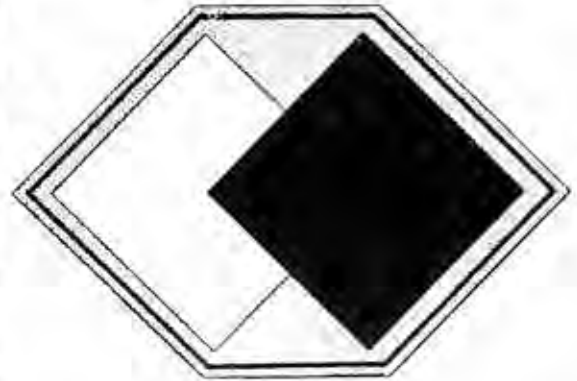


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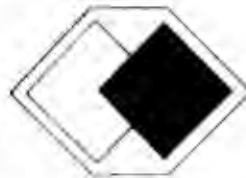
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Deadeye Dispatch



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President's Corner

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



Dear Deadeyes:

It is a great honor and privilege to serve as President of the 96th Infantry Division Association commencing in 1996. Our Association has served us very well over the years and I shall try my best to live up to the past standard of excellence. I will need your help in carrying forward the Deadeye heritage.

Approximately 550 Deadeyes, plus wives, relatives and friends attended our line reunion in Des Moines, which for the first time was administered for us by Armed Forces Reunions, Incorporated working with the local Chairman, Iden Johnson. Due to their diligent efforts, the Des Moines reunion functioned very smoothly.

Your Executive Committee has just met in St. Louis to formulate plans for our 40th reunion, July 24 through July 26, 1997 at the Henry VIII Hotel near the St. Louis airport. St. Louis is where it all began for our Association and it is fitting that we return there for the 40th reunion. We have plans for a memorable St. Louis reunion coupled with outstanding tours. Again, reunion administration will be by Armed Forces Reunions working with the Reunion Committee Chairman Bob Siefert and the St. Louis area Deadeye Harry Brown.

Deadeyes, now is the time to start planning to attend the St. Louis reunion. Full details of all events and tours will be in the Spring issue of the Deadeye Dispatch. Meet me in St. Louis.

Sincerely,

Don Dencker, President

96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members,

Wasn't the Reunion in Des Moines great? We had a terrific time working on the merchandise tables. I've found that getting involved with the selling to be a great way to meet new people and visiting with old friends. We are always looking for new people to work; you will find it to be more fun than work.

I am honored to be your president for this year especially since this is our 40th Reunion. To be able to celebrate this occasion in the same city as the first was held promises to be a special event.

One of the rewards of having been active in the Auxiliary for eleven years is meeting people from every corner of the United States. Because of this, I feel as though I can travel anywhere in this magnificent country and find a friend. Isn't that wonderful? My life has been enriched by meeting people from not only my husband's 381st "C" company, but also men and women from the entire Division.

Eagerly, I look forward to seeing "ya'll" in St. Louis - The Gateway to the West. Have a safe, rewarding, and happy year.

Best wishes to everyone.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Chapman - President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

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Robert Seifert

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARD

Susan Johnson, Florence Thompson and Pat Glasscock

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

Let us all meet in St. Louis, Mo. July 24, 25,26, 1997 for the 40th Anniversary of the 96th Infantry Division Association.

I'm A New Member

*I see you at the meetings
But you never say "Hello".
You're busy all the time you're there
With those you already know.

I sit among the people
Yet I'm a lonesome guy;
The "new members" are as strangers
And the "Old Timers" pass me by.

But darn it, you people asked me in
And you talked of fellowship.
You could just step across the room,
But you never make the trip.

Why can't you nod and say "Hello"
Or stop and shake my hand?
Then go and sit among your friends
Now that I understand!

I'll be at your next meeting
Perhaps a nice morning to spend.
Do you think you could introduce yourself?
I want to be your friend!*

*Hey Guys!
The Deadeye
Who Keeps
Up His Mem-
bership is the
Backbone of
the Outfit!*



Your Buddies Need You

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notices

The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association invites all Deadeyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 1997. For further information contact MILO THOMPSON -- 1018 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Mi. 49203-2848

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 1997 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mothers Day in 1997 at the American Legion Post in Marysville, Oh. All Deadeyes and all attached units are welcome. To get on the mailing list please contact RUSSELL WATTS -- 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43229-5259

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 1, 1997, at the Old Officer's Clubhouse at Camp Adair, Benton County Park, Corvallis, Or. All Deadeyes and attached personnel are welcome. It will be POT LUCK at noon. Arrival time will be 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. For more information contact CECIL WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Rd., Winlock, Wa. 98596-9756 or RICHARD C. HADLUND -- 1504 Euclid St., Steilacoom, Wa. 98388-3310

The Wisconsin Battalion of the A.S.T.P. invites all A.S.T.P.ers that served in the 96th Infantry Division and their wives to their 1997 meeting to be held in Madison at the Edgewater Hotel located immediately NW of the Capitol on Lake Mendota. For more information and to reserve a place at the Saturday night banquet please send \$10.00 to Ernest Malkewitz -- 3330 Las Vegas Dr. NR., Belmont, Mi. 49306-9657.

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JULY 22-27, 1997

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TO PRE-REGISTER

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JOSEPH McCaffrey (G-383),
1112 Hemlock Drive,
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outfitted himself with a
little revolver for the
invasion of Leyte. In his
imagination, close encounters
with the enemy were
likely. The gun did not
travel well in combat, so
its end came in somebody
else's duffelbag.

By Ed Dakan B-381



The War Story of a Snub-Nosed .38

In the late fall of 1943, while the Division was still on maneuvers in the Bend, Oregon, area, Joseph McCaffrey asked for and received permission to transfer to the Air Corps. He wanted to find out if he might perhaps be fit for training to become a pilot, navigator or bombardier. The air station at Santa Ana, California, seemed pretty cushy when compared to the grinding life he left out there on the desert.

Duty amounted to sometimes having to give close order drill to new men coming in. Meanwhile, the Air Corps medics, who took turns looking him over from head to toe, inside and out, discovered a rather common malady which required an operation on his rear end.

"During my healing in the hospital, I got to know the flier in the bed next to mine. He said he had been in Attu and Kiska. We talked about his little gun and the confidence he felt with it strapped on - how he figured to use it - maybe. I wanted it: 'Will you sell it?' 'Yes, for \$35.' 'Well, OK.'" Negotiations ended right there with nothing said about ammunition or how to come by it.

Except for the revolver's clear plastic grips, it looked like any other run of the mill Smith & Wesson, nickel-plated, snub-nosed .38. With TLC, McCaffrey inserted a picture of his wife, Rosemary, under one grip and their baby daughter's picture under the other.

Shortly and not too unexpectedly, an order from headquarters transferred everybody who had come over from the infantry to the Air Corps

back to his former unit. Things were getting "hot" in the Pacific. Out the window went McCaffrey's chance to be a hero in the air. He pocketed his new weapon of choice and headed for Camp Callan, California, to re-join Company G of the 383d as its CO. His job was still there after a three-months fling with the Air Corps, thanks to Colonel McCray.

Because amphibious training would soon be completed and preparations were in the works for shipping out, McCaffrey looked all over for .38 ammunition. Neither the 96th nor the Navy had any, but the police department in Honolulu had plenty. They used it every day. McCaffrey paid \$11 for enough rounds to fill the side-pockets of his pants. Now he could face his dangerous tomorrows (and nights, too) satisfied he was fully armed.

With much bluster and smoke A-Day, October 20, 1944, came to the Philippines. The two lead regiments in the 96th's assault on Leyte landed on beaches behind which lay the trackless swamps that skirted Catmon Hill. From up there the Japanese mortars and artillery harassed the invaders without much personal contact at the start.

Company G in the first wave plunged headlong into the swamps. Captain McCaffrey, a wannabe gunslinger, was the man with the shoulder holster and pockets bulging with ammunition besides his regular equipment.

The men sloshed ahead in mud and water waist deep and often deeper, trying as best they

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The War Story of a Snub-Nosed .38 (Continued)

could to take care of their weapons. No air stirred in the clammy heat. The going was tough between oases, those dots of dry ground where a man might sit down or dig in. Captain McCaffrey flopped down on an oasis - about the third one - to catch his wind.

"The ammunition in my pockets was awfully heavy. It was weighting me down. I fumbled at my holster for my revolver - the booger was gone! Ah, hell, I had lost my .38 with my wife's picture and my baby! I said to myself, 'Well, this ammunition has gotta go!' I emptied one pocket and hurried to move out with my platoons toward the next oasis where I unloaded the rest of my ammunition.

"That first night, even tho set up with our perimeters covered, shells were coming in from our own Navy and the Japanese howitzers on Catmon Hill. We used one big shellhole for our company CP, but the swamp water filled in around us. Another explosion was so close it showered me with mud. The Navy's casings were falling all around us, too, and we kept bobbing in the water when our own star shells lighted the area.

"At daybreak, finally I set out to see how the company fared. Everyone was wet, miserable and bleary-eyed, still glad to be alive. Sergeant Salmon (Fish) with several others in the weapons platoon gathered around me while I was bemoaning the loss of my revolver. Salmon grinned and said, 'Everywhere you went we followed and picked up your gun.' 'Oh, my gosh,' I groaned and said, 'but I unloaded all my ammo for it back in the swamp.' PeeWee Morales came up with all my ammunition. He said, 'I picked it up and saved it for you.'"

