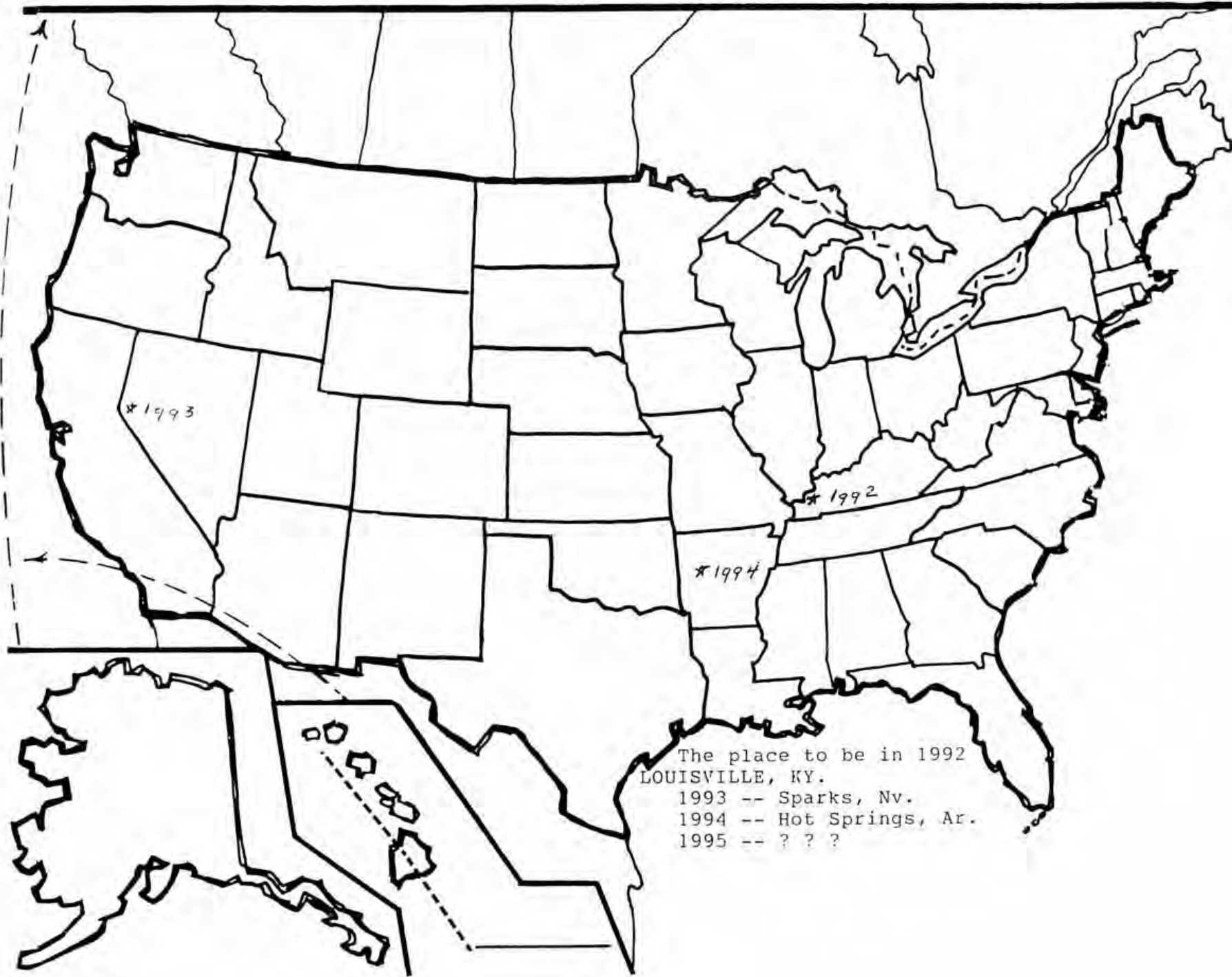
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Myrtle Bank  
South Australia 5064



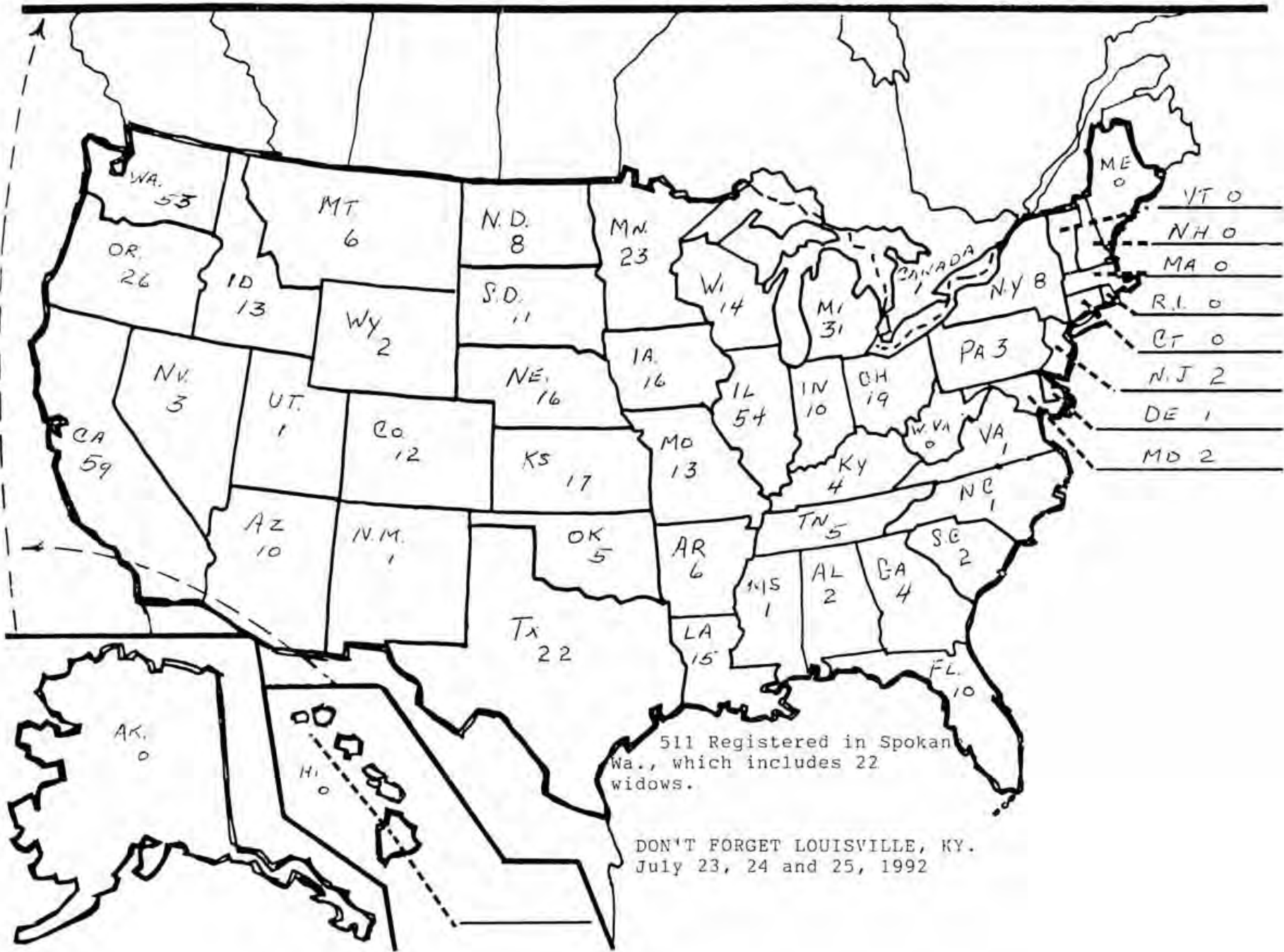
The Browns came to the reunion as guests and were introduced at the Saturday night banquet. Jack served with the Australian Special Forces on Leyte, P.I., in WWII. His outfit was already on the island when the DEADEYES showed up.

