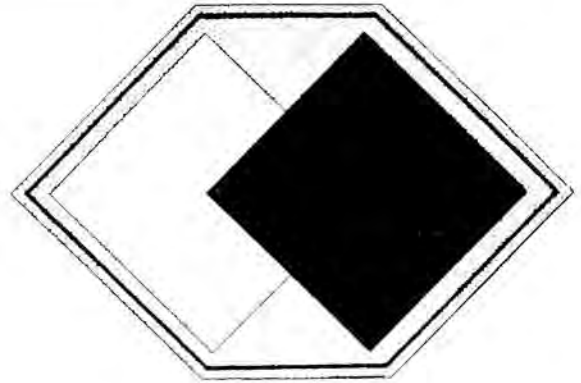


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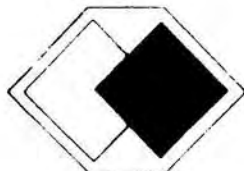
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## President's Corner

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



Fall 2000

Dear Fellow Deadeyes, Wives, Children, Grandchildren, and Friends,

This letter of greeting is being written the day after the completion of the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 26 - 29, 2000.

There is great pride, a deep sense of appreciation, and a powerful feeling of expectation when I reflect upon these recent events.

The uniqueness of our division and its great legacy, of which we all are a part, will live indefinitely as we continue to build a connectivity with the future.

The more I learn about our lives since WWII and see great talent exhibited in so many areas, the prouder I am that "I'm a Deadeye."

Great credit for where we are in our place in history goes to all those individuals and groups who have shared their knowledge, support, and commitment to make things better for us all. We thank you and salute you for jobs well done.

Our growing friendships and working relationships with the 96<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command are greatly appreciated. As we keep on 'thinking about tomorrow', it is an exciting time for all of us.

We send each of you warmest personal regards and best wishes always.

Keep in touch! See you in Omaha.

*James A. Causey*

James A. Causey, President

96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

## *Auxiliary Corner*



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Dear Auxiliary ladies and Gentlemen of the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division,

It is hard to believe that the forty-third 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah is a memory. The days went so fast and the conversations too short. It was marvelous to see the faces and to hear the voices of the friends that I had met at previous reunions, and to receive the warm and wonderful smiles and hugs. Each time I heard my name spoken or I saw a long awaited face, I could feel myself being lifted off the floor. I was thrilled to meet the children, grandchildren, nieces and other family members of friends that came to enjoy the fellowship of the reunion in 2000. I was so excited to meet new Deadeyes and their families and introduce them to my Dad, sister and brothers. It was fantastic to have conversations with friends and acquaintances that have strong convictions and love of God, country, and family. These conversations warmed my heart and filled me with great pride. I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to serve as the President of the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Auxiliary. I realize that I have a unique opportunity to represent wives, daughters, and granddaughters in promoting the mission of the auxiliary: strengthening sisterhood among its members, assisting worthy causes of the 96<sup>th</sup> Division Association, helping widows and orphans, and maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and to foster true patriotism.

The following ladies were gracious to accept the offices of the 2000-2001 auxiliary: Joyce Confer- First Vice President, Rosemary Cronshey- Second Vice President, Carole Wargo- Secretary, Ruth Siefert- Treasurer, Muriel Haglund-Chaplain, and Betty Shearer-Historian. They will continue the fine work that has been initiated by the guidance of former officers and the members of the Executive Board.

The 1999-2000 officers would like to sincerely thank Ann Obal, Ruth Siefert, and Glendoris Cole for the countless hours of preparation for the Salt Lake City, Utah reunion. I would like to thank the behind the scene husbands, daughters, sisters and brothers of the auxiliary officers. The unexpected occurrences were handled by many friends and family members. We thank you for making the luncheon a !,;,'Teasuccess.

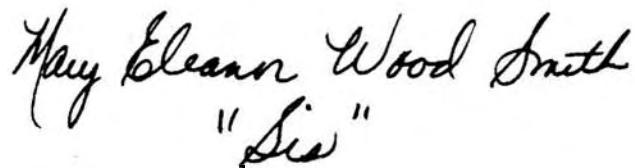
I would like to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who helped with the merchandise sales and gave of their time and talents to ensure the patrons of the 96<sup>th</sup> had superior service. I would like to extend an invitation to members, daughters, and granddaughters to volunteer for the fun adventures of the merchandise sales. We will appreciate your assistance. Make a commitment now to join us in Omaha. We certainly understand if your plans change. It is so much fun to anticipate the fun and fellowship offered by the Merchandise sales. Contact any officer, e-mail is fine!

The 2000 Auxiliary meeting and luncheon were great times for conversations and laughter. The Auxiliary needs each of you. I hope each state will be represented at the Omaha meeting. This is a challenge and a heart felt request to show visual support for all the men who are responsible for the freedoms we enjoy and the freedoms that are ensured for our children and grandchildren. Life membership is available for \$20.00. Ruth will be glad to accept your check. The Auxiliary needs each of you.

The Auxiliary members were saddened over the death of Auxiliary members, and of the illnesses and difficult health issues of friends and their spouses. Members not in attendance were asked about and were thought about with fond thoughts and prayers. The 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Auxiliary members have special bonds of friendship that span times and distances. Those of you who did not attend, let us know how you and your loved ones are doing.

As the first daughter to have the honor of President of the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association Auxiliary, I would like the 2001 reunion to be one of the best times for each of you. I appreciate your requests and suggestions to make the reunion a success. I look forward to a wonderful year. I wish for each of you a happy and safe year, until we meet again. The forty-fourth reunion, "2001 Ohaha Odyseey" will be a time to share notable experiences and anticipations for the future. Make your plans now!

In fellowship and love,



Mary Eleanor Wood Smith

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**LADIES OF THE 96th INFANTRY DIVISION AUXILIARY**

Our sincere **THANKS** to all the Ladies of the Auxiliary who contributed of their time and talents to make the Luncheon in Salt Lake City such a great success! We had so much fun sharing the Table Prizes and Door Prizes that were so generously donated.

We would like to again share our talents with Table and Door Prizes for the Luncheon at our next Reunion in Omaha. Should you wish to donate please bring the item with you to the Reunion.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Omaha!

Officers of the 96th Ladies Auxiliary

# AWARDS

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Robert D. Huff

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Hubert Hoffman and Clarence Snyder. Mary Lou White (Auxiliary Member) has attended all 43 Reunions.

## DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARDS

Robert D. Huff and Steve Melnyk.

## OUR KIND OF GAL AWARD

Joyce Confer

# notices

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 2001 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day, May 19, 2001, 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 or JAMES KNIGHT -- 252 W. Franklin, Nelsonville, Oh. 45764-1151.

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The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 3, 2001, at the Gentle House on the Western Oregon University Campus. Arrival time will be 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Early arrivals will have a Saturday evening social gathering on June 2, 2001 at the Polk County Museum. For more information contact CECIL WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Rd., Winlock Wa. 98596-9756 or RICHARD HAGLUND -- 1504 Euclid St., Steilacoom, Wa. 98388-3310.