The little .38 became Captain McCaffrey's constant companion all the way to the finish of the fighting on Leyte. Through the thick and thin of the campaign he bedded down every night with the gun in one hand and his rosary in the other. As for the gun, its moment of glory came in a peaceful demonstration and its owner came out looking like Buck Rogers of the comics. After the Japanese quit resisting, there was more work for the weary men of the 383d when their regiment was put on MP duty for the whole island. Company G had its turn at patrolling and Captain McCaffrey's everyday uniform included his shoulder holster and loaded revolver.

"One day I came to a company in the 381st where I had a relative. I met the company commander who invited me to walk the streets with him, although his 'streets' were nothing more

than a hilltop where the jungle had been hacked down and rows of pyramidal tents put up. as we walked by a group of soldiers in the shade of a palm tree, one of them looked up from oiling his weapon, pointed at my holster and hollered, 'Hey, Captain, can you use that thing?' I said, 'I sure can.' Over there on the edge of the clearing about 100 feet away a frog hopped. I faced off and took a snap shot. BANG! I blasted that croaker with one shot."

"Holy mackerel! Let's see you do that again."

No way. The show was over and whether by skill or accident, anybody's guess. Captain McCaffrey and his revolver turned into some kind of instant legend.

In March 1945, while "Okinawa" was yet another strange sounding name, Captain McCaffrey realized he would have to have all the firepower he could get his hands on, so he picked up an Army .45 pistol for a side arm. The little .38 was sent to the rear to be kept with his other belongings, but he never again saw the revolver. His locker was ransacked.

Near the end of the Okinawa fracas, after Captain McCaffrey had been evacuated stateside because of back trouble, he received a letter from 1st Lt. Harold Weingartner (CO of Company G when McCaffrey became 2d Battalion CO): "I have good news for you, Captain. I caught a Seabee on the beach with your revolver and I took it away from him. The gun is in my cabin and I am bringing it back home to you." But as if by fate, that reunion did not happen for within weeks came another letter from Weingartner telling how some SOB broke into his cabin and stole the gun.



This full-page watercolor illustration was prepared by Arthur Foreman, a staff artist for the wartime DEAD-EYE Dispatch, to introduce the Leyte Campaign in the Division history book.

Attention!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND AUXILIARY CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE PLANS.

Due to rising costs and declining membership, your Executive Committee and the general membership reviewed and approved the following changes at the meeting in Des Moines, Iowa:

DUES POLICY

1. There were several options - one of which was to increase dues. In evaluating our dues policy and practices, the committee agreed the solution was not to charge our loyal dues paying members more, but rather do what most organizations do, that is, require all members to pay their dues to receive the Deadeye Dispatch.
2. This policy will start immediately with this Dispatch. In effect, you must be a current dues paying member by August 1, 1997 to remain on our mailing list.
3. Dues must be mailed only to the Association Treasurer and/or the Auxiliary Treasurer. Dues will no longer be paid with reunion pre-registration or on-site registration. Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. is now handling registrations.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. You now will have the opportunity of buying a Life Membership at the reasonable cost of \$30.00 or continuing to pay the annual \$6.00 per year. The Auxiliary is also offering Life Membership for \$20.00 or annual membership dues of \$5.00.
2. The Life Membership will be for the life of the organization.
3. It is hoped that all of our members will take advantage of this opportunity. This will cut down on costs and eliminate a great amount of the accounting and clerical work.

The Executive Committee plans to continue operations as long as we are able to remain a viable organization. That is, as long as we are financially stable, have the ability to plan successful reunions and are able to provide the leadership to manage the whole organization.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Schmidt, Treasurer or Ruth Siefert, Auxiliary Treasurer.

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION

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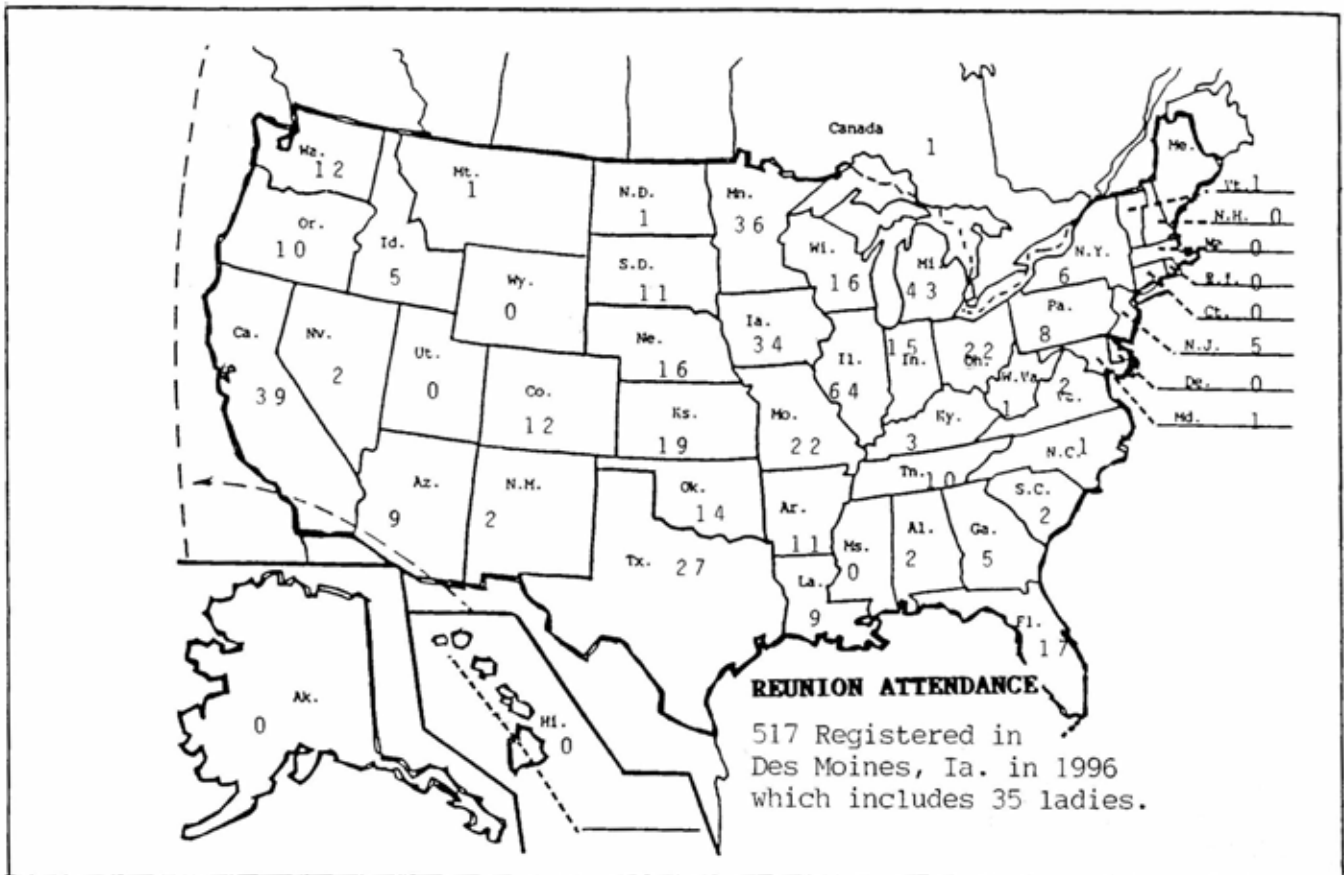
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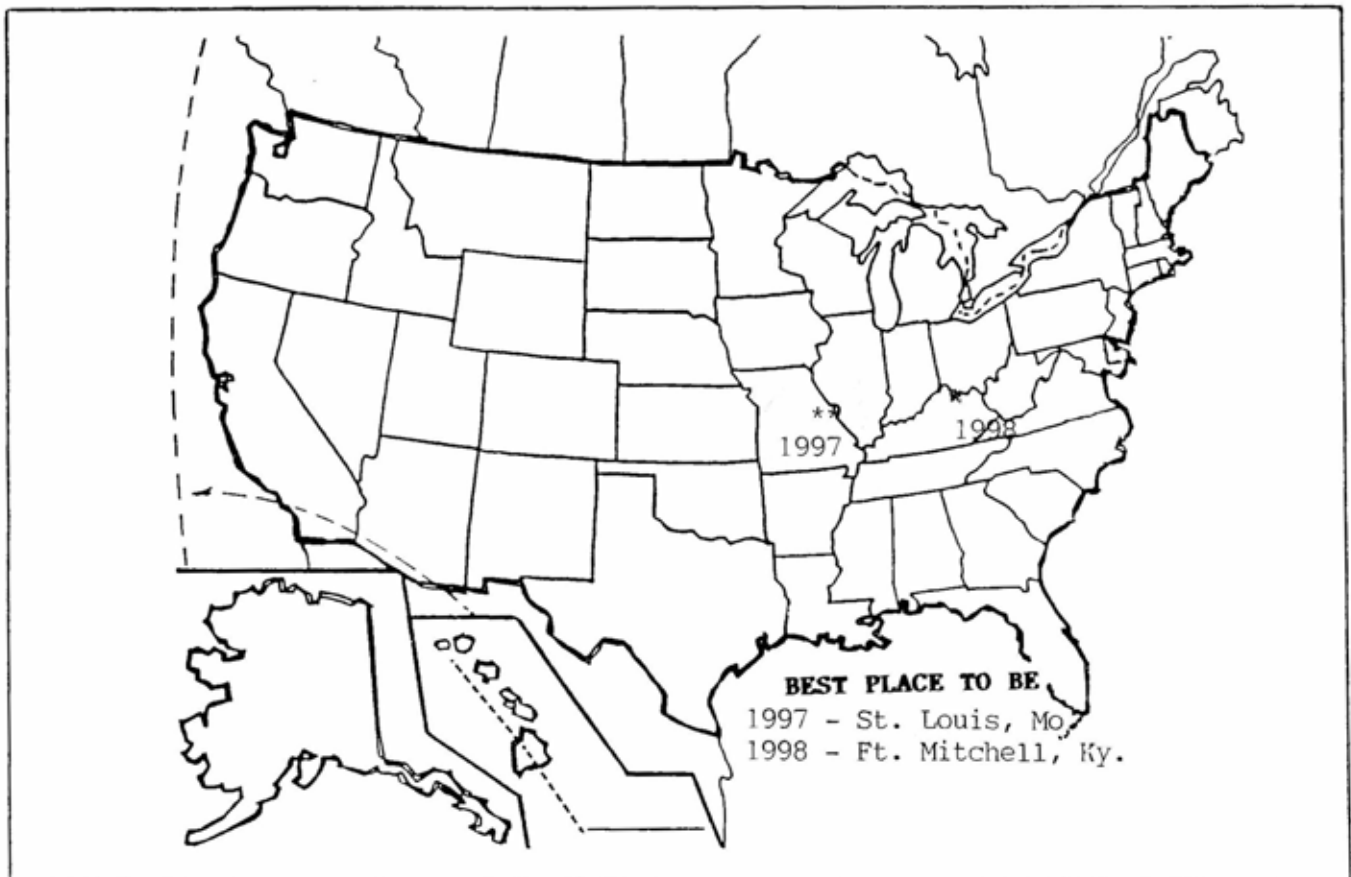
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$20.00	- - - - -	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	- - - - -	_____
ANNUAL DUES (OPTION)	\$ 5.00	- - - - -	_____
DONATIONS	- - - - -	- - - - -	_____
TOTAL	- - - - -	- - - - -	_____