By coincidence, Jack was revisiting Leyte in 1984 when a number of 96th vets went there to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the landing. He became attached to that group parttime.





The place to be in 1992  
LOUISVILLE, KY.  
1993 -- Sparks, Nv.  
1994 -- Hot Springs, Ar.  
1995 -- ? ? ?



THESE DEADEYES AND WIDOWS REGISTERED IN SPOKANE, WA. in 1991

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Englewood, Co.

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Crete, Il.

Edward J. Murphy  
Bay City, Mi.

ANTI TANK -- 381

Harold J. Brown  
Spokane, Wa.

Charles Cole  
Colorado Springs, Co.

Wayne Roles  
Decatur, Il.

James Sawicki  
Phoenix, Az.

Robert Schmidt  
Woodbury, Mn.

SERVICE -- 381

Antone F. Thompson  
Clatckston, Wa.

MEDICS -- 381

Marvin J. Anderson  
Viroqua, Wa.

Stanley Braden  
Griswold, Ia.

John C. Cook  
Lynnwood, Wa.

Lestal Harvey  
Bloomington, In.

William Hewes  
Saline, Mi.

Carl J. Reimann  
Ashton, Id.

Leonard Robertson  
Frostburg, Md.

Norman Thomas  
Fargo, Ok.

CANNON -- 381

L. P. Collins  
Hutchison, Ks.

Louis DeLuca  
Lafayette, Ca.

Glenn Hamilton  
Peoria, Il.

Dee Veere Hershey  
Vernonia, Or.

Vernon Jensen  
So. Sioux City, Ne.

Serafino Marichetti  
Manitowish Water, Wi.

Cloyce Rucker  
Lacygne, Ks.

Carl Tapella  
Colma, Ca.

1st BH -- 381

V. N. Thompson  
Coeur D'Alene, Id.

Harry Weese  
Coeur D'Alene, Id.

COMPANY A -- 381

Hans Kaufmann  
Baton Rouge, La.

COMPANY B -- 381

L. J. Brinkmeyer  
El Dorado, Ks.

Donald Brown  
Sweetwater, Tn.

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Pearland, Tx.

Joseph White  
Stanhope, N.J.

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Lawrence Albert  
Wichita, Ks.

John Earan  
Hot Springs, Ar.

Neal Buchanan  
Pasco, Wa.

James A. Causey  
Liberty Ms.

Elmer Chapman  
Memphis, Tn.

Eino J. Fillia  
LaCenter, Wa.

Melvin Gill  
Jackson, Mi.

Phillip D. Newell  
Willittes, Ca.

Peter Spagnunlo  
Tampa, Fl.

Harold Stryker  
Victor, N.Y.

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San Benson  
Hewitt, Tx.

John M. Day  
Aurora, Co.

William Johnson  
Concord, Ca.

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Earl J. Thompson  
Newtown, Mo.

2nd BH -- 381

Lorain Altig  
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Skokie, Il.

Ed Elliott  
Declo, Id.

Robert Kline  
LeRoy, Il.

COMPANY E -- 381

Betty Jean Arms (Harold)  
Granada Hills, Ca.

Jean Brown (Harry Ziegler)  
The Dalles, Or.

Troy Burk  
Battle Ground, Wa.

Douglas Burton  
Selma, Ca.

Virginia Camp (Donald)  
Fresno, Ca.

Louis Canedo  
San Diego, Ca.

Jackie Carpenter (Jack)  
Bay City, Mi.

Joe J. Fritz  
Beatrice, Ne.

Fred Hagelgans  
Pasadena, Mo.

Richard Haglund  
Steilacoom, Wa.

Gerald Jacobson  
Minneapolis, Mn.

James Knight  
Nelsonville, Oh.

Jack Pintacura  
Flint, Mi.

Percy Poche  
Springfield, La.

Kenneth Poe  
Twin Falls, Id.

Hubert Richter  
Kingston, N.Y.

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El Cajon, Ca.

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Minneapolis, Mn.

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Pima, Ar.

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Muskegon, Mi.

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Alvin Hausmann  
Flushing, N.Y.

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Port Angeles, Wa.

COMPANY G -- 381

Margaret Dilg (Fred)  
Menlo Park, Ca.

Frank Horjes  
Twin Falls, Id.

Jack Robertson  
Wichita, Ks.

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Mequon, Wi.

Jack Summers  
Carlton, Mn.

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Macon, Ga.

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Vojko Bareciv  
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Eugene, Or.

George Caswell  
Odessa, Tx.

William Fahrney  
Portland, Or.

Ray Gullickson  
Austin, Mn.

Quentin Lockenour  
Yukon, Ok.

Betty Maples (Roy)  
Sedalia, Mo.

Robert Maxwell  
Chicago, Il.

Norris Stokke  
Viroqua, Wi.

Alfred Weiss  
Teaneck, N.J.

3rd BH -- 381

Edward L. Evans  
Salinas, Ca.

Frank R. Green  
Sarasota, Fl.

Sylvester Heinan  
Seneca, Ks.

Sylvan Merritt  
Cle Elum, Wa.

John Obal  
Omaha, Ne.

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Cicero, Il.

Fred Sears  
Clearfield, Fl.

Thomas Underhill  
Bakersfield, Ca.

Ray Williams  
Hammon, In.

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Walter Bodem  
Indianapolis, In.

Edward Darlington  
Tacoma, Wa.

Edward DeWitt  
Luther, Mn.

Frank Dowell  
New Port Richey Fl.

Arle Dundas  
San Pedro, Ca.

Paul C. Foster  
Topeka, Ks.

Sam Hughes  
Eugene, Or.

Edgar Huseby  
Nome, N.D.

Harry Kline  
Westhope, N.D.

Aaron LaBrie  
Doland, S.D.

Robert Nelson  
Lincoln, Ne.

Thad J. Pacyna  
Independence, Oh.

Chester Peterson  
Central Point, Wa.

John C. Rea  
Portland, Or.

Nathaniel Servi  
Taylorville, Il.

James W. Smith  
Sierra Vista, Az.

Don Spence  
Concord, Ca.

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Vallejo, Ca.

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Wichita, Ks.

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Portland, Or.

Arthur Ziomek  
Chicago, Il.

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Howard Anderson  
Topeka, Ks.

Floyd Brehmer  
Madison, Mn.

James Breland  
Langston, Al.

Irene Hanna (Ted)  
Barefoot Bay, Fl.

James Large  
Aberdeen, Wa.