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| 1959  | Chicago, Ill.       | 223       | Minor Butler            |   |
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| 1998  | Ft. Mitchell, Ky.   | 416       | John Elliot             | Tom Roby                                |
| 1999  | Denver, Co.         | 407       | Richard Haglund         | James Knight & Don Dencker              |
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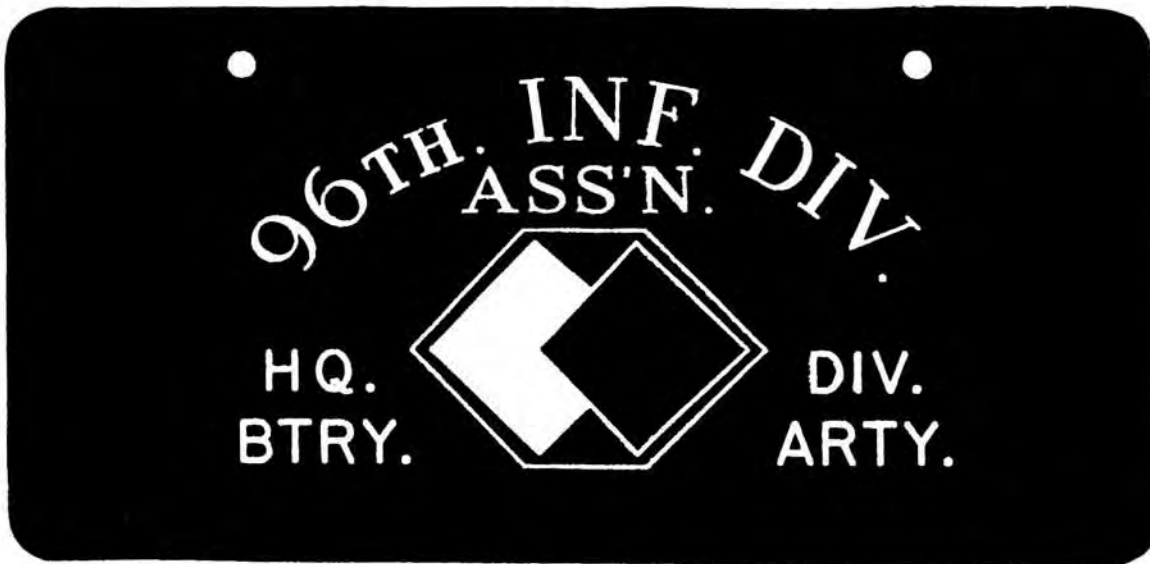
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Muriel Haglund, Carol Wargo, Ruth Seifert, Mary Eleanor Wood Smith, Joyce Confer, Rosemary Cronshey and Betty Shearer



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a change in this Deadeye Dispatch, and in all future issues.

No longer will there be a return envelope in the Dispatch.

For many years the envelope was used primarily to pay dues. Now, one envelope won't do the job anymore. The reasons for this are:

1. Annual dues payers now send dues to both Treasurers;
2. Reunion event registrations are now sent to Armed Forces Reunions;
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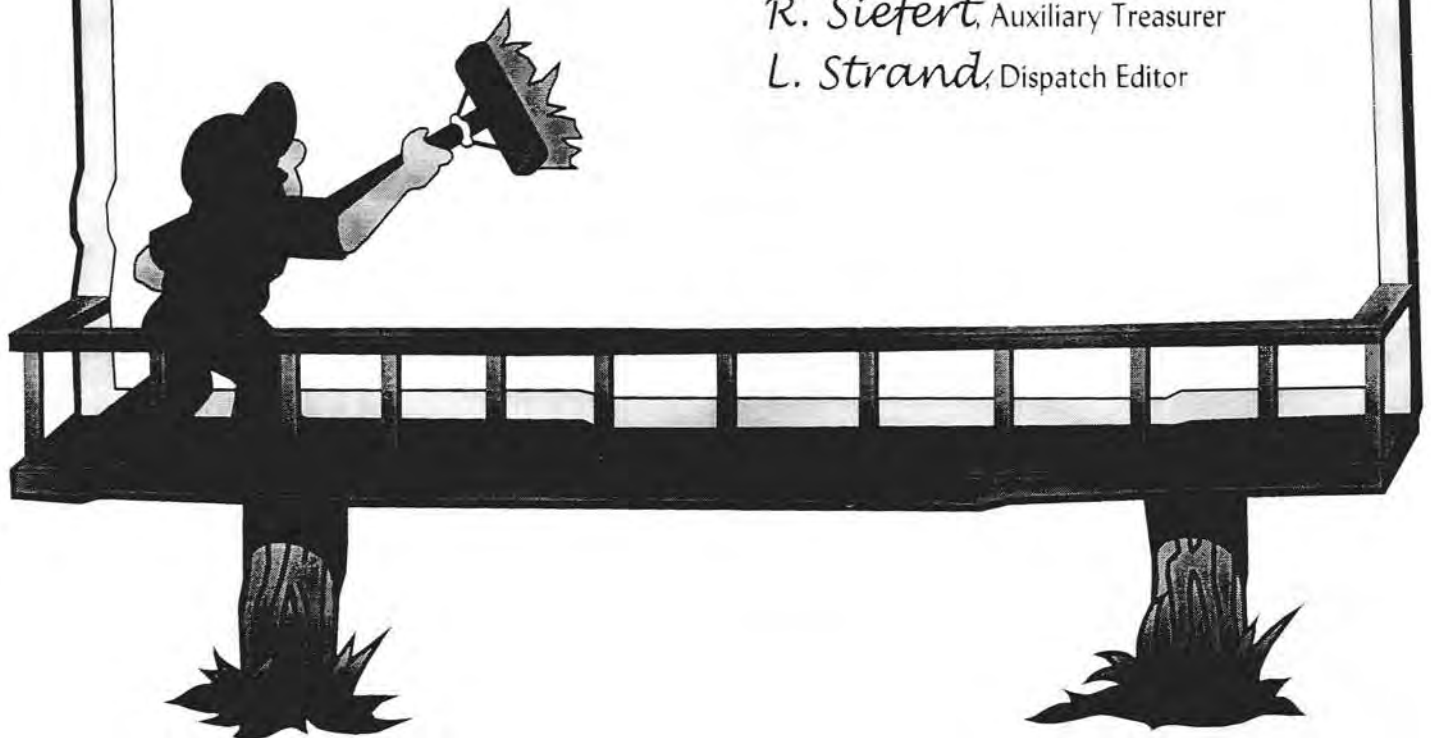
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Thanks for your cooperation.

*R. Schmidt*, Treasurer

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1284 MCKUSICK ROAD LANE NORTH/ STILLWATER, MN 55082

**96TH INFANTRY DIVISION AUXILIARY  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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| LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES | \$20.00 | - - - - - | _____ |
| OR                   |         |           |       |
| ANNUAL DUES          | \$ 5.00 | - - - - - | _____ |
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53034 Ormerod's Shores Road DEER RIVER, MN 56636

*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 set 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*

**IF ... this is a change of address, give old address as well as new!**

TO INSURE PROMPT DELIVERY OF Deadeye Dispatch and other information, please advise the editors of any address change.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ (Co. Reg!.)

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**WANT A UNIT ROSTER?**

If anyone wishes a Roster of your old outfit PLEASE REMIT \$5.00 to:

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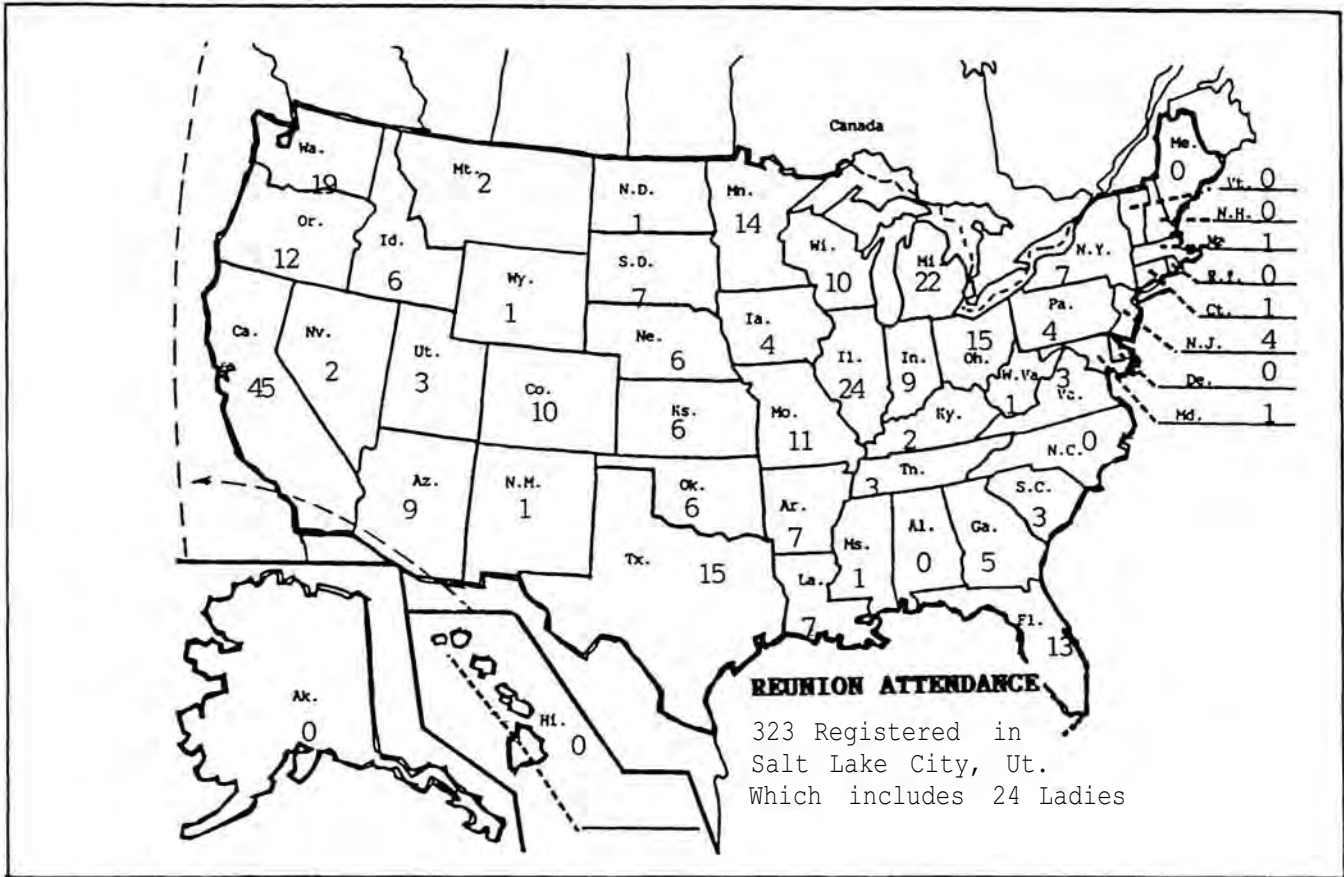
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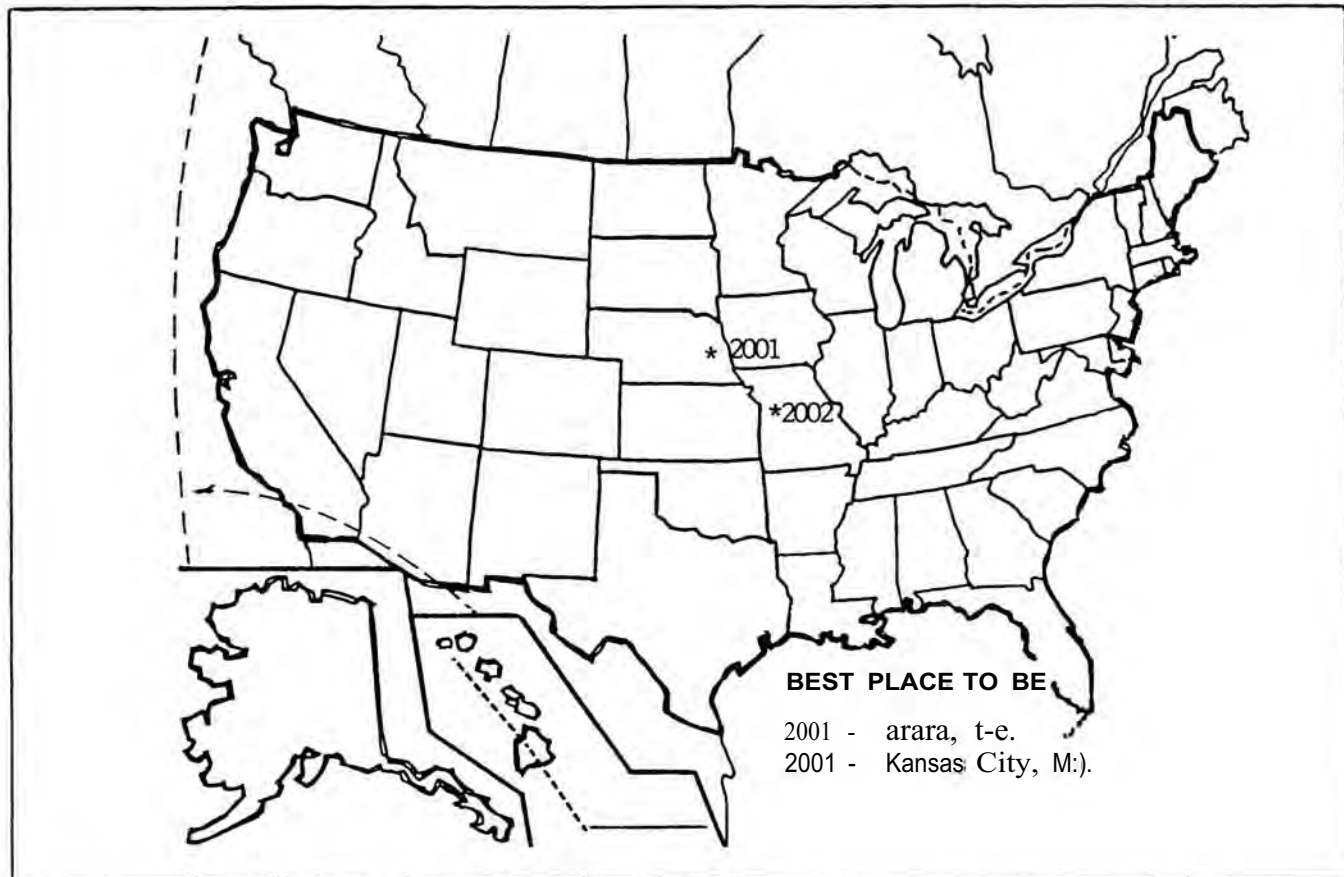
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2000 Salt Lake City, UT Reunion







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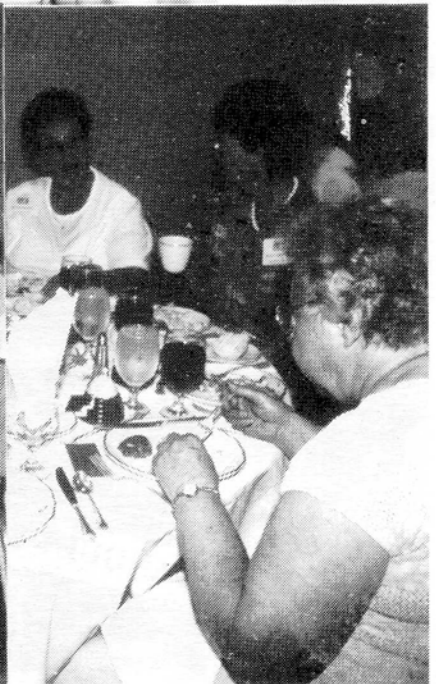