AUXILIARY DUES ONLY: MAIL TO: RUTH SIEFERT, AUXILIARY TREASURER
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NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNIONS





Top Row: left to right -- Harry Brown, Milo Thompson, Lorratne Strand, John Elliott, Richard Haglund.
 Bottom Row: Steve Melnyk, Don Dencker, Sam Benson, William Fahrney, Robert Schmidt.



Top Row: Left to right -- Ruth Siefert, Betty Shearer, Glendoris Cole.
 Bottom Row: Anne Obal, Jeannett Rodriguez, Susan Johnson, Kathryn Chapman, Florence Thompson, Helen Robertson

DEADEYES COMMEMORATE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA

Twenty-five 96th Infantry Division Veterans of the Battle of Okinawa returned to the site of this battle on June 20, 1996, for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of this climatic event in the war against Japan. Also in the group were about 20 widows, wives, children and friends. In addition, we were accompanied by the son and daughter of General Buckner, 10th Army Commander.

Though numbering only 800 on Okinawa, the U. S. Army went all out to make the return of Army battle veterans a never to be forgotten occasion. The Army was not outdone by the 23,000 Marines on Okinawa.

On June 21st, impressive ceremonies accompanied the dedication of the U. S. Army Okinawa Battle Monument at Torri Station, the U. S. Army camp on Okinawa. A plaque on this monument fittingly honors the 96th Infantry Division stating: "Deadeyes -- Hereabouts the 96th Infantry Division suffered over 10,000 casualties. Their sacrifices testify to an unsurpassed measure of Devotion, Pride and Courage."

On June 22nd, an impressive Army Review and Retreat ceremony was held for the Army Veterans on a landing beach.

June 23rd was the day the Okinawa Battle Monument constructed by the Prefecture of Okinawa was dedicated. This massive monument of 1200 black marble tablets contains the names of 14,005 Americans killed during the Battle of Okinawa.

June 24th saw the re-dedication of the Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley and Col. Edwin May Monuments, as reported in the last Deadeye Dispatch. That evening, all attended a lavish U. S. Army Birthday Banquet and Ball.

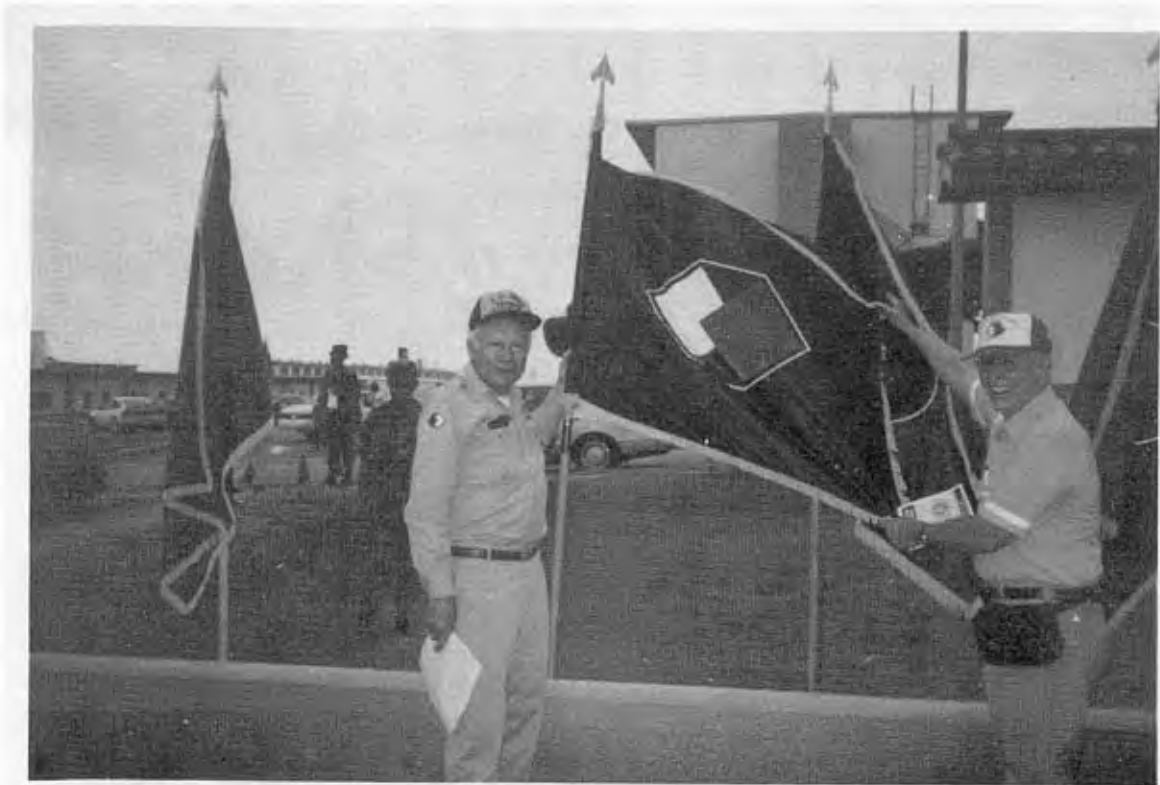
Individually and as a group, the Deadeyes visited the long ago battle sites and before departing placed flowers and a plaque at the former site of the 96th Infantry Division Cemetery No. I on Okinawa.

(The above article and the pictures taken on Okinawa have been contributed by Don Dencker.)

Photos taken during the Okinawa Battle Commemoration



U.S. Army Okinawa Battle Monument with 96th Infantry Division Plaque at Bottom.
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96th Infantry Division Flag held by Don Dencker and Cledith Bourdeau – 382
6/21/95



Remains of Reinforced Concrete Japanese Pillbox atop Kakazu Ridge.

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Entrance to restored Shuri Castle

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TOP PICTURE:
"Grieving Soldier" Stained Glass
Window dedicated in Torri
Chapel. 6/21/95

BOTTOM PICTURE:
Crest of Conical Hill 6/22/95





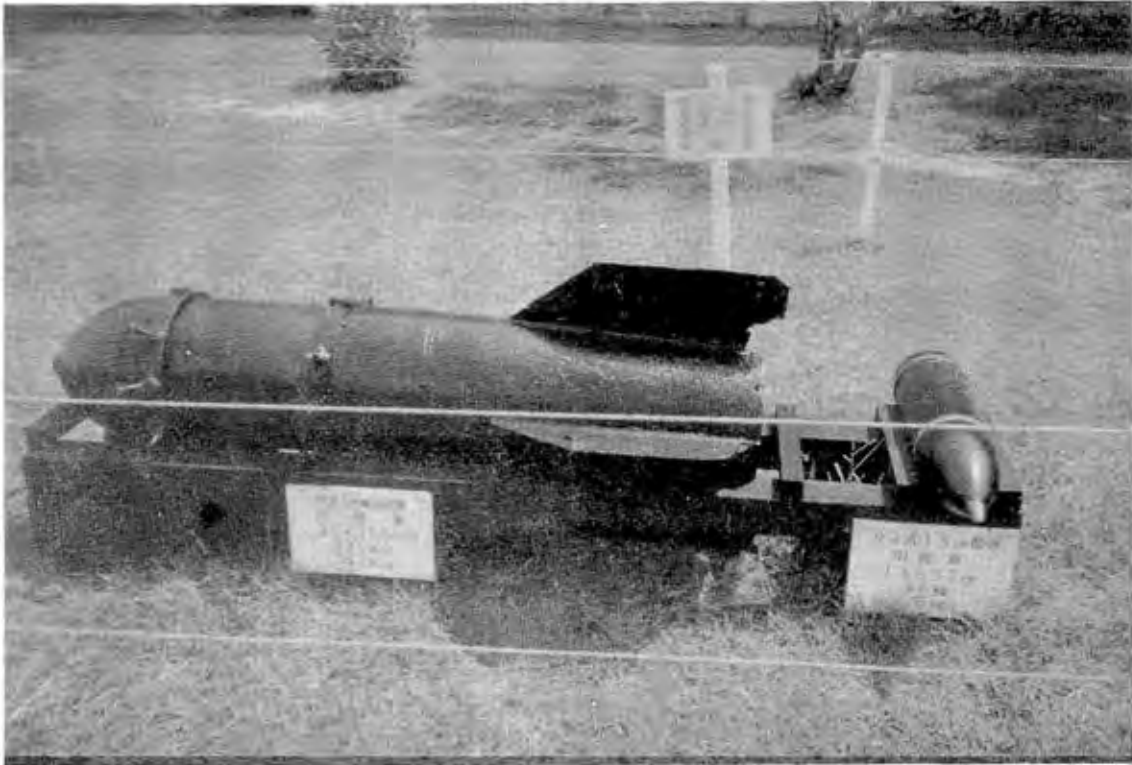
Dedication of Okinawa Battle Monument. Cornerstone of Peace with Marble Plaques listing over 200,000 names.