Stanley Smith  
Coggan, Ia.

Elton Sullivan  
Lewiston, Id.

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Steve Melnyk  
Detroit, Mi.

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Harshaw, Wi.

Carl Weber  
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Harm Alberts  
Culbertson, Ne.

George Ashford  
Beaverton, Or.

Virgil Below  
Fostoria, Oh.

Joseph Garabedian  
Fresno, Ca.

James Hendricks  
Jacksonville, Il.

Wallace Hilling  
So. St. Paul, Mn.

Glyn Hollingsworth  
Germantown, Tn.

Danny Salin  
Duluth, Mn.

Lorraine Strand (Harold)  
Glenwood, Ia.

Harold Williams  
West Branch, Ia.

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Goodman Eisenbert  
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Minot, S.D.

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Brandon, S.D.

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Parsons, Ks.

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Blue River, Wi.

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Mundelin, Il.

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Hot Springs, Ar.

Russell Watts  
Columbus, Oh.

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Norma Bauer (Paul)  
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Coolin, Id.

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Tacoma, Wa.

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Lake Charles, La.

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Baton Rouge, La.

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Yucaida, Ca.

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LaPorte, In.

Peter Henz  
Arlington, Tx.

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St. Mary, Oh.

Walter Kleinschmidt  
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Saginaw, Mi.

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Curtis, Ne.

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Columbus, Oh.

Delmer Schriever  
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Donald Bloom  
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Winlock, Wa.

Arnold Sauber  
Dundas, Mn.

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Roger Broquist  
Rockford, Il.

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Patterson, La.

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Donaldsonville, La.

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Upsala, Mn.

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Franktown, Co.

Don Wessel  
Rapid City, S.D.

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Harold Blazier  
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Talmadge Lively  
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Irene Snyder (Jesse)  
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Tyson Shelton  
Elk City, Ok.

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Henry Armstrong  
Castle Rock, Wa.

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Vacaville, Ca.

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San Diego, Ca.

Ino DeRoss  
Weed, Ca.

Joseph Drozd  
No. Chicago, Il.

Rev. James E. Grant  
Spokane, Wa.

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Casper, Wy.

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Battle Creek, Mi.

Gene Kinkaid  
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DeSmet, S.D.

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Torrence, Ca.

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John Bellessa  
Seattle, Wa.

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Creston, Wa.

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Salem, In.

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Arza Smalley  
Alexandria, Va.

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Elwyn Hollenbeck  
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McCleary, Wa.

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Ogallala, Ne.

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Boxeman, Mt.

James Short  
Berkeley, Ca.

Donald Van Doorick  
Hamilton, Mi.

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Melvin Bost  
Lockport, Il.

W. H. Guthrie  
Litchfield, Il.

Len Halverson  
Elgin, Il.

Ted Navratil  
Sand Point, Ut.

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Derby, Ks.

Leonard Weber  
Beaver Crossing, Ne.

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Alton Berger  
Westby, Wi.

Robert Costain  
Port Townsend, Wa.

Ralph VanOrsdal  
Longview, Tx.

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Coalinga, Ca.

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Germantown, Tn.

George Brooks  
Kalamazoo, Mi.

Roland Champagne  
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Wilbur Fite  
San Antonio, Tx.

Lloyd Guttu  
Vancouver, Wa.

Leonard Huff  
Rivieria, Tx.

Andy Keller  
Kenwsick, Wa.

Leonard Lazarick  
Croydon, Pa.

Oscar Oeder  
Enderlin, N.D.

Anthony Pavell  
Monticello, In.

Russell Pohle  
Angels Camp, Ca.

Elmer Polcyn  
Niles, Il.

Robert Seiler  
Portland, Or.

Elmer Volness  
Fargo, N.D.

Riley Walling  
Sequin, Wa.

John Walsh  
Larkspur, Co.

Paul Westman  
Hudson, Wy.

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Long Beach, Ca.

Edwin Wright  
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Eagle Pass, Tx.

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Chicago, Il.

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Spokane, Wa.

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Spirit Lake, Ia.

Fred Weeks  
Sycamore, Il.

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E. Jaye Thompson  
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Robert O'Connor  
Indianapolis, In.

M. C. O'Shea  
Highland Ran, Ca.

Ray Zuehlke  
Itasca, Il.



ANTI TANK -- 383

Karl Olsen  
Tacoma, Wa.

Harold VanWert  
Port Chester, N.Y.

CANNON -- 383

N O N E

SERVICE -- 383

Ray Emmons  
Eugene, Or.

Herbert Goertz  
Cheney, Wa.

Donald Kennedy  
Portland, Or.

Donald Saxton  
Moses Lake, Or.

MEDICS -- 383

William Bunevich  
Rocky River, Oh.

Jerry Connolly  
Long Island, N.Y.

William Horton  
Portsmouth, Oh.

Alfred Kinkella  
Puyallup, Wa.

Ernest Martinez  
Conyers, Ga.

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Jack R. Barron  
Waterford, Mi.

Norma Barth (Victor)  
Toledo, Oh.

Harold Hoffenbacher  
Dearborn, Mi.

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Grinnell, Ia.

Samuel F. Nebel  
Ocean Shores, Wa.

Edmund Nowicki  
Dearborn, Mi.

O. L. Vickers  
Coahoma, Tx.

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Robert Huff  
Indianapolis, In.

Joseph Marlenga  
Milwaukee, Wi.

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LasVegas, Nv.

Burton Michael  
Naperville, Il.

John Siegler  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wi.

COMPANY B -- 383

Clarence W. Blessing  
New London, Mo.

Ray J. Frawley  
Bloomington, Il.

George Hannig  
Chicago, Il.

Everett B. Hanson  
Kennewick, Wa.

Glen Horal  
Sunnyvale, Ca.

Stan Lindley  
Nuevo, Ca.

R. J. McCarthy  
Coos Bay, Or.

Richard E. Nauman  
Metamora, Il.

Adron Overstreet  
Austin, Tx.

Harold Sletten  
Northridge, Ca.

Gerald Stewart  
Santa Fe, N. M.

COMPANY C -- 383

John A. Cook  
Lisle, Il.

Leslie Mund  
Salmond, Id.

L. T. Stinnett  
Rock Island, Il.

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Blaire Barton  
Medina, Oh.

Wm. E. Beard  
Salem, Or.

Donald Shearer  
Glendive Mt.

Earl Zinc  
Algiers, La.

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William Bryson  
Xenia, Oh.

Prosser Clark  
Portland, Or.

Floyd Coppinger  
Lewiston, Mi.

Reino A. Jurvelin  
Coeur d'Alene, Id.

Nick Klienschmidt  
Ridgecrest, Ca.

Jack Roe  
Exton, Pa.

COMPANY E -- 383

David Bowen  
Spencer, Oh.

W. H. Faulkner  
Watford, N.D.

William Hood  
Pittsburg, Ks.

Purseell Pepper  
Grand Rapids, Mi.

Walter VanCoillie  
Rock Island, Il.

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Grand Rapids, I.

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Quincy, Ca.

Charles Fulmer  
Seattle, Wa.

Orrie Gruwell  
Mountain Ranch, Ca.

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Greenacres, Wa.

Elmer Madsen  
Graceville, Mn.