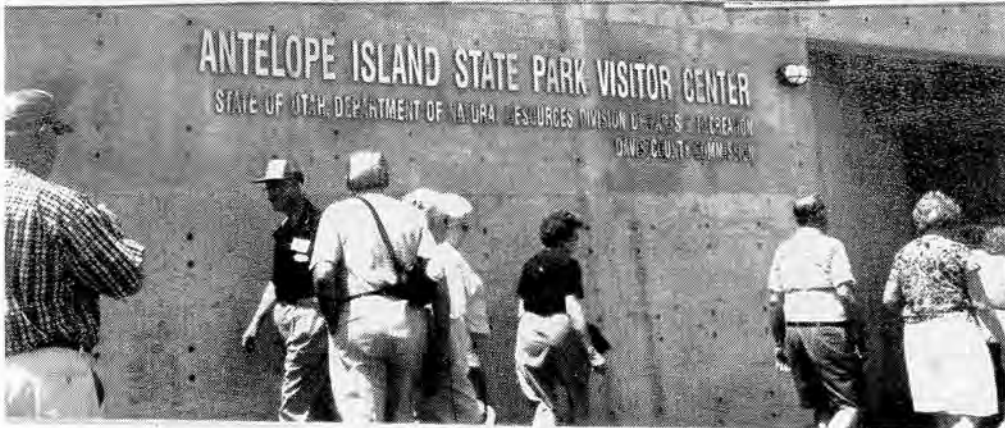


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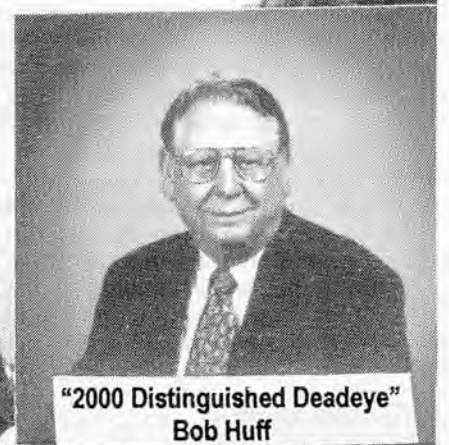
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Steve Melnyk







**Some Old Timers! Some First Timers!**



**"2000 Distinguished Deadeye"  
Bob Huff**



# Three Shared a Shell Hole, a Bullet, and a Reunion

By  
Ed Dakan  
B-381

McCarthy and Bowman had sometimes wondered  
whatever happened to what'sisname

You can bank on it. For one reason or another the old infantryman allows a lot of stuff to slip his mind, but certain info stays to become indelible. Ask him his serial number, or, if he got hit, when, where, date, and time. If he is in the mood, prepare to be amazed.

The brew was flowing and foaming at the DEADEYE 2000 Beer Bust in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dick McCarthy, who was relaxing with friends at one of the tables for Company B of the 383rd, overheard a new man in the group mention the date of May 24, 1945. Jim Reineck was telling a frightful story about a certain happening on Charlie Hill - why he had been unable to breathe through his nose for the past 55 years and so on.

That sparked McCarthy's memory. He and this guy Reineck had been carrying around different versions of their own war story. And the story involved Arvin Bowman, too. However none of the three had actually known either of the other two by name. Here, still above grass, is the missing man in their close up and personal brush with death. Remember May 24, 1945?

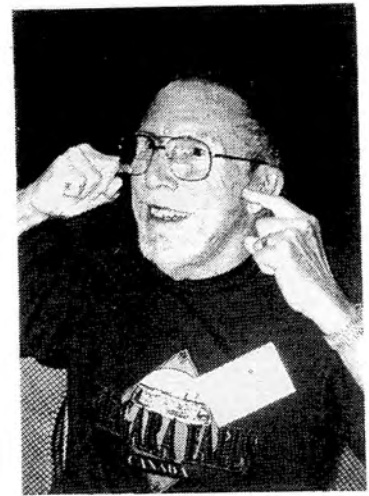
This was an especially desperate day and time. The entire 96th Infantry Division was running out of men in a battle that had already lasted weeks longer than the strategists planned for. Company B was down to platoon strength of around 40 men from its original T/O of somewhere close to 200. The lack of replacements besides nearly two weeks of continual rain through the middle of the month had stalled the attack everywhere. The troops wallowed in mud, meantime forward positions did not change much. Then the weather cleared up.

The word from Captain John Van Vulpen was that Company B was going over the hill this time ("you plan to stay there!"). A couple of hours ago everyone had been pulled back out of the way of Marine planes that were supposed to soften up the place. Now the company began moving south across the forward slope of Charlie Hill. The Japanese did not start shooting until several men were out in the open and exposed on bare ground - such was their usual tactic lately.

This day Arvin Bowman's job in the attack was or had been scout. Since coming to the company as one of the first but few replacements, his experience amounted to less than two weeks. "I and another guy were out ahead further down the hill when a spray of bullets started kicking up ground around me. I turned and stumbled into a hole, without a scratch."

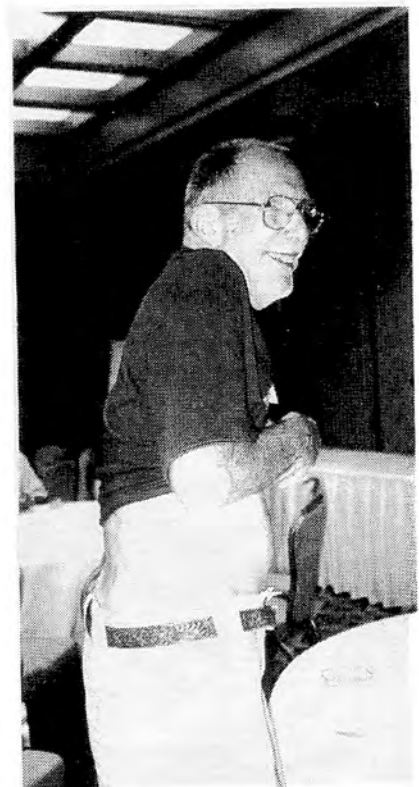
James (Jim) Reineck found himself in the infantry at Camp White, Oregon, when ASTP closed out. Illness kept him hospitalized when his company departed Leyte, P.I., for the assault on Okinawa. He caught up with them three weeks later on; combat had taken its toll, many old faces were gone.

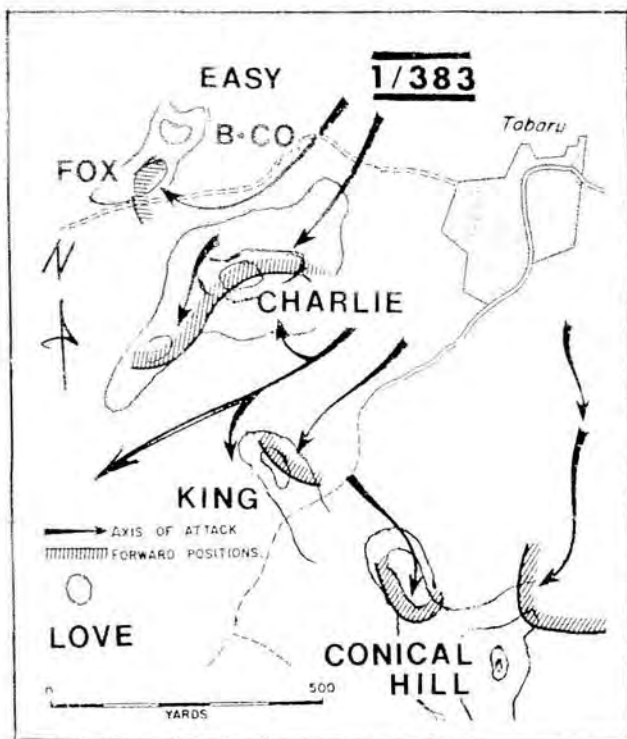
Being a rifleman today he was supposed to protect the demolitionsmen while they took care of business. He heard some scattered machine-gun fire though nothing close. Then something hit his jaw. BONG! He could not know the damage at the moment, but a bullet had gone clean through his face. "Whether by impact or instinct I hit the dirt. Blood was dripping on my hands and I realized that I had better find cover, so I crawled towards a shell hole."