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One of 71 Marble Plaques listing U.S. Dead.

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Remember the Japanese Spigot Mortars? Here's one of the 320 mm shells next to a 150 mm gun shell. 6/25/95



Deadeyes at 96th Division Road. 6/25/95



HIS DISREGARD
OF PERSONAL
SAFETY-INSPIRED
THE MEN OF THE
96TH
TO HOLD THEIR
OWN LIVES LIGHTLY
IN PERFORMANCE OF
THEIR DUTY-FOR HIS
EXAMPLE HE PAID
THE SUPREME PRICE



William Buckner at the site where his father, General Buckner, was killed. In foreground is our Brig. Gen. Easley and Col. Edwin May Monuments.

Flowers and Plaque placed at the base of Bonyon Tree at Former Site of 96th Division Cemetery No. 1 6/26/95

THESE DEADEYES, WIDOWS AND SISTERS REGISTERED IN DES MOINES, IA. in 1996

DIV. HQ.

Peter Fritz -- Phoenix, Az.
Ellis Hosbach -- Bethel Park, Pa.

381 -- HQ.

Edward Grebik -- Palos Heights, Il.
Roy Oliphant -- Carmel, In.
Anthony Petrella -- Joliet, Il.
E. Jaye Thompson -- Mercer Island, Wa.

381 -- Anti Tank

Bud Beeler -- Newaygo, Mi.
B. J. Bjorklund -- Depoe Bay, Or.
Kelley Caldwell -- Nevada, Mo.
Charles Cole -- Cannon City, Co.
Edward Foster -- Fremont, Mi.
John Kloeppe -- Warrenton, Mo.
Ronald Linderman -- Marcellus, N.Y.
Wayne Roles -- Decatur, Il.
Robert Schmidt -- Stillwater, Mn.
Al Trybulski -- Sandford Mi.
Earl Williams -- Council Bluffs, Ia.

381 -- Service

N O N E

381 -- Cannon

Jack Bredfeldt -- Dexter, Mn.
Louis DeLuca -- Lafayette, Ca.
George Dunn -- Omaha, Ne.
Walter Fredericks -- Warren, Pa.
Glenn Hamilton -- Peoria, Il.
Vernon Jensen -- So. Sioux City, Ne.
Peter Koenig -- Daytona, Fl.
Benton Morris -- Somerville, Th.
Richard Parham -- Ft. Worth, Tx.
Cloyce Rucker -- LaCygne, Ks.

381 -- Medics

Marvin J. Anderson -- Clarence Island, Ia.
Stanley Braden -- Griswold, Ia.
Walter Deehan -- Liverpool, N.Y.
Harold Halter -- Newton, Ia.
Lestel Harvey -- Shelbyville, Mo.

381 -- 1st Bn.

N O N E

381 -- Company A

Paul Boyer -- St. Marys, Oh.
Charles Clawson -- Bethany, Mo.
Dewey Jones -- Colorado Springs, Co.
John Marlovitz -- Chicato, Il.
C. F. Parlier -- DiGeorgio, Ca.
Albert Schmidt -- Sioux Falls, S.D.
John Valenzula -- Ventura, Ca.

381 -- Company B

Donald Bolyard -- Kenosha, Wi.
Loren Brinkmeyer -- Eldorado, Ks.
Richard Feltis -- Stewartville, Mn.
Dean Jincks -- Ridgeway, Mo.
Johnnie Mathews -- Bastrop, La.
Joseph White -- Stanhope, N.J.

381 -- Company C

Jimmie Albert -- Fritch, Tx.
Lawrence Albert -- Witchita, Ks.
John Baran -- Hot Springs, Ar.
Elmer Chapman -- Memphis, Tn.
Eino Filla -- LaCenter, Wa.
Alex Kurak -- Minneapolis, Mn.
Forest May -- New Smyrna Beach, Fl.
Phillip Newell -- Willitts, Ca.
Peter Spagnoula -- Tampa, Fl.
Gerald Vincent -- Duncan, Ok.

381 -- Company D

Sam Benson -- Hewitt, Tx.
Edgar Jeswin -- Alsip, Il.
William Johnson -- Concord, Ca.
Paul Lambrix -- Olympia, Wa.
William Sax -- Rock Island, Il.
Earl Thompson -- Newtown, Mo.
Ted Weber -- O'Keene, Ok.

381 -- 2nd Bn.

Edward Elliott -- Declo, Id.
Daniel McCurdy -- Conway, S.C.
Gene Westergaard -- Des Moines, Ia.

381 -- Company E

Raymond Boykin -- Noble, Ok.
Troy Burk -- Battle Ground, Wa.
Douglas Burton -- Selma, Ca.
Louis Canedo -- San Diego, Ca.
Jackie Carpenter (Jack) -- Mt. Morris, Il.
Bob Cronshey -- Logandale, Nv.
Joe Fritz -- Beatrice, Ne.
Fred Hagelgans -- Pasenda, Md.
Richard Haglund -- Steilacoom, Wa.
James Henly -- West St. Paul, Mn.
James Knight -- Nelsonville, Oh.
LeRoy Larson -- Rapid City, S.D.
Jack Pintacura -- Flint, Mi.
Herman Puryear -- Austin, Tx.
Robert Siefert -- Deer River, Mn.
Loyd Stubbs -- Prim, Ar.
Orville Towne -- Muskegon, Mi.

381 -- Company F.

John Holt -- Indianapolis, In.
Joseph Kapler -- Euclid, Oh.
William M. Williams -- Panama, Ca.

381 -- Company G

Robert C. Jones -- Omaha, Ne.
Arden Pridgeon -- St. Joseph, Mi.
Leonard Sepanek -- Waukegon, Il.
Curt Sprecher -- Eugene, Or.
Jack Summers -- Carlton, Mn.

381 -- Company H

Vojko Baricev -- New Orleans, La.
A. M. Bartzat -- Eugene, Or.
George Caswell -- Odessa, Tx.
William Dryer -- Park Falls, Wi.
William Fahrney -- Oregon City, Or.
Ray Gullickson -- Austin, Mn.
Carl Hage -- Montrose, Co.
Velma Malone (Tommie) -- Gibson, Tn.
Betty Maples (Roy) -- Sedalia, Mo.
Robert Maxwell -- Chicago, Il.
Dale McComas -- Monroe, Ia.
Mary Stokke (Norris) -- Viroqua, Wi.
Alfred Weiss -- Teaneck, N. J.

381 -- 3rd Bn.

Forrest Bassler -- Hudsonville, Mi.
Donnn Bromley -- Portland, Or.
Royal Degnan -- Ft. Riley, Ks.
Sylvester Heinen -- Seneca, Ks.
John Obal -- Omaha, Ne.
Robert Richter -- Cincinnati, Oh.
Ray Williams -- Hammond In.
Sylvan Merritt -- Cle-Elum, Wa.
381 -- Company I
Kurt Bender -- No. Little Rock, Ar.
Edward DeWitt -- Luther, Mi.
Frank J. Dowell -- New Port Richey, Fl.
Paul C. Foster -- Topeka, Ks.
Vera Gehrls (Wilmer) -- Clarence, Ia.
Robert Nelson -- Mesa, Az.
Thaddeus Pacyna -- Independence, Oh.
Oren Scott -- Pawnee, Il.
Don Spence -- Concord, Ca.
Roger Stevens -- Wichita, Ks.
Arthur Wiomek -- Chicato, Il.

381 -- Company K

Bill Allman -- Gadsden, Al.
Howard Anderson -- Topeka, Ks.
Floyd Brehmer -- Madison, Mn.
James Breland -- Langston, Al.
Herbert Fish -- Ft. Meyers, Fl.
James Large -- Aberdeen, Wa.
Alice Peightal (Preston) -- Erie, Pa.
Stanley Smith -- Marion, Ia.