Charles Molek  
Vacaville, Ca.

Robert C. Muehrcke  
Oak Brook, Il.

Keith Trowbridge  
Manhattan, Ks.

Cecil Williams  
Winlock, Wa.

Delbert Yakes  
Rockford, Mi.

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Richard Birchfield  
Seattle, Wa.

Henry Bravo  
Moorpark, Ca.

Orville Caspers  
Swaledale, Ia.

John Cramer  
Dixon, Il.

Ivan L. Davis  
Fredonia, Ks.

Berent Fredrickson  
Bozeman, Mt.

Luverne Moran  
Rochester, Mn.

Floyd Walch  
Cerritoc, Ca.

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James Cassidy  
Keizer, Or.

Estel Dawson  
Long Beach, Ca.

Edward Herrick  
Lansing, Il.

Olan Hill  
Mesa, Az.

William Langford  
Tacoma, Wa.

Michael Martz  
Yorkville, Il.

Charles S. Ronzio  
Kitchener, Ontario Canada

Howard Stock  
Long Tree, Ia.

James Veitch  
Grand Forks, N.D.

Richard Williams  
Moscow, Id.

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McDermott, Oh.

John Giffin  
Aledo, Il.

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Hamilton, Mi.

Jack Loftus  
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Huron, S.D.

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Kansas City, Mo.

Edward Stare  
Cincinnati, Oh.

COMPANY I -- 383

Merlin Bennett  
Plainview, Tx.

Harry Brown  
Ballwin, Mo.

Herman Claborn  
Rising Star, Tx.

Melvin Coobs  
Boise, Id.

Ken Erickson  
Los Altos, Ca.

Leonard Freeman  
Stratford, Ok.

Walter Frickey  
Hastings, Ne.

Daniel Hart  
College Park, Ga.

Chester LeBlanc  
Lafayette, La.

Charlie Lee  
Lake Charles, La.

Maynard Ludwig  
Platteville, Co.

S. T. Morris  
Holdenville, Ok.

Cecil Phillips  
Memphis, Tx.

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Shenandoah, Ia.

Oscar Swanson  
Minneapolis, Mn.

Robert Von Holle  
Covington, Ky.

Henry White  
Mackinaw, Il.

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Hadlock, Wa.

John Elliott  
Cheney, Wa.

Lloyd Guttu  
Vancouver, Wa.

Helen Klassen (Richard)  
Denver, Co.

Henry Kreamer  
Richland, Wa.

COMPANY L -- 383

Harold Edwards,  
Sioux City, Ia.

Max Hymas  
Sweet, Id.

Williard "Hoss" Mitchell  
Ponchatoula, La.

Howard L. Reher  
Hermiston, Or.

Ann Schable (Paul Eastin)  
Atwood, Il.

Milton Shepsky  
Mesa, Az.

Billy Stubbe  
Ayr, Ne.

James Warren  
Fairbault, Mn.

COMPANY M -- 383

Kenneth Dolan  
Denver, Co.

Edward Funk  
Muskegan, Mi.

Dan Meyers  
Alameda, Ca.

Edward Redlin  
Naples, Fl.

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Charles Kline  
Tucson, Az.

Russell Freese  
Portland, Or.

DIVISION ART.

Donald Foster  
Topeka, Ks.

DIVISION BAND

Roy Herbert  
Chico, Ca.

96 QM

Horace B. Elliott  
Waco, Tx.

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Colombus, Ga.

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Longview, Wa.

Fred R. Long  
Wilbur, Wa.

96 M.P.

Jacob Bitzer  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mike Kuchera  
Everett, Wa.

Willard Lepper  
Quincy, Il.

Charles Shearer  
Kent, Wa.

Edward Shearer  
Spokane, Wa.

Milo Thompson  
Jackson, Mi.

96 RECON.

Arlynn Cuthberton  
Elvo, Nv.

Clarence Foy  
Grand Forks, N.D.

96 SIGNAL

Joe Camilleri  
Sonoma, Ca.

Doug Chastain  
Tracy, Ca.

Emmett Dunaway  
Omaha, Ne.

Tom Erickson  
Sioux City, Ia.

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Wichita, Ks.

Paul Jukuri  
Westland, Mi.

J. S. Mac Fadden  
San Antonio, Tx.

John Minock  
Holland, Mi.

Marvin Nelson  
Superior, Wi.

Peter Pohl  
Stacy, Mn.

Harold C. Straube  
Marine, Il.

Warren Terry  
Sheboygan Falls, Wi.

921 FA

Robert Benner  
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Muscatine, Ia.

John Johnson  
Thousand Oaks, Ca.

Dowaine Kinser  
Red Oak, Ia.

William Lucera  
Lakewood, Co.

Daniel Lundberg  
Hull, Il.

John Morelock  
Chicago, Il.

Joe A. Rohla  
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Albert Sanders  
Madison, Il.

Herman Sieve  
Washington, Mo.

Daniel Smith  
Shelbyville, Il.

Edward Sorg  
Anderson, In.

John Yeasley  
Gresham, Or.

361 FA

Francis Geffre  
Leola, S.D.

Valentine Heinrich  
Sarasota, Fl.

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Puposky, Mn.

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Monmouth, Or.

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New Baltimore, Mo.

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362 FA

Joseph Battaglia  
Mesa, Az.

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Adams, N. D.

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Sacramento, Ca.

Virginia Geese (Ted)  
Saginaw, Mi.

George Kearney  
Franklinton, N.C.

Charles Lynch  
Independence, Mo.

LeRoy Middleton  
Jonesboro, Ar.

John Pfaff  
Independence, Or.

Mitchell Tottis  
Scottsdale, Az.

363 FA

Merwin Hill  
Verona, Il.

Don K. Rader  
Quartz Hill, Ca.

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Louisville, Ky.

Verle Trees  
Fishtail, Mt.

Tom Verganet  
Florence, Or.

321 MEDICS

Samuel H. Brown  
Colorado Springs, Co.

Alvis Harrell  
Mt. Vernon, Il.

Alice Muff (Herbert)  
Crete, Ne.

Karl Sinning  
Ocala, Fl.

Martha Vallery (Milton)  
Forest Hill, La.

321 ENG.

Marshall Allen  
Oak Grove, La.

Elgie Clark  
Sun City Center, Fl.

Floyd Ferandes  
Jacksonville, Il.

Walter Gorrell  
Orland Park, Il.

Alfred LaTour  
Lafayette, La.

Grant Lundin  
Spokane, Wa.

Earl Machart  
Burbank, Il.

Clarence Moes  
St. Paul, Mn.

Carroll Simmons  
King City, Mo.

Sam Sherfield  
Dinuba, Ca.

Eric Tengeraton  
Cicero, Il.

B. F. Thigpen  
Amarillo, Tx.

Norb Wacker  
LeCenter, Mn.

Elmer Winter  
Jackson, Mn.

763 TANK

David Rafferty  
Elizabethtown, Ky.

Arthur Reber  
St. Joseph, Mn.

Robert Ross  
Louisville, Ky.

Frank Strait  
St. Louis Park, Mn.

796 ORDINANCE

Robert Bartlett  
Saginaw, Mi.

Pat Casey  
olympia, Wa.