JAMES REINECK WENT DOWN EARLIER in the attack with a bullet through his face. If the wound had been an inch lower his lower jaw would have been taken off, but an inch higher KIA.

REINECK'S SECOND WOUND WAS PROBABLY by a bullet from the same machine-gun.





THE EPISODE THAT INVOLVED BOWMAN, REINECK, and McCarthy happened about 1,500 yards east of the town of Shuri. Their trouble was caused by a machine-gun that was emplaced somewhere on Love Hill to the south.

Note: Neighboring units of the 1st Battalion are not identified, however: their objectives are indicated.

ONE MACHINE-GUN BULLET WOUNDED both McCarthy and Reineck at the same time in the same shallow shell hole. Bowman escaped from that hole with only a bad case of jitters.



ARVIN BOWMAN CAME TO Company B on Okinawa straight out of basic training. Be really did noL know where he was going until he got there.



Three Shared  
a Shell Hole, a Bullet, and a Reunion  
(Continued)

Instead of a shell hole, what Jim found was a saucer-like crater with a man (Arvin) stretched out in it hugging the bottom. And the lay of the land caused the crater to cant in the direction of Love Hill from where the bullets were coming. Tough luck. "I piled in behind him."

Next came Richard (Dick) McCarthy. He, with two or three others, had managed to set off a satchel charge to close a cave. Alone now, Dick noticed two men (Arvin and Jim) over to his right, both laying flat. "The guy who saw me coming started yelling, '\*!#@()!-- you'll draw fire in here!'. There was nowhere else to go."

The three men from Company B scrunched together belly-to-butt while another volley of bullets snapped at the rim of their hiding place. The gunner had his target sure enough.

Right then one and the same 6.25mm slug grazed Arvin, tore through Jim's thigh close to his pelvis and out through his buttock, nicking Dick's penis before finally lodging in his leg.

Arvin bailed out, no more encouragement required. "I headed back up the hill to get behind a spur. There was some commotion going on about how to bring in our wounded. A mortar squad was setting up to fire its remaining few rounds of smoke."

Dick made a break, clearing the hole in a single bound. "When that bullet came in I had to get out."

Jim did not have the guts to feel his face or jaw. He was afraid that walking or running might not be possible and he was not about to try standing up. Maybe better wait until dark then crawl to a safer place.

While he pondered, an exploding smoke shell splattered his back with incendiary material and set him aflame. Despite his wounds, Jim ran up the hill screaming all the way. Arvin and Donald Oberlander grabbed him and smothered the fire with a fatigue jacket.

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Three Shared  
a Shell Hole, a Bullet, and a Reunion \* *Follow-up*



ARVIN BOWMAN, 2157 Burk Brauch Rd.  
Shelbyville, Ky 40065

Scout, rifleman, and demolitionsman with Company B on Okinawa all the way to the finish after May 24. Total time in Army two years, two months, and two days. Discharged October 1946, he returned to farming, raising crops and beef cattle with brother.

JAMES REINECK, 5403 Thunderbird Ct.  
Granbury, TX 76049

Shot up and on fire, rescued himself. Hospitalized nearly 16 months for reconstruction. Disability @ 10%. Out of Law School, University of Michigan, real estate specialty. Retired in Texas to be near grandchildren.



RICHARD McCARTHY, 985 Oakway Dr.  
Coos Bay, OR 97421

Replacement rifleman, also demolitionsman. While having the bullet removed from his leg at a field hospital spotted Reineck, unconscious, on a litter with his feet propped up on a 50-gallon drum (shock?) while medics took a lunch break. Post war: Into can tract logging and road building with brothers, also Red Angus breeding stock. p.s. Eight kids -" mine, hers, ours."



96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Plaque  
Admiral Nimitz Memorial  
Fredricksburg, Texas

There is a project to place a 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Plaque at the Admiral Nimitz Museum alongside plaques of other units that served under Admiral Nimitz. Admiral Nimitz Commanded the Pacific Ocean Area that included the Okinawa Campaign. In addition, while heading for the Yap Island landing we were a part of the Pacific Ocean Area Forces, only to be loaned to the Southwest Pacific Command for the Leyte Campaign. There will be a Plaque Dedication Ceremony to be announced later.

Contributions are needed to fund this Plaque. Please send to:  
Robert Schmidt, Treasurer  
1284 McKusick Road, Lane N.  
Stillwater, MN 55082-4162

56<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR

April 15 through 22~2001

This is a trip to the Battlefields, Ceremonies and areas of interest on Okinawa with 5 full days and nights on the Island. The trip is Army oriented, with emphasis on areas fought for by the 96<sup>th</sup> Division. Tour Guide will be Don Dencker, Co. L, 382<sup>0d</sup> Infantry, 96<sup>th</sup> Division.

This tour is organized by Valor Tours, Ltd. who specialize in Battlefield Tours. Valor Tours sponsored highly successful Okinawa Tours in 1995 and 2000 and has had a number of Leyte Tours.

The 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association is not involved with this tour.

A Brochure containing details of the 2001 Tour has been prepared.

For Brochure, or other information, call or write to:

Valor Tours, Ltd.  
10 Liberty ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965  
1-800-842-4504

-or-

Don Dencker  
1375 Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
608-837-7479

## 96<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

New Permanent Website Address at:

<http://www.96th-infantry-division.com>

The old address is also still available:

<http://www.hometown.aol.comJinfantry96>

Revised or added items to the site include:

Counter installed on Feb. 19,2000 with over 6,800 visits on  
October 1,2000

Guest Book: Sign or visit guest book. Over 202 entries as of  
October 1, 2000

Year 2001 Omaha Reunion Announcement

Holiday Inn Convention Center Hotel Information

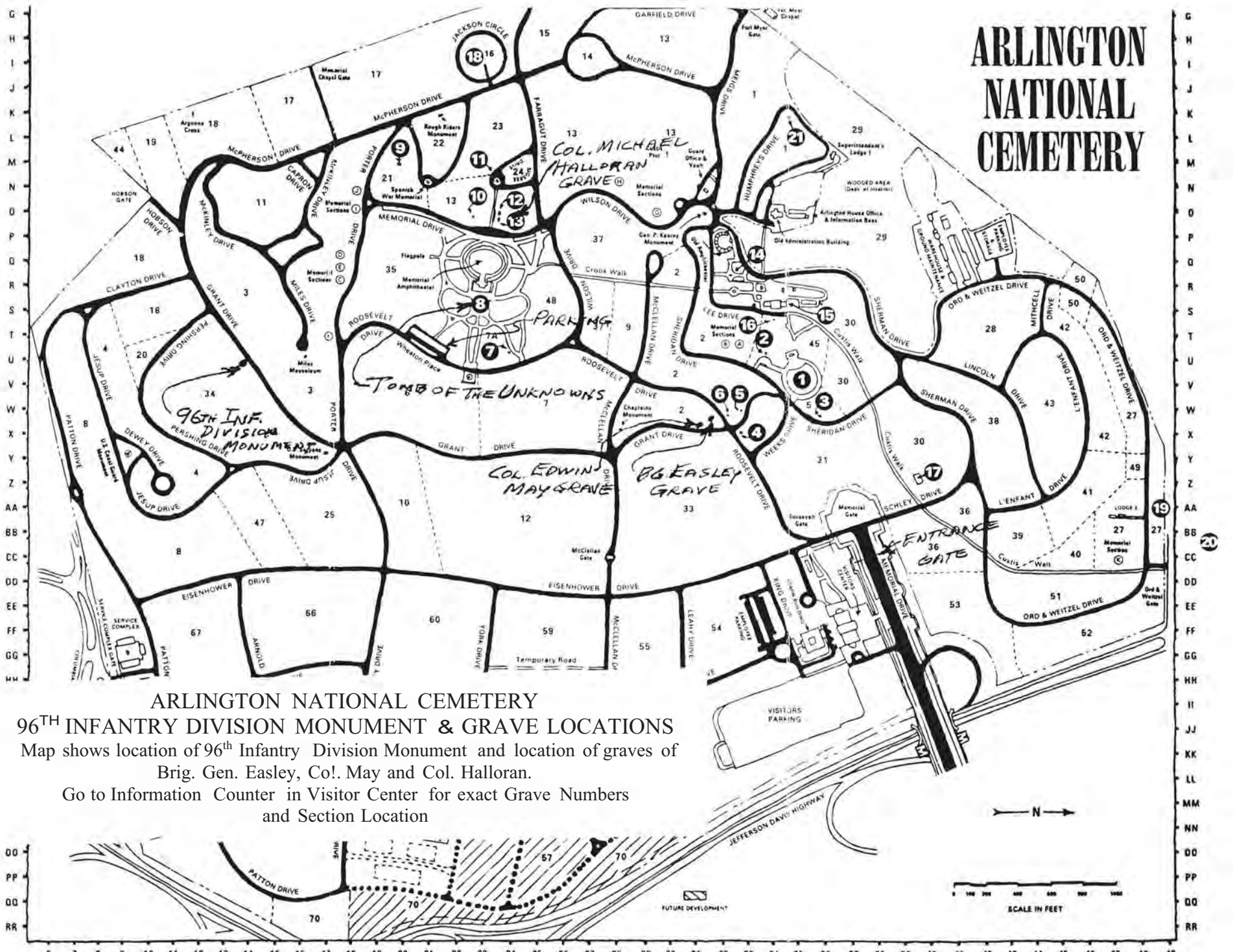
96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Plaque at Admiral Nimitz Memorial

Silver Star Award Listing

"War Stories" Section being added. E-mail in your war stories  
( and more to come in 2001 )



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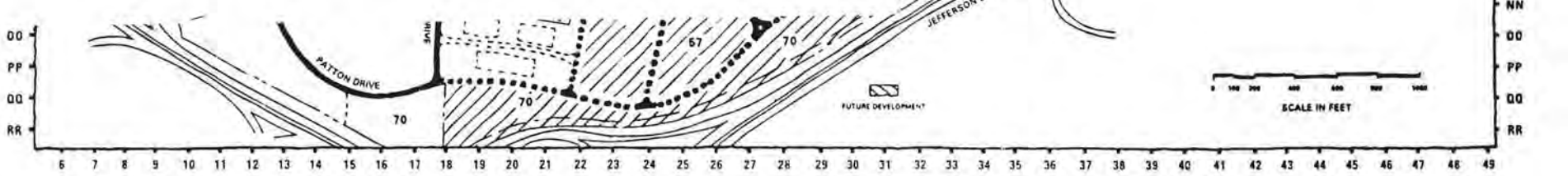


## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

### 96<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION MONUMENT & GRAVE LOCATIONS

Map shows location of 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Monument and location of graves of Brig. Gen. Easley, Col. May and Col. Halloran.

Go to Information Counter in Visitor Center for exact Grave Numbers and Section Location



## Notice of Appreciation

The 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association Extends its Sincere Appreciation to Senator Ron Wyden, Oregon and to members of his Staff; Jeff Michels and Molly McCarthy for assistance given in sending to the Secretary of the Army the Association Request for Final Approval of Award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division for Outstanding Performance of Duty on Okinawa. Also for their continuing followup with the Army Awards Board and the Army Chain of Command in this important effort. Army Awards Board Approval Has been achieved and this effort is now at the Army Adjutant General Office.

Don Dencker, Historian  
October 12, 2000

### 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Deadeyes) Room Fort Douglas, Utah Army Museum

The 96<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve is establishing a 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Exhibit Room in the Fort Douglas Museum at their Headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Museum Curator is looking for donations of 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorabilia for this permanent exhibit. This includes items captured from the Japanese on Leyte and Okinawa.

Send Items to or Contact:  
COL (Ret.) Bob Voyles, or  
MAJ Tom Kiermaier  
Fort Douglas Military Museum  
32 Potter Street  
Fort Douglas, Utah 84113  
(801) 581-1251

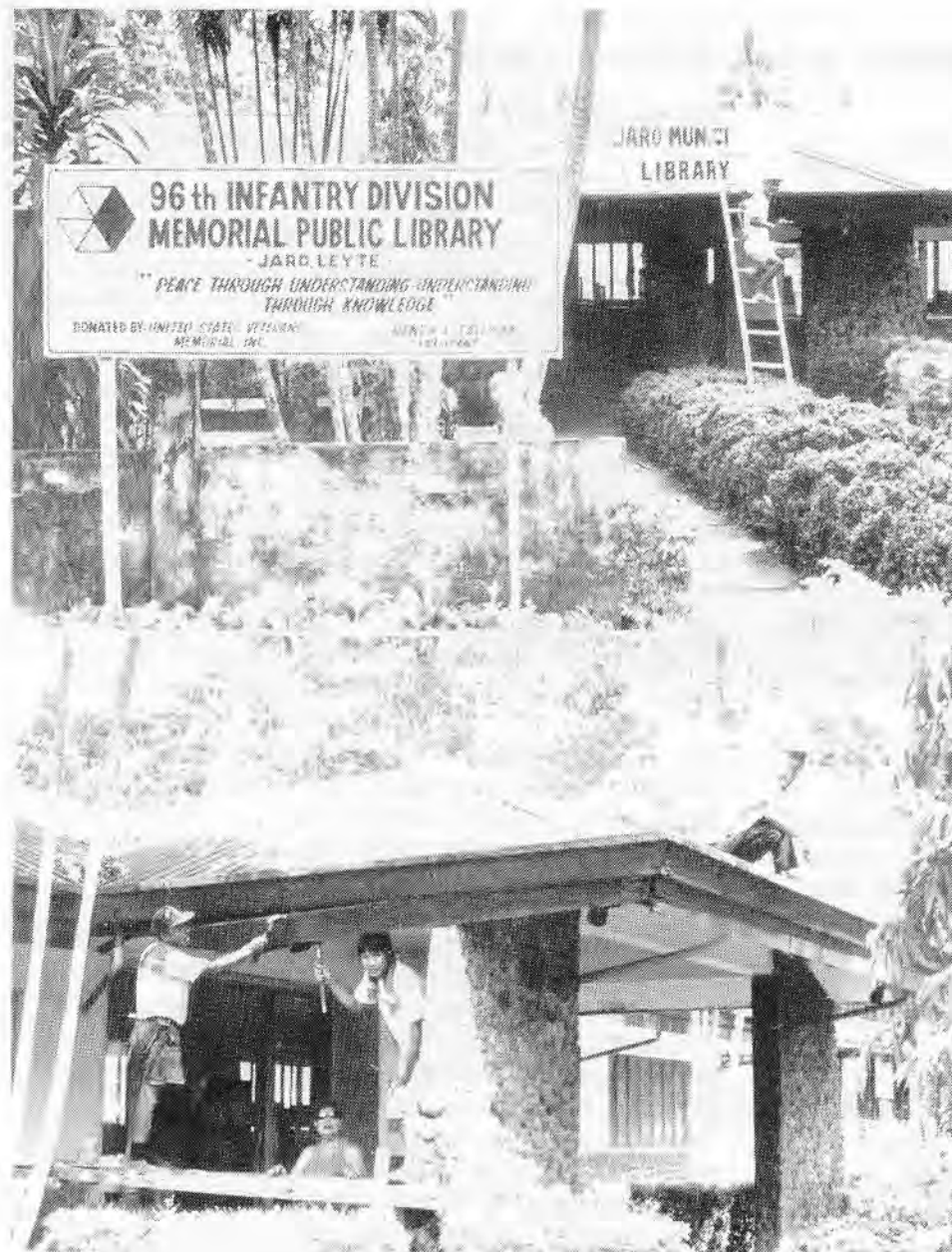
### Name Rubbing from Okinawa Battle Monument

The Okinawa Battle Monument built by the Okinawa government has 240,000 names on it including over 14,005 U.S. names of our servicemen killed in the battle. Virtually all 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division men killed are inscribed on the Monuments black marble plaques.