381 -- Company L

Francis Annis -- Lansing, Mi.
Theo Chrisman -- Hallsville, Tx.
William Cravens -- Aurora, Il.
Arnold Lockyer -- Marshall, Mi.
Ed Maurer -- Harshaw, Wi.
- Steve Melnyk -- Detroit, Mi.
George Sartain -- Tulsa, Ok.
Charles Simon -- Mansura, La.
Donald Tolliver -- Vincennes, In.
Carl Weber -- St. Louis, Mo.

381 -- Company M

Ruth Below (Virgil) -- Fostoria, Oh.
Charles Beydler -- Cantonment, Fl.
Calvin Claus -- Evanston, Il.
Gilbert Cranberg -- Des Moines, Ia.
Joseph Garabedian -- Fresno, Ca.
Cecil Hasenbalg -- Aurora, Co.
James Hendricks -- Jacksonville, Il.
Wallace Hilling -- So. St. Paul, Mn.
Glyn Hollingsworth -- Collierville, Tn.
Darrell Lundberg -- San Diego, Ca.
Ernest Malkewitz -- Belmont, Mi.
Jerry Ohm (sister Guy Goen)
Richfield, Wi.
John Purcell -- Alma, Il.
Danny Salin -- Duluth, Mn.
Lorraine Strand (Harold) -- Glenwood, Ia.
Harold Williams -- West Branch, Ia.

382 -- HQ.

Henry Ahrenholz -- Mequon, Wi.
George Banning -- Spirit Lake, Ia.
Goodman Eisenberg -- St. Charles, Mo.

382 -- Anti Tank

William G. Davis -- Wynne, Ar.
Louis Fox -- Farmington, Mi.
Lawrence Hartman -- Rapid City, S.D.
Ralph Hettick -- Palmyra, Il.
Percy Jones -- Wisconsin Dells, Wi.
Johnnie Karry -- Parson, Ks.
Paul Pittsley -- Blue River, Wi.
Anthony Skaronea -- Mundelein, Il.
Orville Spicer -- Stillwater, Ok.
Russell Watts -- Columbus, Oh.

382 -- Service

Norma Bauer (Paul) -- Altamont, Il.
Hubert Rich -- Roseville, Ca.
Louis Tolladay -- Decatur, Il.

382 -- Cannon

Martin Ostry -- Wellington, Fl.
Fletcher Veach -- San Antonio, Tx.

382 -- Medics

Harold Prust -- Maplewood, Mn.
Charles Whitfill -- Hot Springs Village, Ar.

382 -- 1st Bn.

John Wynn -- Port Haddock, Wa.

382 -- Company A

Valen Christensen -- Harlan, Ia.
Robert Jones -- Pacific Junction, Ia.
Thanos Panagoulas -- Millbrae, Ca.

382 -- Company B

Ruth Broschk (William) Columbia
Station, Oh.
John Iseli, Jr. -- Abilene, Ks.
Martin Mak -- St. Joseph, Mo.
Eleanor Markus (Alex) -- O'Fallion, Mo.
Francis Ryan -- Cambridge, Mn.

382 -- Company C

Alva Amelung -- Minerva, Oh.
William Ballard -- Seagonville, Tx.
Francis Blair -- Iowa City, Ia.
Whitney Champagne -- Lake Charles, La.
Van Champion (Atwell) -- Baton Rouge, La.
John Chuba -- Yucaipa, Ca.
Gerald Craig -- Burton, Mi.
Richard Ellis -- Athens, Mi.
John Harkins -- St. Paul, Mn.
Peter Henz -- Arlington, Tx.
John Kinkley -- St. Marys, Oh.
Walter Kleinschmidt -- Jacksonville, Il.
Thomas Roby -- Watertown, S. D.
Alvin Rose -- Acworth, Ca.
Robert Russell -- Curtis, Ne.
Frank Sotelo -- Sunnyvale, Ca.
Mary Thompson (Francis) -- Ft. Worth, Tx.
John Ulman -- Hudson, Wi.
Albert Ward -- Fishers, Tn.

382 -- Company D

Geneta Apple (Aubrey) -- Dardanelle, Ar.
Donald Bloom -- Monroe, Wi.
John Bornong -- Rapid City, S.D.
David Goldberg -- Bakersfield, Ca.
C. B. Gustus -- Homestead, F.
Edward Hrubey -- Cleveland, Oh.
Arnold Sauber -- Dundas, Mn.

382 -- 2nd Bn.

Robert Dianovsky -- Chicago, Il.
Viola Mannel (Earl) -- Steger, Il.
Joseph McCaffrey -- Tallahassee, Fl.
Marcellus Theisen -- Upsala, Mn.
Harold Wagner -- Chicago, Il.
Alfred Wasinger -- Franktown, Co.
Don Wessel -- Rapid City, S.D.

382 -- Company E

Jack Bernardi -- Reno, Nv.
Harold Blazier -- Portland, Or.
Talmadge Lively -- Nederland, Tx.
Billy Parham -- Ada, Ok.
Tyson Shelton -- Elk City, Ok.
Irene Snyder (Jesse) -- Bellevue, Mi.

382 -- Company F

Henry Armstrong -- Castle Rock, Wa.
John Boyack -- Vacaville, Ca.
Robert Burns -- Oakland, Ca.
Ino DeRoss -- Weed, Ca.
James Dowding -- Elmhurst, Il.
Joseph Drozd -- No. Chicago, Il.
John Kent -- Battle Creek, Mi.
Wayne Page -- DeSmet, S.D.
Rolland Zech -- Sandusky, Oh.
Russell Packard -- Saginaw, Mi.

382 -- Company G

Albert Adkisson -- Decaturville, Tn.
Glen Amonett -- Petersburg, Tx.
Robert Massey -- Kennedale, Tx.
Franklin Nicholson -- Salem, In.
Melvin Parrish -- Commerce City, Co.
Arza G. Smalley -- Alexandria, Va.
Ronald Stabnow -- Battle Lake, Mn.

382 -- Company H

Dolores Cisko (Joseph) -- Port Richey, Fl.
Everest Combs -- DeSoto, Tx.
Morton Greene -- Decatur, Il.
Keith Hand -- Coloma, Mi.
Elwyn Hollenbeck -- Tecumseh, Mi.
W. J. Hunt -- McCleary, Wa.
Raymond Lewis -- Roland, Ar.
James Short -- Berkeley, Ca.
Donald VanDoornik -- Hamilton, Mi.

382 -- 3rd Bn.

N O N E

382 -- Company I

John Daley -- Chicago Heights, Il.
Charles Frazier -- Beach Grove, In.
Raymond Shinkle -- Springfield, Mo.

382 -- Company K

Cledith Bourdeau -- Coalinga, Ca.
George Brooks -- Kalamazoo, Mi.
Frank Brown -- Catlingburg, Tn.
Wilber Fite -- San Antonio, Tx.
Andrew Garber -- Hobart, In.
Pat Granahan -- Elmhurst, Il.
Wells Horvereid -- Minnetonka, Mn.
Jesse Johnson -- No. Little Rock, Ar.
Mary Pavell (Anthony) -- Monticello, In.
Russel Pohle -- Angels Camp, Ca.
Robert Seiler -- Portland, Or.
Tony Shock -- Hot Springs Village, Ar.
Elmer Volness -- Fargo, N.D.
John Walsh -- Larkspur, Ca.
Clete Wiest -- Long Beach, Ca.
Edwin Wright -- Rogersville, Mo.

382 -- Company L

Don Dencker -- Sun Prairie, Wi.
James Foster -- Alexandria, Oh.
Robert Glassman -- Hays, Ks.
Michael Moroz -- Mt. Laurel, N.J.
Alva Smith -- San Juan Capistrano, Ca.
Earl Sonnenberg -- Rockton, Il.
Lester Taube -- Willingford, N.J.

382 -- Company M

Samuel Avery -- Frankfort, In.
Eugenio Gonzales -- Eagle Pass, Tx.
William Hill -- Indianapolis, In.
Robert Johnson -- Chicago, Il.
Kenneth Morgan -- Duncan, Ok.
Jim Patterson -- Albuquerque, N.M.
William Procknow -- Oxford, Wi.
Fred Weeks -- Sycamore, Il.

383 -- HQ.

N O N E

383 -- Anti Tank

Clarence Burton -- Newton, Ia.
Carlos Oropeza -- San Diego, Ca.

383 -- Service

Tommy Burchfield -- Houston, Tx.
Robert Meyers -- Homewood, Il.
Andrew Polka -- Romulus, Mi.
Donald Whitney -- Watervliet, Mi.

383 -- Cannon

Lee Hickok -- Champaign, Il.

383 -- Medics

William Bunevich -- Rocky River, Oh.
Jerome Connolly -- Long Island, N.Y.
William Horton -- Portsmouth, Oh.
Ernest Martinez -- Conyers, Ga.
Raymond Strenski -- Green Bay, Wi.
Ruth Wright (Lee) -- Oregon, Il.

383 -- 1st Bn.

Jack Barron -- White Lake, Mi.
Norma Barth (Victor) -- Toledo, Oh.
Harold Friedman -- Brule, Ne.
Newell Hamilton -- Mesa, Az.
Iden Johnson -- Grinnell, Ia.
Robert McMillan -- Springdale, Ar.
Edmund Nowicki -- Dearborn, Mi.
Oscar Vickers -- Coahoma, Tx.

383 -- Company A

Otis Gilliland -- Wichita, Ks.
Daryl Haerther -- Strasburg, Co.
Robert Huff -- Indianapolis, In.
George Robertson -- Cambridge, N.Y.