Ben Confer Los Osos, Ca.	1	1958	St. Louis, Mo.	103
John H. Hunt Portland, Or.	2	1959	Chicago, Il.	223
	3	1960	Kansas City, Mo.	264
	4	1961	Detroit, Mi.	over 250
Joseph Mate Springfield, Il.	5	1962	Dallas, Tx.	over 200
	6	1963	Little Rock, Ar.	about 200
	7	1964	Portland, Or	about 150
George McMahan Houston, Tx.	8	1965	Minneapolis, Mn.	330
	9	1966	Indianapolis, In.	364
	10	1967	Omaha, Ne.	351
Esther Monnier (Lawrence) Yor, Ne.	11	1968	Chicago, Il.	551
	12	1969	Des Moines, Ia.	354
	13	1970	Detroit, Mi.	434
	14	1971	Denver, Co.	376
Chloris Nickerson (Russell) Truman, Mn.	15	1972	New Orleans, La.	426
	16	1973	Peoria, Il.	526
	17	1974	Indianapolis, In.	433
<u>728 AMT</u>	18	1975	Kansas City, Mo.	482
	19	1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.	462
Anthony Dombrowski Buffalo, N.Y.	20	1977	Cincinnati, Oh.	449
	21	1978	New Orleans, La.	398
	22	1979	Denver Co.	432
<u>JASCO</u>	23	1980	Springfield, Il.	533
	24	1981	Milwaukee, Wi.	487
Joseph Manzella San Francisco, Ca.	25	1982	Dearborn, Mi.	476
	26	1983	Houston, Tx.	376
	27	1984	St. Paul, Mn.	591
<u>NO REGT. OR COMPANY</u>	28	1985	Oklahoma City, Ok.	549
	29	1986	Fresno, Ca.	428
William C. Porter Marblemount, Wa.	30	1987	Memphis, Tn.	607
	31	1988	Peoria, Il.	622
	32	1989	Rapid City, S.D.	632
	33	1990	Omaha, Ne.	660
	34	1991	Spokane, Wa.	511

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96th Inf. Div. Ass'n. blue and white caps may be ordered from  
Douglas Burton, 11279 S. Fowler Ave., Selma, Calif. 93662  
The cost is \$6.00 post paid. The caps will also be for sale  
at the reunion in Louisville, Ky. The cost there is \$5.00.  
All profit will be placed in the Ass'n. treasury.



Enclosed find our dues. I have been a member of the Association since Chicago in 1959. I attended several conventions, but due to my activities with the Disabled American Veterans, I've had a conflict with our National Convention. I miss my buddies from the 381 HQ & Service Companies., and hope to be able to attend some conventions in the future.

Fred A. Sutton  
7 So. 6th St.  
Terre Haute, In. 47807

I'm enclosing a check for 6 years dues for me and for my wife. I can't tell you how much I enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch. Thank you for your efforts to keep it going. We haven't made a reunion yet, but hope to in the next few years. Hope you have a good reunion in July.

Sam Watkins -- 381-A  
1025 32nd Ave.  
Arcadia, Ca. 91006

I'm enclosing herewith my dues to the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. for the coming year, and regret that I will be unable to attend the annual reunion. I do enjoy and appreciate the receipt of the Deadeye Dispatch. Keep up the good work.

John D. Murphy -- 383-HQ  
1 Elm Court Colonie  
Albany, N.Y. 12205-5006

To the 96th Deadeyes and Auxiliary members my family and I would like to thank you for your expression of condolence for the death of Art. He was always very proud to have served with the 96th.

Mrs. Arthur Tobergte -- 382-AMT  
2419 Amberly Ave.  
Orlando, Fl. 32833

Enclosed is my check for another years dues. I hope I can make a reunion someday, and perhaps see some old buddies. My best to everyone.

Roque (Rocky) M. Barrera -- 381-A  
2030 Don Court  
Santa Clara, Ca. 95050

Enclosed find our dues for this year. I cannot make Spokane, but plan to be in Louisville in 1992. That will be my 15th Reunion.

Ernest W. Malkewitz -- 381-M  
3330 Las Vegas Dr. NE  
Belmont, Mi. 49306

Thank you so much for the Dispatch. I look forward to receiving it. Enclosed is my check for dues. We would like to make a reunion some day.

Arnold W. Nelms, Sr. -- 381-I  
165 Nelms Road  
Seagoville, Tx. 75159

Enclosed find check for membership dues for myself and for my wife. I enjoy getting the Dispatch and reading stories from former Deadeyes around the country. I joined the 96th Div. at Camp White, Or. in Feb. 1944 and was assigned to Batry. B 363 FA. I was in the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns and was discharged Feb. 8, 1946 at Camp McCoy, Wi. Now that I'm retired, will try to make some reunions. Would like to hear from some of the "Old Buddies" from Btry. B 363 FA. Keep up the good work on the Dispatch.

H. John Granda  
7600 59th Ave. No.  
Minneapolis, Mn. 55428

The enclosed check will cover several years delinquent dues. I've been unable to attend any reunions, except for the ones in Detroit and Dearborn, but hope to make Louisville in 1992.

James Sturges -- 381-G  
3214 Thomas  
Berkley, Mi. 48072

I'm sending my dues. I can't make the reunion this year. Hope this finds all that make it in the best of health.

Paul Martin -- 381-I  
10858 Crosby Dr.  
Sun City, Az. 85351



Your calls, cards and concern when Bill died July 13th, 1991, meant so much to his family, that we wanted to thank you all. You are a terrific outfit and he enjoyed being with you all. His best fiends were 96'ers. I hope to see you in 1992 in Louisville, Ky.

Ruth Broschk (William)  
17819 So. Station Rd.  
Columbia Station, Oh. 44028

As last year, I enclose my check to help expenses of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. God-willing, health willing, I hope to attend the Louisville Reunion next year. My problem - besides age - is no one from this area attends. It's difficult travelling alone. Have a terrific reunion in the far West.

Father Ed  
Father Edward Konisky -- Chaplain  
64 Parkwyn Dr.  
Delmar, N.Y. 12054

Enclosed is my check for my dues. Sure do enjoy reading the Dispatch and look forward to seeing the next copy. Keep it coming. I read every line of it. I won't be able to attend the reunion in Spokane due to my health. I correspond with quite a few of my buddies and always enjoy hearing from the guys from Service Co. 381. Hello to everyone in the company and Best Wishes to all.

Paul E. Edwards  
221 Meadow Creek  
DeSoto, Tx. 75115

Enclosed find my check for membership dues for the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. It is still a pleasure to receive the Deadeye Dispatch which I read carefully. It appears I will be unable to attend the Spokane Reunion. The years weigh heavy.

Paul E. Edson -- Div. HQ.  
1364 31st St.  
Ogden, Ut. 84403

Enclosed you will find my check for dues plus a little extra to use as you see fit. Many thanks to you and all the others that put the Dispatch together. That is the most important piece of mail that I get during the year. Sorry that we can't make Spokane this year; it's so far from us that we just can't afford to make it. We do plan to be in Louisville next year. Thanks to all of you again and please keep the Dispatch coming, as I enjoy it so much.