Our Okinawan friend, Alex Kishaba has again offered to provide a rubbing of the name of any 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division man when requested. So far Alex has provided over 25 requested rubbings. Simply mail to Alex Kishaba, clearly printed, your name and address and the full name of the Deadeye killed on Okinawa. Mail to:

Mr. Alex Kishaba  
Arakaki 541, Nakagusuku-Son  
Okinawa, Japan 901-24





## 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial Libraries Leyte, Philippines

In 1985-87 Four 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial Libraries were Constructed and Stocked with Books from Donations by Deadeye Veterans. These Libraries Continue to Serve the Children of Burauen, Jaro, Dagami & Tabontabon, Leyte.

Top two photos show repairs and repainting made on the Jaro, Leyte Library in August 2000

Bottom photo shows School Children served by the Tabontabon, Leyte Library in the background



Anyone wishing to contribute To the sustaining of these 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial Libraries send check to:

Don Dencker  
1375 Musket Ridge Drive  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-3436  
(608) 837-7479  
with notation: Leyte Libraries

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John W. Murcko -- Brookfield, Oh.

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Samuel Avery -- Frankfort, In.  
Eugenio Gonzalez -- Eagle Pass, TK.  
Stanley Lang -- Beverly Hills, Fl.  
Fred Weeks -- Sycamore, II.

383 - HEADQUARTERS

NONE

383 SERVICE

NONE

383 ANTI-TANK

NONE

383 CANNON

NONE

383 MEDICS

Bill Bunevich -- Rock River Oh.  
Clayton Foss -- Newberg, Or.  
Les Guengerich -- Sun Lakes, Az.

383 -- 1st BN. HQ.

Jack Barron -- White Lake, Mi.  
Norma Barth (Victor) -- Toledo, Oh.  
William Horton -- Portsmouth, Oh.  
Robert McMillan -- Springdale, Ar.  
Edmund Nowicki -- Dearborn, Mi.  
Oscar Vickers -- Coahoma, Tx.

383 -- COMPANY A

Daryl Haerther -- Strasburg, Co.  
Robert Huff -- Indianapolis, In.  
Patrick McDermott -- Las Vegas, Nv.  
George Robertson -- Cambridge, N.Y.

383 -- COMPANY B

Beatrice Bertrand (Charles) --Cameron, La.  
Jim Black -- McMannville, Or.  
Becky Blessing (Charles) -- New London, Mo.  
Arvin Bowman -- Shelbyville, Ky.  
Herbert Fischer -- Whitehouse, N. J.  
Ernest Gertsner -- Conyers, Ga.  
Richard McCarthy -- Coos Bay, Or.  
Aaron OVerstreet -- Austin, ~A.  
James Reineclc -- Gransbury, Tx.  
Harold Sletten -- Northridge, Ca.  
Gerald Stewart -- Santa Fe, N.M.  
Elmer Sweeter -- Canton, S.D.

383 - COMPANY C

Spencer Bullard -- Lakewood, Co.  
Keith Cochran -- Dewey, Az.  
Walter Egeland -- Two Harbors, Mh.  
Bos Ensor -- Oakton, Va.  
Leslie Mund -- Salmon,Ut.  
Don Peterson -- Merrifield, Mh.  
L. T. Stinnett -- Rock Island, 11.  
Frank Switzer -- Danville, 11.

383 - COMPANY D

John Cramer -- Dixon, 11.  
Donald Shearer -- Glendive, Mt.  
Earl Zinc -- New Orleans, La.

383 -- 2nd BN. HQ.

Reino Jurvelin -- Coeur D'Alene, Id.  
Jack Roe -- Exton, Pa.  
Larry Winters -- Montrose, Co.

383 -- COMPANY E

Frank Bolton -- Soda Springs, Id.

383 -- COMPANY F

Herbert Bate -- Glen Ellyn 11.  
Mercer Carey -- East Jordan, Mi.  
Vernon Corbin -- Cincinnati, Oh.  
Henry Hayes -- Auburn, Ne.  
George Resetco -- Bethlehem, Pa.  
Kit Soderlund (Irving) -- Marietta, Ga.  
Cecil Williams -- Winlock, Wa.

383 -- COMPANY G

Orville Caspers -- Swaledale, Ia.

383 -- COMPANY H

Robert Abbott -- Winter Haven, Fl.  
Jerry Connolly -- Garden City, N.Y.  
Earl Conrad -- Englewood, Fl.  
Estel Dawson -- Banning, Ca.  
Olan Hill -- Surprise, Az.  
Mike Martz -- Yorkville, 11.

383 -- 3rd BN. HQ.

Howard Bentley -- Columbus, Oh.  
Nelson -- Huron -- Huron, S.D.

383 - COMPANY I

Merlin Bennett -- Plainview, Tx.  
Harry Brown -- St. Louis, Mo.  
William Burd -- San Jacinto, Ca.  
Mel Coobs -- Boise, Id.  
Leonard Freeman -- Stratford, Ok.  
Tyrus Harbert -- Grand Junction, Co.  
Maynard Ludwig -- Platteville, Co.  
Clarence Snyder -- Shenandoah, Ia.  
Chandler St. John -- Salt Lake City, Ute  
Charles Weidler -- ParaDISE Valley, Az.  
Mary Lou White (Henry) -- Mackinaw, II.  
Ruth Wood (Lee Wright) -- Oregon, II.

383 - COMPANY K

Byron Boals -- Tucson, Az.  
Les Brown -- New Palestine, In.  
Herman Buffington -- Jefferson, Ga.  
William Deets -- Klamath Falls, Or.  
John Elliot -- Cheney, Wa.  
Ray Emmons -- Eugene, Or.  
Marvin Reames -- Kingfisher, Ok.  
Estil Schild -- No. Glenn, Co.  
Claude Sinnen -- Shakapoo, Mn.  
Ken Staley -- Schenectady, N.Y.  
Glenn Stewart -- San Carlos, Ca.  
Ray Strenski -- Green Bay, Wi.  
Sam Wood -- Spartanburg, S.C.

383 -- COMPANY L

Erma Helsel (John Crabb) -- Milwaukie, Or.  
Kathryn Novak (Louis) -- Pasadena, Ca.  
Billy Stubbe --Ayr, Ne.  
James Warren -- Fairbault, Mn.

383 -- COMPANY M

Kenneth Dolan -- Denver, Co.  
Edward Funk -- Muskegon, Mi.  
Sadie Hardt (Gottlieb) -- Palatine, II.  
Larry Ulrich -- Cincinnati, Oh.

DIVISION ARTILLERY

Donald Foster -- Topeka, Ks.  
Charles Woodbury -- Yuma, Az.