383 -- Company B

Clarence Blessing -- New London, Mo.
Arvin Bowman -- Shelbyville, Ky.
Ernest Gerstner -- Conyer, Ga.
Harold Hammond -- Lenexia, Ks.
George Hannig -- Chicago, Il.
Richard McCarthy -- Coos Bay, Or.
Gerald Means -- Cherokee, Ok.
Richard Nauman -- Metamora, Il.
Harold Sletten -- Northridge, Ca.
Gerald Stewart -- Santa Fe, N.M.
Elmer Sweeter -- Canton, S.D.
Ray Wander -- Elrosa, Mn.

383 -- Company C

Spencer Bullard -- Lakewood, Co.
Keith Carlile -- West Lafayette, In.
Keith Cochran -- Dewey, Az.
Cecil Collier -- Shobonier, I.
Thomas Cutting -- Scotts Valley, Ca.
Walt Egeland -- Two Harbors, Mn.
John Ensor -- Oakton, Va.
Royce Harper -- Lincoln, Ne.
Joe Humber -- Harrodsburg, Ky.
Leslie Mund -- Salmon, Id.
Vasalia Nickita -- Spring Hill, Fl.
Don Peterson -- Merrifield, Mn.
L. T. Stinnett -- Rock Island, Il.

383 -- Company D

Donald Shearer -- Glendive, Mt.
Earl Zinc -- Algiers, La.

383 -- 2nd Bn.

Charles Cunningham -- Kingston, Tn.
Reino Jurvelin -- Coeur D-Alene, Id.
Steve O'Connell -- Fenton, Mi.
Jack Roe -- Exton, Pa.
Johnnie Sain -- Kingston, Ok.
Lawrence Winters -- Montrose, Co.

383 -- Company E

Melvin Honnette -- Sherburn, Mn.
William Hood -- Pittsburg, Ks.
Wilbur Ohlswager -- Des Moines, Ia.
Marv Schroeder -- Oshkosh, Mi.

383 -- Company F

Bernard Baar -- Grand Rapids, Mi.
Herbert Bate -- Glen Ellyn, In.
Mercer Carey -- East Jordon, Mi.
Vernon Corbin -- Cincinnati, Oh.
Orrie Gruwell Mountain Ranch, Ca.
Henry Haynes -- Auburn, N.
Elmer Madsen -- Graceville, Mn.
Robert C. Muehrcke -- Oak Brook, Il.
Alvin Sellers -- Philadelphia, Pa.
Irving Soderlund -- Marietta, Ga.
Keith Trowbridge -- Manhattan, Ks.
Cecil Williams -- Winlock, Wa.

383 -- Company G

Orville Caspers -- Swaledale, Ia.
John Cramer -- Dixon, Il.
Ivan Davis -- Coyville, Ks.
Walter Frick -- Estherville, Ia.
George Resetco -- Bethelhem, Pa.

383 -- Company H

Robert Abbott -- Ludington, Mi.
Joseph Babinsky -- LaGrange, Il.
Mitchell Kogut -- Chicago, Il.
Michael Martz -- Yorkville, Il.
Charles Ronzio -- Kitchener Ontario, Canada
Howard Stock -- Long Tree, Ia.

383 -- 3rd Bn.

Howard Bentley -- McDermont, Oh.
Chas. Lowry -- Bagley, Ia.
John Massura -- Chicago, Il.
Lloyd Thomas Miller -- Abilene, Tx.
Nels Olsen -- Huron, S.D.
Santo Provezano -- LaGuna Hills, Ca.
Tony Zerites -- Crown Point, In.

383 -- Company I

Merlin Bennett -- Plainview, Tx.
Harry Brown -- Ballwin, Mo.
Herman Claborn -- Rising Star, Tx.
Melvin Coobs -- Boise, Id.
Leonard Freeman -- Stratford, Ok.
Walter Frickey -- Hastings, Ne.
Tyrus Harbert -- Grand Junction, Co.
Daniel Hart -- Tyrone, Ga.
Chester LeBlanc -- LaFayette, La.
Maynard Ludwig -- Platteville, Co.
S. T. Morris -- Holdenville, Ok.
Cecil Phillips -- Memphis, Tn.
Clarence Snyder -- Shenandoah, Ia.
Oscar Swanson -- Minneapolis, Mn.
Bob VonHolle -- Vilca Hills, Ky.
Charles Weidler -- Paradise Valley, Az.
Mary Lou White (Henry) -- Mackinaw, Il.

383 -- Company K

Byron Boals -- Tucson, Az.
Herman Buffington -- Jefferson, Ga.
John Elliott -- Cheney, Wa.
Ray J. Emmons -- Eugene, Or.
Adrian Eral -- Mallard, Ia.
Paschal King -- Kingsport, Tn.
Arnold Kuester -- Prescott Valley, Az.
Marvin Reames -- Kingfisher, Ok.
Kenneth Staley -- Schenectady, N.Y.
Glenn Stewart -- San Carlos, Ca.
Herbert Wolf -- Waitsfield, Vt.
Samuel S. Wood -- Spartanburg, S.C.

383 -- Company L

William Brosier -- Coco Beach, Fl.
Bernie Castilleja -- Kansas City, Mo.
Erma Helsel -- Milwaukie, Or.
Max Hymas -- Sweet, Id.
Louis A. Novak -- Pasadena, Ca.
Carl Reed -- Quincy, Il.
Eugene Resnick -- Highland Park, Il.
Milton Rezac -- Weston, Ne.
Anne Schable (Paul Eastin) -- Atwood, Il.
Clarence Schadegg -- Drake, Co.
Robert Snodgrass -- Pittman, N.J.
Billy Stubbe -- Ayr, Ne.
James Warren -- Fairbault, Mn.

383 -- Company M

Robert Allen -- Elliott, Ia.
George Cowan -- Alton, Il.
Kenneth Dolan -- Denver, Co.
Ed Funk -- Muskegan, Mi.
Sadie A. Hardt (Guy) -- Palatine, Il.
Martha Holman (Eugene) -- Princeton, Mo.
Stanley Lang -- Beverly Hills, Fl.
Dan Meyers -- Alameda, Ca.
Perry Pederson -- North Branch, Mn.
Edward Redlin -- Naples, Fl.
Lawrence Ulrich -- Cincinnati, Oh.

728 AMPH

Anthony Dombrowski -- Buffalo, N.Y.

Division Art.

Donald Foster -- Topeka, Ks.
John McCallum -- Minnesota Lake, Mn.

Quartermaster

William Formeller -- Chicago, Il.
James Stanek -- Hillsboro, Wi.

M. P.

Melvin Barton -- Mashville, Mi.
Jacob Bitzer -- Philadelphia, Pa.
Jack Kelley -- Arkansas City, Ks.
Williard Lepper -- Quincy, Il.
Rose Simonson (Kenneth) -- Viroqua, Wi.
Milo Thompson -- Jackson, Mn.

Recon.

James L. Juhl -- Princeton, W.V.
Lois Qualls (Ernest) -- Lebanon, Mo.

Signal

Joseph Camilleri -- Sonoma, Ca.
Harry Carlson -- Chicago, Il.
Douglas Chastain -- Tracy, Ca.
Calvin Clements -- Lubbock, Tx.
Emmett Dunaway -- Omaha, Ne.
Tom Ericson -- Sioux City, Ia.
Hubert Hoffman -- Wichita, Ks.
Paul Jukuri -- Westland, Mi.
Clarence Keegstra -- Wayland, Mi.
George Lisle -- St. Louis, Mo.
Peter Pohl -- Stacy, Mn.
Lee Schaefer -- Pittsburg, Pa.
Marvin Steele -- Unionville, Mo.
Harold Straube -- Marine, Il.
Wallace Walters -- Omaha, Ne.

921 FA

Robert Benner -- Zephr Hills, Fl.
William Daugherty -- Van Nuys, Ca.
Billy Elkins -- Columbus, Oh.
Edward Gliwa -- Chicago, Il.
Ambrose Hermann -- Muscatine, Ia.
John N. Johnson -- Thousand Oaks, Ia.
Dowaine Kinser -- Red Oak, Ia.
Hans Van Waart -- Sioux City, Ia.

361 FA

Nelson Brink -- Hennessey, Ok.
Kenneth Camp -- Bethany, Mo.
Val Heinrich -- Des Plaines, Il.

361 FA (continued)

Roman Klimkowicz -- North Olmsted, Oh.
Karel Knutson -- Puposky, Mn.
Howard Marquardt -- Summer, Ia.
Neil Nelson -- Pontiac, Mi.
Harold Rabine -- New Baltimore, Mi.
Andrew Rodriguez -- Houston, Tx.
James Russell -- Burnet, Tx.
Richard VanEtten -- Toledo, Oh.
Aloysius Wojcik -- Sterling Hgts., Mi.

362 FA

Joseph Battaglia -- Mesa, Az.
Arnold Clemens -- Adams, S.D.
Eugene Dye -- Sacramento, Ca.
Oliver Haecker -- San Antonio, Tx.
Rolland Jefson -- Gurnee, Il.
George Kearney -- Franklinton, N.C.
Ralph Kopp -- Stratford, Wi.
Chester Livguard -- Anoka, Mn.
LeRoy Middleton -- Jonesboro, Ar.
Tom Thomasma -- Glen Arbor, Mi.
O. J. Thompson -- Grand Junction, Ia.
Mitchell Tottis -- Scottsdale, Az.

363 FA

Victor Bullard -- Griffith, In.
John Lamb -- Waterloo, Ia.
Donald Valk -- Palm Harbor, Fl.