Frank Wilkinson -- 383-H  
4128 Weaver Rd.  
Lake Charles, La. 70605

Just sent six years dues for me and my wife. Haven't made a reunion yet, but hope to in the next couple of years. The United States had a secret weapon in WW II and it wasn't the Atom Bomb. It was the Spirit and Determination of the men of the 96th Infantry Division. What a privilege it is to have served with such a great organization. Thank you and all the Officers of the Association for a continuing job well done.

Sam Watkins -- 381-A  
1025 S. Second Ave.  
Arcadia, Ca. 91006

I was with 383-L on Okinawa. If any of you remember, please write. I would like to hear from all of you. I wish I could come to the reunions. If you want to call, my phone number is 1-903-784-6820.

Esmel Rannals  
2485 19th N.W.  
Paris, Tx. 75460

Please find enclosed a check for dues for my wife, Betty, and myself for the coming year plus a little extra to be used as you see fit. We will not be able to attend the reunion in Spokane due to health reasons. Hope to attend Louisville in "92".

William H. Mason -- 321 Medics  
9111 Summit Dr.  
Fairview Hts., Il. 62208-1050

Here are my dues for membership for the year. I hope to make Louiseville in 1992.

Burdean Bridgewater -- 321-Eng.  
3910 S. Walnut Pk. Apt. A82  
Bloomington, In. 47401

Enclosed is a check for my dues and for my wife. I look forward to receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. You are doing a good job so keep up the good work.

John Iseli, Jr. -- 382-B  
Rt. 1 Box 91  
Abilene, Ks. 67410

I'm sending our dues and Pre-Registration form for the Spokane Reunion. I would like to commend all of the people who put on the reunion in Omaha for a fantastic job and looking forward to another one.

Dennis O. Duniphin --383-F  
P.O. Box 877  
Quincy, Ca. 95971

May 16, 1991

Dear Mrs. Strand:

I was flattered and amazed that the Deadeye Dispatch had reprinted the St. Louis Post-Dispatch story about my retirement in April 1990. After 46 years I had made the Deadeye again!

I was the cartoonist, not a writer, in the early days of the Deadeye on Leyte. The captain in the 96th Recon who censored my mail enjoyed my humor and apparently decided that I would do less harm to the war effort if I were put on temporary duty with the division's new daily newspaper.

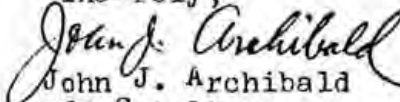
Interviewing Irving Berlin was one of the highlights of my time with the paper, but a case of infectious hepatitis kept me from seeing his show. Malaria showed up on the day I arrived at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, to be discharged, but otherwise I came through unscathed.

The Deadeye reaches me late because it still comes to the Post-Dispatch, so I first learned about your reprinting the article when I received a phone call from a lady whose husband was killed while serving with the 96th on Okinawa. She just wanted to talk to someone who'd been there, although I explained to her that I was in a relatively safe area with the newspaper.

The only other celebrity that I met while with the 96th was Margorie Main, the tough old actress that the division chose to be its "Occupation Gal." She hugged me when I stepped off the gangplank at San Pedro, Calif., because she believed that as an editor of the Deadeye I must have been responsible for her election. I didn't confess that I had hoped one of the more glamorous movie stars of that time would be elected. Yvonne DeCarlo, I recall, was one of the runners-up. Oh, well.

I have dreamed of someday holding a reunion of the staff members of the Deadeye Dispatch from the days of Leyte and Okinawa. If any of the gang has similar feelings, I hope they'll contact me.

Sincerely,

  
John J. Archibald  
460 Catalina  
Webster Groves, Mo. 63119

\*\*Editor's Note -- I received the above letter from John J. Archibald. It was so interesting to me that I received permission from Mr. Archibald to share it with all the Deadeye Dispatch readers.

Dear Friends: Thank you so much for your thoughtful concern on the death of Dean. The bouquet of lovely flowers was greatly appreciated. It is a comfort knowing that Dean was loved by so many. We shall miss him. God Bless you.

Harriett Sterner & Family  
Mrs. C. D. Sterner  
3053 Stratford Ave.  
Lincoln, Ne. 68502

Sorry I can't make this years meeting. My wife and I will be 3½ weeks in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Russia. I'll make next year in Louisville, Ky. I have been able to attend 11 so far. Hope to see several of the fellows then.

Tayman H. Wilson -- 321 Eng.  
740 Rainbow Dr.  
Dallas, Tx. 75208

Guess we better send our dues to keep the 96th fighting to try to get all the fellows to the reunions. We were at the Omaha reunion which was very nice. I met one of our company buddies approximately forty-five years later. Sorry to say we will not be at the reunion this year at Spokane, but we hope to see all our buddies in Kentucky next year if all goes well. Best regards to all

Henry F. Ahrenholz -- 382-HQ. & HQ.  
11737 N. Ridgeway Ave.  
Mequon, Wi. 53092

Enclosed is check for dues for myself and my wife. We enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch.

Harvey J. Myers -- 382-F  
3347 Hwy. 376S  
Camden, Ar. 71701

Attached is our check for the coming years dues, for Mary and myself. Sorry we will be unable to attend the "big event" this year in Spokane. This is due to plans already made for that same week as the reunion, some time ago. Have already marked our dates for 1992 for the big event scheduled for Louisville, Ky. You may be sure we will be with you in spirit for that week's program of events.

Leslie A. Calhoun -- 362-FA  
7106 Quail Circle W.  
Brooklyn Center, Mn. 55429

We had planned on going to Washington, but found out we are not able to attend. I'm enclosing dues for myself and for my wife and a little extra for postage. We really enjoy the reunions and so far have made 15 and plan on going next year to Louisville. You and the rest of the officers do a great job and I'm proud to be a member of the Deadeyes.

Alexander R. Trybulski -- 381-AT  
3224 Gil Haven Ct.  
Sanford, Mi. 48657

I always enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch and seeing the names of old friends. We had a wonderful, lasting spirit in our outfit and even now, so much later, still exchange phone calls and letters. My dues, and a bit more, are enclosed. I hope to see my fellow "dogfeet" in Louisville in 1992.

Tom Sweeney -- 381-C  
1426 Saxon Blvd.  
Deltona, Fl. 32725

Enclosed are my dues and for my wife. Although we have been unable to come to the reunions we do enjoy getting the 96th Inf. news and reading about the meetings and the letters from other members.

Fred Southard -- 381-A  
117 Ripley  
Marlin, Tx. 76661

Enclosed is my check for my Auxilary dues plus a little extra because you all give so much of your time and love for the 96th. I am really happy to be a member of the Auxilary as a little memorial to my brother, Elmer Rauch-- 383-2nd BH. He was a good member and a lovely brother and we miss him.

Bernice Barry (Maurice)  
15000 S. Mayo Dr.  
Orland Park, Il. 60462

Enclosed is my dues and a little more for the past Dispatches that I have received. Spent 1950-1952 on Okinawa and visited many places of action. Have never been to a reunion, but am planning for Louisville.

Robert E. Todd -- 383-K  
654 Engle Rd. Ext.  
Industry, Pa. 15052

Enclosed is dues for my wife and myself. Sorry I can't make the reunions due to poor health. Keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming. I enjoy reading it.