321 Medics

Juanita Boeldt (Kenneth) -- Waukegan, Il.
Arthur Creason -- Hannibal, Mo.
Alvis Harrell -- Mt. Vernon, Il.
Stuart Lindman -- Minneapolis, Mn.
Alice Muff (Hubert) -- Crete, Ne.
Karl Sinning -- Ocala, Fl.
Martha Vallery (Milton) -- Forest Hill, La

321 Eng.

Donald J. Anderson -- Cedar Falls, Ia.
Floyd Fernandes -- Jacksonville, Il.
Walter Gorell -- Orland Park, Il.
Lambert Koepke -- Cross Lake, Mn.
Alfred LaTour -- LaFayette, La.
Earl Machart -- Burbank, Il.
Carroll Simmons -- King City, Mo.
Eric Tengerstrom -- Cicero, Il.
B. F. Thigpen -- Amarillo, Tx.
Norb Wacker -- LeCenter, Mn.
Elmer Winter -- Jackson, Mn.

763 Tank

N O N E

796 Ord.

Robert Bartlett -- Saginaw, Mi.
Ben Confer -- Los Osos, Ca.
Donald Dobson -- Mitchell, S.D.
Joseph Mate -- Springfield, Il.
George McMahan -- Houston, Tx.
Esther Monnier (Lawrence) -- York, Ne.
Chloris Nickerson (Russell) -- Truman, Mn.

Jasco

Donald Richardson -- Troy, Mi.

Cav.

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From Information supplied by Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. the following people attended the Reunion in Des Moines, Iowa, in July 1996. There is no record of these people -- addresses, what regiment served or if they were guests. If you know these people, please notify the Association.

Vern Martin Betty Dale Lorenzen Evelyn McIntosh Don Coopers
Ed Gulich.

ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES:

Since postage has gotten so high and printing costs have gone up, your DEADEYE DISPATCH will be mailed only to your home address. We cannot afford to have two mailing addresses. If you wish to have an extra copy of the Deadeye Dispatch mailed to your winter home, please remit \$2.00 to your Editor.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIS, MO. July 23, 24, 25, 1997

The Daughters of the American Revolution have presented their Medal of Honor to Henry Callihan, Company C, 382 Infantry Regiment, 96th Infantry Division. This Medal is given to an American citizen by birth, who has shown outstanding qualities of trustworthiness, leadership, patriotism and service; and who has made a lasting contribution to our American heritage. Henry Callihan was honored with the DAR Medal of Honor because of his dedication to the creation and building of the four 96th Infantry Division Memorial Libraries on Leyte which are dedicated to the memory of Deadeyes who lost their lives during World War II in the Philippines and on Okinawa.

Also recently receiving the DAR Medal of Honor were Charles Moynihan, 361 Field Artillery and Donald Dencker, Company L, 382 Infantry Regiment.

As Historian of the 96th Infantry Division Association I hope to increase the memorabilia for the Oregon Military Museum.

Any former member of the 96th Infantry Division (or family member) who has any items pertaining to the division days they would like to contribute to the Oregon Military Museum may send them to the historian or bring them to the next reunion in St. Louis.

Milo C. Thompson, Historian
1018 S. Thompson Street
Jackson, Michigan 49203-2848

NOTICE

96th Infantry Division Association blue and white caps may be ordered from Douglas Burton, 11279 S. Fowler Ave., Selma, Ca. 93662. The cost is \$6.00 postpaid. The caps will also be for sale at the reunion. The Cost at the reunion is \$5.00. All profits will be placed in the Association treasury.

Meet me in St. Louis at the Reunion July 24, 25 and 26, 1997



I am in good health. I retired from Veterans Administration in 1987. Continue to read the Deadeye Dispatch and was sorry to hear that Sgt. Paul Wagner passed away in 1995. We were injured in May 1945 by flare shell exploding in our common fox hole. We were both in 1st Bn. 381.

William J. Alcorn, M.D.
2102 Albany Ave.
Hot Springs, S.D, 57747

I have been a member of the Association since 1985 after attending the meeting in Oklahoma City. I was inducted on December 7, 1942 and sent to Camp Adair. The Signal Company was my assignment. I am enclosing a check to renew the membership for me and my wife. My health isn't too good, so can't attend the meetings, but really enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch. Keep 'em coming!

Lhnn Bowlin
4504 N. Donald
Bethany, Ok. 73008-2730

Am enclosing a check to cover 2 years membership. My present card expires 7/31/96. Enjoy reading the Dispatch -- doesn't seem possible it all happened over 50 years ago. I joined the Division in August 1942 as a brand new 2nd Lt. just out of OCS and was assigned as Personnel Officer of the 321st Medics. Left the Division as Assistant Chief of Staff 6-1 rotating from Mindoro again thru Leyte in November 1945.

John S. Irons
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Crystal, Mn. 55427-1525

Another Presidential Election. Time to pay my dues and my Wife's Auxiliary dues for another four years. Really miss not being able to attend the reunions. Des Moines sounds like a great time. Keep the Dispatch coming. God Bless All of You.

J. C. "Scotty" & Jean McFadden
Signal
270 Rosemont Dr.
San Antonio, Tx. 78228-3169

Here is our dues for this year and a little more to help defray the Deadeye expense. We won't be able to attend the reunion in Des Moines. I had a stroke on January 10th and it has been a very slow journey back to my old self. We hope to be able to attend the St. Louis reunion, if we can get healthy again.

George E. Scott -- 382-I
2219 Foxfire Dr.
South Bend, In. 46628

I will not be able to attend this years Reunion in Des Moines due to health difficulties. I was part of the original Cadre at Camp Adair, reporting from Fort Benning, Ga. in May 1942. I was Platoon Leader of Pioneer & Ammunition Platoon of 2nd Battalion Headquarters Co. 383 Inf. -- Colonel May commanding. I left the 96th Division in March of 1943 to join Co. C. 148th Inf. 37th Division on Guadalcanal. I was retired for physical disability due to combat wounds received in the Battle for Manila in 1944.

George R. Salget
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I enjoy our Dispatch very much and it is doing fine. I'm always looking for someone from the 321st Medic Company D. I hope to make the next reunion. Check is enclosed for dues. Keep up the good work.

Wilbur L. Morrison
16040 Pine Dr.
Tinley Park, Il. 60477-6304

Enclosed is a check for due for myself and my wife. We enjoy continuing to get the Deadeye Dispatch very much. Thanks to all who make it possible for us to keep in touch. Since I have retired I have been slowly gettin' in touch with "L" Co. 383rd guys that I can remember. It has been a great personal experience.

William S. Brosier -- 383-L
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Dear Mail Call:

Here is my dues for the 96th Infantry Division Association WWII.

The following is from "David Brinkley, A Memoir" (and changed by D.L.G.); for my ASTP roommate and Deadeye killed on Okinawa: Richard C. Fox.

You are nineteen or twenty-four years old. Day is just breaking. You are scrunched down shoulder to shoulder in a landing craft pitching and tossing in the dark sea. You have not an inch to spare for other young soldiers, all of them as miserable as you are. You forget about being hungry. When you left the ship the Navy had fed you something, could have been canned pork and beans or potato chips. You are sick and scared. You're not sure which, maybe both. If this causes you to need to urinate, try to forget it. There is no place for it. Somebody said the only urinal is your pants. Go ahead. Pee on yourself. Soon it will all be washed away in the dark sea anyway. Now you are totally miserable. For a minute here and a minute there you are able to forget the near certainty that in a matter of hours you will be shot to death by an enemy you never knew and never saw. You wonder how long it will take to die and how much it will hurt. When you are ordered to jump out of the landing craft and to wade ashore you know that if the water is deep and you slip and fall, with the heavy weight strapped to your body, you will drown. Drowning is painless, they say. With all of that, when the time comes to jump, who will do it? Who will do it?

Military leaders know when a soldier risks his life knowing he is likely to lose it why he risks it. Does he do it for Mom, home, the flag, apple pie?

No. He does it for his friends, his buddies. When they work together, march together, fight together, eat together, live in tents or sleep on the ground together, removed from the life they once knew, and in wartime knowing that soon they may have to die together, there is a bonding of the highest order.

Knowing the risk, knowing the likelihood of death, who would jump out of the landing craft?

We would.

We did.

Dale Gardetto, Hq. 921 F.A.
2617 La Golondrina street
Carlsbad, CA 92009

This check will take care of the Deadeye Dispatch for 3 yrs. I really enjoy each issue and look for the names I recognize. I haven't been to any reunions, but do keep in touch with a few and also have sent pictures of them while in the Army. While in each campaign, I was also their barber in my spare time and was called "Gabby." I am still in good health. Have been married for 49 years and have 5 children. Mary and I wish all in the 96th good luck and good health.

Joe Sciara -- 381 HQ&HQ.
1936 Far View Rd.
Akron, Oh. 44312

Always a pleasure to receive the Deadeye Dispatch. Keep up the good work.

Ronald J. McDonald -- 383-A
7965 Madeline
Saginaw, Mi. 48609

Enclosed is my check for 96 and 97 dues plus some extra to help keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming. I read it over and over again and then give to my son to read. Keep up the good work. I'm an old Med from the 383rd Company C 1st Battalion. I just received my Combat Medical Badge and my Bronze Star Medal this past year after 50 years.

James S. Martin
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St. Ann, Mo. 63074-2735

Enclosed find dues for myself and my wife, Betty. Please use the extra for expenses. We enjoy the "Deadeye Dispatch" very much and look forward to the next issue. A small group of us from Cannon Co. 383 still meet every year. Some of the group aren't well, but still make it for the reunion. Most of which have been in Arkansas and Texas. We look forward to the reunion every year. Would enjoy hearing from some of you old "Deadeyes."

Ralph W. Murphy
99 Draper
Waterford, Mi. 48328

I am enclosing a check for dues for Jerry B. and Betty Wilson. We will not be able to attend the reunion. Jerry had a stroke and has been in the hospital since April 22. He is slowly improving -- Thank God! He says it will be a long haul.

Mrs. Jerry B. Wilson -- Recon
10118 Highland Ave.
Tampa, Fl. 33612-7455

I regret that my wife and I will not be able to attend the reunion in Des Moines. It is such an easy drive from our home. However, because of my many health problems, including difficulty in walking, it is not easy for me to be away from home overnight. A big HELLO to all who remember me, and THANKS to all of you who are so involved in making these reunions such a success. We look forward to reading the DEADEYE DISPATCH.

Lloyd Zenk -- 361 FA
4401 Parklawn Ave. Apt 201
Minneapolis, Mn. 55435

Enclosed is Mildred's and my dues. Will not be at this years Reunion. Will try to be at Saint Louis next year.

Paul J. Nicholson -- 381-H
206 Monroe
Abilene, Ks. 67410

I sure would like to hear from any fellows from Company D-381.

Merle R. Thompson
201 N. Altas Palmas Rd. #64
Harlingen, Tx. 78552

Here are my dues for this year and my wife's dues for this year, plus a little extra for the Association. My wife and I have not been able to get to any of the National Reunions, but we have been to the Buckeye Chapter Reunions the last two years. Melvin Gill was at the Buckeye Chapter Reunion in 1995. He and I shared a foxhole for a short time before he was wounded and never returned to Company C - 381. I was saddened this year by the news that he had passed away. We hope to get to St. Louis or Ft. Mitchell.

Frank X. Burns
P.O. Box 223
New Concord, Oh. 43762-0223

Enclosed is our check for Roy's dues and my auxiliary dues, plus a little extra. We try to make as many Reunions as we possibly can and enjoy them very much. We have renewed acquaintances with some of the guys we were with at Camp Adair and Camp White, and get together with them at the Reunions. Am afraid we won't be able to make the Des Moines meeting. Roy had eye surgery May 22nd and won't be able to drive for some time. Hope to see you in St. Louis.

Roy P. and Wanda Davis -- 383-M
1721 S. Highland
Amarillo, Tx. 79103

I am enclosing my check in payment of next years for myself and for my wife. I enjoy reading the Dispatch each time I receive it. I have never been able to make any of the reunions. I served in the Finance Department attached to the Division Headquarters. I still keep in touch with a few of the fellows. If there are any others getting the Dispatch who served in the Finance Department, I would like to hear from them also. It would be interesting to learn what has happend to them in the last 50 years.

James A. Brown
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I have never made one of the conventions, and doubt that I shall ever do so. However, I look forward to receiving the magazine. I do read it from cover to cover. I was saddened to read in the last issue of the passing of two of those buddies from the 321 Med. Bn. I wonder how many of our outfit is still with us. I am now on the internet and would be glad to hear from any one of the 321 Med. My E-Mail address is: sfp jd@scfn.thpl.lib.fl.us This computer age is something else.

Bill Algeo
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OKINAWA APRIL 26,1945

WE WENT FORWARD TO THE REVERSE SLOPE OF THE NEXT HILL WHERE WE WERE TO DIG IN FOR THE NIGHT. IT WAS DAYLIGHT IN THE AFTERNOON AND WE WERE WAITING TO BE TOLD WHERE THEY WANTED US. I HEARD A SMALL EXPLOSION AND SAW A SMALL CLOUD OF GREEN SMOKE DRIFTING IN THE AIR MAYBE A 100 FEET IN FRONT OF OUR POSITION. THE JAPS HAD FLUNG A MORTAR SHELL OVER THE THE HILL, "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN." AT FIRST IT DIDN'T SEEM IMPORTANT BUT AFTER A FEW SECONDS I FELT A DISCOMFORT ON MY CHEST. I LOOKED DOWN AT THE LEFT POCKET ON MY FATIGUE JACKET AND NOTICED THAT I WAS BLEEDING. I MENTIONED IT TO SOMEONE AND PEOPLE GOT ALL EXCITED, CHEST WOUNDS CAN SOMETIMES CAUSE LUNG PROBLEMS. THEY TOLD ME TO DROP MY RIFLE, AND THEY LOADED ME A ON A JEEP AND TRANSPORTED ME TO A FIELD HOSPITAL.

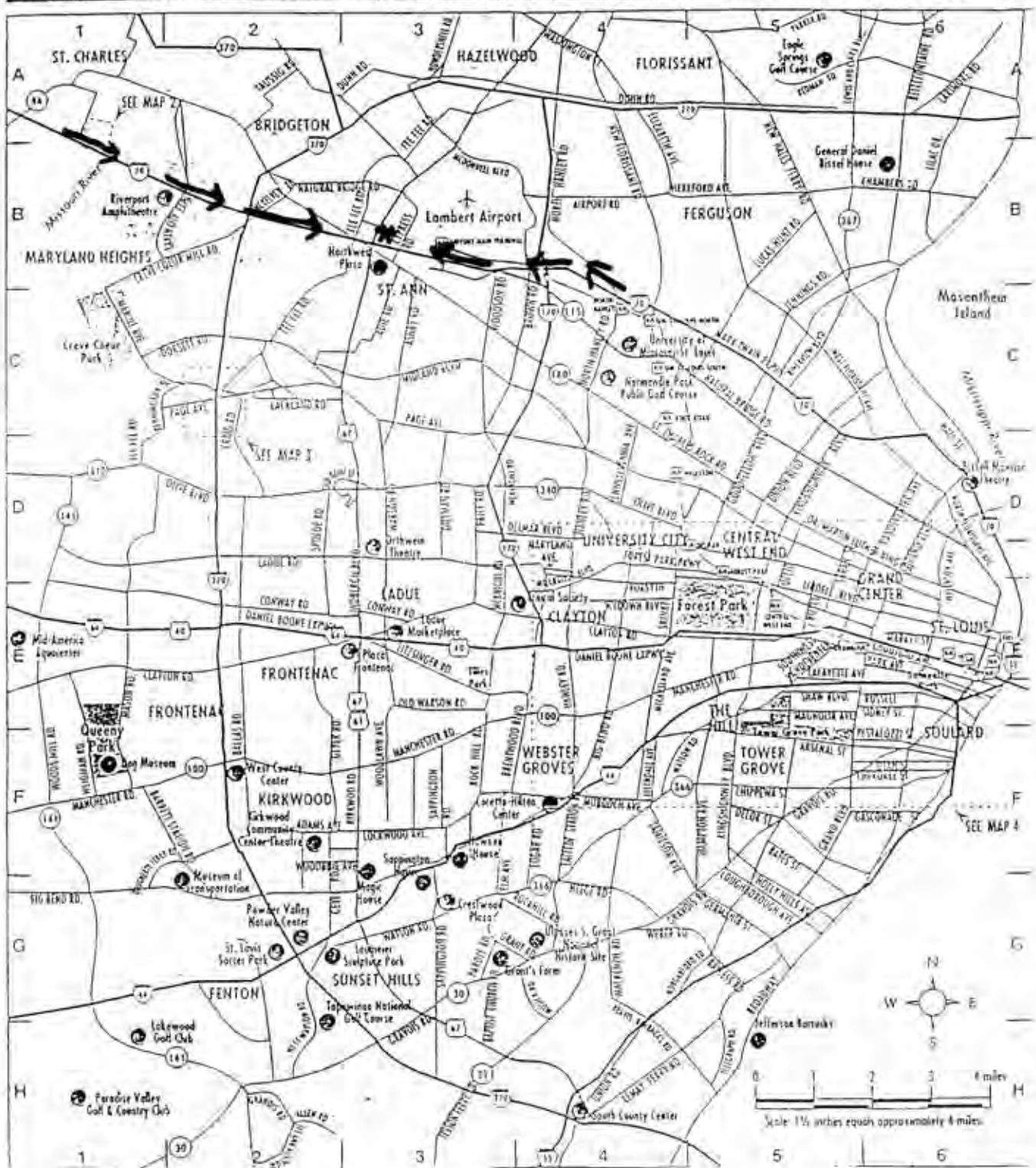
I KNEW I WAS TO BE EVACUATED, THE C-54 FOUR ENGINE TRANSPORTS HAD JUST BEGAN TO FLY OUT THE WOUNDED AND JUST OFF THE COAST OF OKINAWA WAS THE HOSPITAL SHIP, THE U.S.S.COMFORT, PAINTED A GLEAMING WHITE AND GIANT RED CROSSES PAINTED ON BOTH SIDES. WHILE I WANTED TO FLY OUT OF THERE I TRIED TO FIGURE, "IF I COMPLAINED A LOT, WOULD THEY FLY ME OUT OR WOULD THEY TAKE ME TO THE COMFORT WHERE THERE WERE DOCTORS ON BOARD." I ELECTED TO DO NOTHING. I WAS PUT ABOARD A C-54 AND FLOWN TO THE 112TH NAVAL HOSPITAL ON THE ISLAND OF GUAM. I WAS TOLD LATER THAT THE U.S.S. COMFORT TOOK A KAMAKAZI DOWN THE STACK.



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