Al Lullo -- 382-M  
9515 Schiller Blvd.  
Franklin Park, Il. 60131

I received my Dispatch yesterday and I read it from cover to cover. I always look forward to receiving it. I attended the reunion at Rapid City and also the one in Omaha. I really enjoyed both of them. I'm not sure if I will get to go to Spokane. I hope so but my health may prevent it. Find enclosed my check for my dues and also for my wife.

James K. Wist -- 381-G  
6 Montgomery St.  
Fayetteville, Ar. 72701

Enclosed is my check for the 1991/92 dues for myself and the Auxiliary dues for my wife. We had expected to tie the Spokane reunion into a post-retirement tour of the west but I've had to extend my active service until the end of August. Would have liked to be there, but maybe next year.

James L. Juhl -- Recon.  
1609 W. Main Street  
Princeton, W.V. 24740

I enclose herewith my check for association dues. From the Ohio State University ASTP Program, I was sent to Camp Campbell, Ky. and the 788th Tank Bn. We were sent to Fort Ord, Ca. and became the 788th Am. Trac Bn., shipped out of Seattle, Wa. to Honolulu, Camp Diamondhead. We were then attached to the 96th Inf. Div. through Okinawa and back to Mindoro in the Phillipines. Shortly after getting to Mindoro I was assigned to the 96th Signal Co. and the Armed Forces Radio Station where I worked as a radio announcer with Trav Cabiness and Colly Collingwood until the General W.C.C. Langfitt brought us home. I would like to hear from my old buddies.

Francis J. Pharis  
831 DeSoto Street  
Alexandria, La. 71301

Enclosed is a check for myself and wife. I note with deep sadness the passing of Frank Sierawski -- 381-H. He dragged me off a ridge when I got wounded on Leyte. Though most of don't attend the reunions, we sincerely appreciate the "Dispatch" and you people that put it together.

James F. Gibson -- 381-H  
21118 Hoffman  
St. Clair Shores, Mi. 48082

My dues are paid to 7-31-93, but I would like to enclose a check to help our 96th Association. I was pleasantly surprised to get a call from a buddy on Easter Sunday to bring back memories of Easter Sunday April 1, 1945, when we landed on Okinawa. Hearing his voice made my Day. I will always appreciate his letters and calls. I wish the best to you and all my Deadeye Buddies. God Bless you all.

Peter A. Caserta -- 382-E  
5227 Edgewood Dr.  
Lorain, Oh. 44063

Enclosed is my check for dues for myself and for my wife Dorothy. We hope someday to make one of the reunions. We also would like to hear from any of the Recon. troop. We both enjoy the Dispatch. You people are doing a great job.

Glenn G. Miller -- Recon.  
131 10th St. S.E.  
Rugby, N.D. 58368

Here are my dues for the year. We plan to attend the reunion in Spokane. Two of my veteran friends plan to be there for the first time.

Berent A. Fredrickson -- 383-G  
3475 Blackwood Rd.  
Bozeman, Mt. 59715

Enclosed are my dues plus a little extra to help with postage. Really enjoy the Dispatch. I would like to say hello to all the guys in A & B Battery 362 FA.

Benjamin R. Wheeler  
446 S. Clark Ave.  
Los Altos, Ca. 94024

Enclosed is a check for dues for my wife and myself for 1990-1991. Sorry I have overlooked them. We enjoy the Dispatch very much. Keep up the good work. Want to say Hello to all my buddies and hope them all good health.

Hubert Rich -- 382-Service  
1209 Sheffield Way  
Roseville, Ca. 95661

Enclosed find application for membership in the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. I joined the 96th on Leyte in 1945 and was assigned to 383-B. It was a great outfit and I made friends with lots of the company members. I was assigned to the Mess Hall. We hope to attend the 1992 Reunion in Louisville, Ky. , the Lord willing.

William W. Rayburn  
5116 Rt. 10  
Barboursville, W.V. 25504

Several years ago my wife and I were in a music Theater in Branson, Mo. Sitting next to us was a man from Iowa. As we talked about this and that the conversation shifted to our service time. I told him I was with the 96th Ord. Heavy Maintenance Co. at Fort Armstrong in Honolulu, Hi., June 1946 - March 1947. He wrote all of this down, told me about the Association and was sure that I would be part of your outfit. I really didn't think so, but could not convince him otherwise. Anyway, since that time I have been receiving the Deadeye Dispatch which I enjoy very much. The bravery and the courage you men showed on Leyte and Okinawa will always be remembered. I'm impressed with what I read in the Dispatch and maybe in some small way this check will help with your program. Keep up the good work and if possible I would still like to receive the Dispatch.

David J. Gajdosik  
420 N. Walnut St.  
Janesville, Wi. 53545

Enclosed is a check to cover present dues for myself and my wife plus a little extra for some of the past times when I never got around to it. I enjoy seeing familiar names in the newsletter but doubt that I'd recognize anyone face to face anymore. Have yet to make an annual reunion -- but who knows?

John R. (Jack) Curns, M.D. -- 382-B  
32480 Oak Drive  
Grayslake, IL. 60030-2541

I am pleased to enclose my check for membership in the association. My thanks go to Harold Gilbert, Colonel (Ret.) for locating me in Seattle and telling me about the association of which I had no previous knowledge. Harold, his lovely wife and daughter were recently in Seattle and we had a very joyful session together getting re-acquainted after forty-six years. Harold and I served Army time together in Co. M-382 Regt. We were both transferred to the 96th from the ill-fated ASTP programs at the University of Texas and the University of San Francisco. I look forward to attending the 1992 annual reunion. My wife and I were impressed by the "Deadeye Dispatches" sent to me.

Jerry H. Sheller -- 382-M  
4107 NE 96  
Seattle, Wa. 98115

Once again, I wish to thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me to be your Editor of the Deadeye Dispatch.

It is time to start making plans to attend the reunion in Louisville, Ky. July 23, 24 and 25, 1992. I know that David and Maggie Rafferty and their committee are very busy making plans for all of us. Be sure to send in your registration for the Hotel AS SOON AS THE REGISTRATION FORM APPEARS IN THE DISPATCH. If something happens that you cannot attend, you can always cancel. At the reunion in Spokane, some people had to stay in another hotel because they did not send in reservations early.

I do want to thank everyone for the notes, letters and phone calls. They make my day. As I have said before, the Deadeyes and Gals are the greatest. They are always willing to give help and support when it is needed.

It was a great reunion in Spokane, Wa. We should all thank John and Marilyn Elliott, Gwen Martin and all the committee for the work they did. It was a super reunion.

If you have moved and have a change of address, please drop a note to notify us. We don't like for you to miss your Dispatch. Please pay your dues, for your dues are what makes the Deadeye Dispatch possible.

Lorraine Strand (Harold)  
604 So. Hazel St.  
Glenwood, Ia. 51534-1860



Enclosed is my check for myself and my wife for the next 3 years dues. Sorry we won't be able to make it to Spokane, but we've got it targeted for Louisville. Hope to see you all then.

Ivan E. Van Houten -- 381-3rd BH  
4105 Timber Trl.  
Orlando, Fl. 32808

Here is our dues for 1992 and a little extra. Keep up the good works.

John Polodna -- 382-E  
2107 N. Oakland  
Springfield, Mo. 65803

I just recently learned of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn., and have received my first Deadeye Dispatch. Enclosed is my check for dues for myself and my wife. We will be looking forward to attending the Reunion in Spokane, and hopefully meeting some of my old buddies.

Jaye Thompson -- 383- HQ. & HQ.  
3411 96th S.E.  
Mercer Island, W. 98040

Enclosed please find my check for dues. I haven't attended any reunions, but I'm sorry I missed the reunion in Peoria, Il. I'm 80 years old now but I can still remember my Army Serial Number. I hope I will be able to attend a reunion when it is held in this area.

Dale Vosburgh -- 363-FA  
520 Edwards St.  
Kewanee, Il. 61443-3824

Enclosed is our check for dues and a bit more. Sorry we can't make reunion as it is too far for me to drive. We enjoy the Dispatch very much -- keep them coming. Best wishes to all the 96th.

Jacob J. Hoffman -- QM  
2136 River Rd.  
Ben Salem, Pa. 19020

Enclosed are our dues for 1991. We do enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch very much.

Max Warner -- 381-AT  
3780 Lake Crest Dr.  
Yorbo Linda, Ca. 92686

My address is correct. Tell all Deadeyes Hello for my wife and myself. I'll be 81 years old October 17th.

R. C. (Beetle) Bailey, Sr. -- 321 Eng.  
230 Ridgefield Cir.  
Mesquite, Tx. 75149

Please find enclosed my check for dues for myself and my wife. I was the Company Mail Clerk for the 3rd BH 381. I was with the 96th from Oct. 12, 1942 to January 18, 1946.

Samuel D. Head  
214 Pelican Pl.  
W. Monroe, La. 71291

Can't make the 91 reunion because of other plans. I'm looking forward to joining you in 92 in Kentucky. I know I'm behind in my dues and hope this covers them.

Ed Borowski -- 383-K  
3425 S. 54 Ave.  
Cicero, Il. 60650

I know that I am behind in my dues so I'm enclosing a check for dues for myself and for my wife. Thank you for sending me a Deadeye Dispatch. It has very good news. I hope everyone is in good health.

Joseph Navarrette -- 381-C  
5894 Newberry St.  
Detroit, Mi. 48109

Enclosed is my remittance for annual dues. I regret that I won't be able to attend this year's reunion in Spokane. We are planning a major move which will occur at approximately the same time as the reunion. Will look forward to seeing you all at Louisville in 1992.

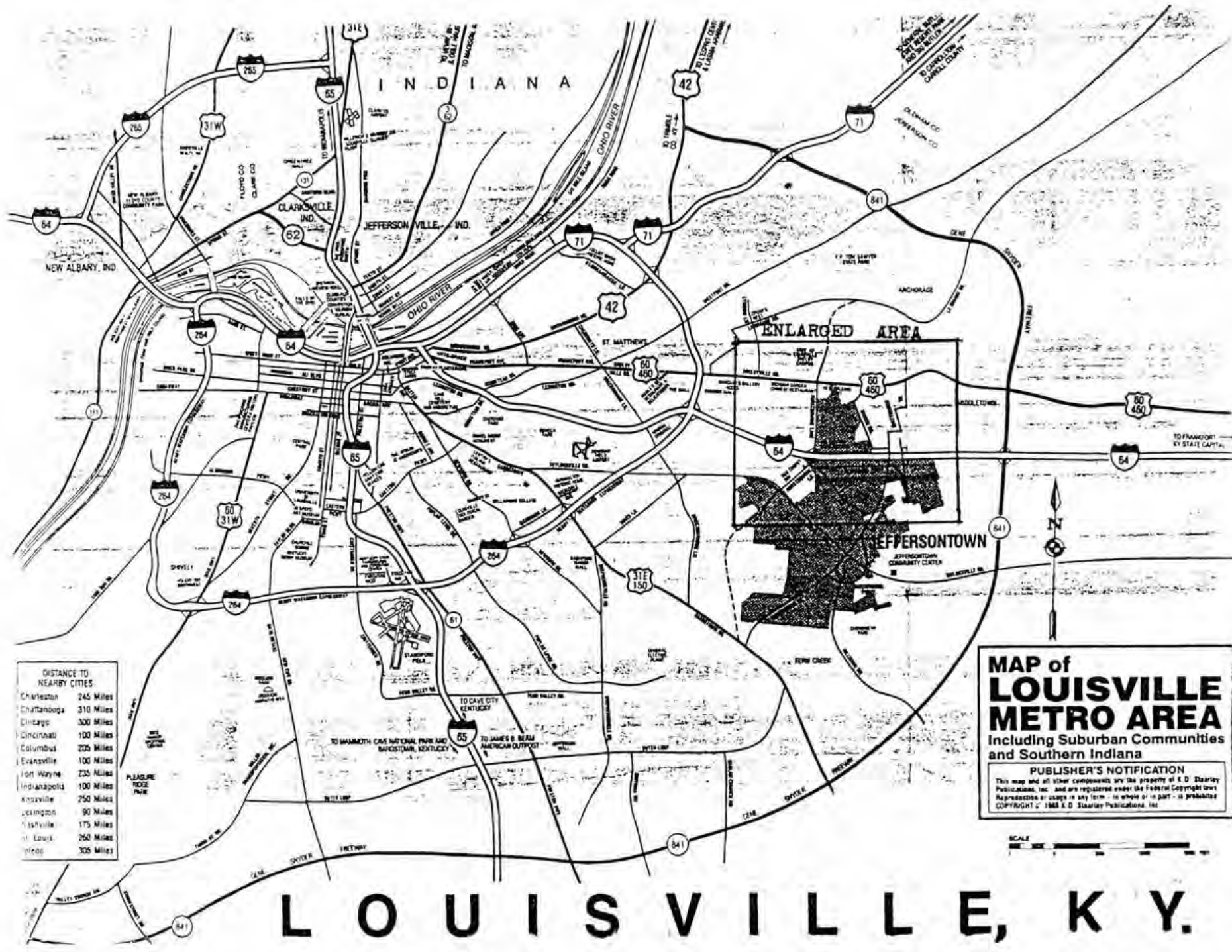
Boyd E. Reichstein -- 382-B  
14 Belvedere Ct.  
Napa, Ca. 94559

I'm sending a check for 2 years dues, and keep rest for postage. I sure enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch. Thank you so much.

Mrs. Milton Colliflower -- 383-AMT  
8301 01 St. Louis Rd.  
Belleville, Il. 62223

Enclosed are dues for myself and my wife. May not make it to the Spokane reunion this year, but hope to make the reunion in Louisville, Ky. in 1992.

Kenneth E. Eyer -- Recon.  
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E. Peoria, Il. 61611



DISTANCE TO NEARBY CITIES

Charleston	245 Miles
Chattanooga	310 Miles
Chicago	300 Miles
Cincinnati	100 Miles
Columbus	205 Miles
Evansville	100 Miles
Fort Wayne	235 Miles
Indianapolis	100 Miles
Knoxville	250 Miles
Lexington	90 Miles
Nashville	175 Miles
St. Louis	260 Miles
Waco	305 Miles

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 Including Suburban Communities and Southern Indiana

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