QUARTERMASTER

NONE

MILITARY POLICE

NONE

RECONNAISSANCE

NONE

SIGNAL

Joseph Camilleri -- Sonoma, Ca.  
Calvin Clements -- Lubbock, Tx.  
Emmett Dunaway -- Omaha, Ne.  
Harold Fuhrman -- Seattle, Wa.  
Hubert Hoffman -- Wichita, Ks.  
George Koons -- Berkeley Heights, N.J.  
George Lisle -- Chesterfield, Mo.  
Harold Straube -- Collinsville, II.  
Wallace WaLTERS -- Glendale, Az.

921 FIELD ARTILLERY

Edward Gliwa -- Chicago, II.  
John Johnson -- Thousand Oaks, Ca.

361 FIELD ARTILLERY

Val Heinrich -- Sarasota, Fl.  
Karel Knutson -- Puposky, Mn.  
Charles Moynihan -- Fremont, Ca.  
Harold Rabine -- New Baltimore, Mi.  
James Russell -- Burnet, Tx.

362 --FIELD ARTILLERY

Arnold Clements -- Adams, S. D.  
George Felicetta -- San Jose, Ca.  
Ralph Kopp -- Stratford, Wi.  
John Pfaff -- Independence, Or.  
Leonard Secrest -- Independence Twp., Mi.

363 -- FIELD ARTILLERY

Alvin Clements -- Denton, Tx.  
Merwin Hill --Verona, II.

321 MEDICS

Arthur Creason -- Hannibal, Mo.  
Karl Sinning -- Sioux Falls, S.D.

321 ENGINEERS

Eric Tengerstrom -- Cicero, II.  
B. F. Thigpen -- Amarillo, Tx.

728 AMPH

NONE

796 ORDINANCE

Grace Casey (Pat) -- Olympia, Wa.  
Ben Confer -- Carmel, Ca.  
Don Doerr -- Sun City West, Ca.  
Harry Jones -- Sherman, W.V.  
Joyce Lloyd (Kenneth) -- Oshkosh, wi.  
George McMahan -- Houston, Tx.  
Joseph McShane -- Munster, In.  
Chloris Nicherson (Russell) -- Truman, Mh.

JASCO

NONE

593 ASSAULT SIGNAL

NONE

CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE

NONE

REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

Ellen Anderson-Lewis  
Christine Burrows  
Bob Buss  
Larry Connolly  
Catherine Hawkins  
Michael Humphreys  
D. Irvin  
J. Craig Larson  
Roger Livingston  
Francis McCabe  
Phil Miller  
Larry Morris  
Joseph Pienezza  
Robin Shipley

The above names were taken from  
registration forms that were  
provided by ARMED FORCES REUNIONS

# 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.



At our Denver Reunion I heard about a book written by an Okinawan woman who survived our invasion. At that time she was 5 years old. As we moved our front lines down the island, she and her two older sisters sought refuge toward the south end of the island. In the confusion of refugees she was separated from her family, and was forced to proceed alone. Sleeping in caves in the daytime, she moved only at night. The abandoned farm lands provided her with raw food. She eventually surrendered herself and was taken to a refugee camp where she was reunited with her sisters. She is now married and works as a lawyer.

As I read the book I could not help but feel that I had walked on the same roads on which she had walked, and crossed the same fields from which she picked vegetables, and looked into the caves in which she slept. It is an inspiring story of childhood tenacity under the worst conditions.

The book is entitled THE GIRL WITH THE WHITE FLAG by Tomiko Higa. It is published in Tokyo and is distributed in the United states by Kodansha America, Inc. 575 Lexington Ave. New York, 10022. It is a paperback and should be obtainable at your library, your bookstore, or on computer from Amazon.com (my source).

Robert J. Boucher 382nd AT  
27 Longview Road  
Trumbull CT. 06611



## **A Request for assistance from the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division**

My name is Harold Richard Heindel. I am the "sole surviving son", and only son of Harold LeRoy Heindel. I grew up with out the physical presents of my father. I always missed him, as you have missed family and friends that have gone on before you. As I have grown older I miss him more. I have also grown concerned about the youth of this country. Many have lost interest in the values that are so precious and can be taken so easily for granted. I am thankful that my children are not in that category. What will happen when I am gone? I am concerned for my grandchildren and their children. So I have decided to write a story about my father and his friends, the people he knew and those that may have known him or his outfit.

I need your help. If you knew my father or his outfit, what he or they did, or if you know of anyone that may know these things or anything related to them, please contact me. I firmly believe that my parent's generation changed the world forever. They made a contribution, as you have and now I am asking you to reinforce that contribution by helping me develop a record for future generations. As I receive information I would be more than willing to share this information with all those that contribute and the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. I don't want those who gave the last full measure of devotion to be forgotten, nor do I want those who gave and returned home to give more, to be forgotten. I know you have given more than I can truly understand, but my request is for you to help one more time. Please continue to help build a strong America.

### **Informtion about my father**

Harold LeRoy Heindel

Born: 10 October 1919 - Idaho Falls, Idaho

Occupation: Baker

Entered Military Service: - 29 June 1944

Military Training - Camp Fannin, Texas - Co. B, 81 Bn..

Shipped overseas - Departed - December 1944

96 Infantry Division  
382 Infantry Regiment  
1st Battalion Hq. & Hq. Company  
Company C - 1st Lt., Michael E. Doyle, Commanding  
Platoon (?)



PRIVATE HAROLD L. HEINDEL

Leyte - Involved in "mopping-up" and training for "Iceberg"

Okinawa - Took part in operation "Iceberg" - April 1, 1944

Advanced south via Tombstone Ridge

Okinawa - Killed in action 10 May 1945, near Shuri, while taking part in an assault on possibly Love Hill or Zebra Hill. All but four men in his Platoon, of 26, were killed in that assault.

I would like the names of those in my fathers Platoon. I will put them on a bronze plaque at my father's grave. Thank you.

My address information is:

H. Richard Heindel

715 Somerset Street,

Farmington, Utah 84025

Phones: (H) 801-451-9028

(O) 801-539-8221

Fax: 801-539-8224

e-mail: [rheindel@dsenwest.com](mailto:rheindel@dsenwest.com)

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In 1942, I was cadre from basic training at Camp Wolters in Texas to a new organization, Camp Adair in Oregon (which wasn't completed). I was assigned to the 382nd Infantry Regiment of the 96th Infantry Division, which was reactivated.

I was assigned as sergeant major of the 382nd Regiment and I participated in both the Leyte and Okinawa Campaigns. I was discharged Christmas Day, December 25, 1945, at Camp Atterbury, Ind., at age 31. I was a draftee.

Over the years I have corresponded with many of my GI friends of the 382nd and 96th. I will be age 85 in December and I'm looking forward to receiving The DNJ. Dey Dispatch quarterly until my Life Membership expires!!!

Sincerely,

Edward L. Cavitt  
2 Wood Rd. NE  
Carrollton, Ohio 44615-9668

I joined the 96th Division in Dec. 1943 at Camp White, Ore. and was assigned to Co. L, 381st Bn. as a Platoon leader of the 1st Platoon. I led this platoon thru-out the Leyte and Okinawa campaign until I was evacuated, on a stretcher, from Okinawa with my 2nd purple heart. After being treated in the Navy hospital on Guam, the Schofield Medical Hosp. in Oahu, HI and Hammond General Hosp. Modesto, CA I finally received an honorable discharge in Dec. 1945.

Sincerely,

  
-George L. Marquis

83 Nevada St.  
Redwood City, Ca. 94062

I want to keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming. Enclosed you find a check for Lifetime membership dues. I had triple by-pass heart surgery on April 17, 2000. I have had six weeks of cardiac thereapy and I'm feeling good. Greetings to all my Company F 383rd Infantry buddies.

Elmer Madsen  
Box 85  
Graceville, Mh. 56240-0085

My Grandpa was an Infantry man in the 96th Division. He died in 1991. I was only 10 years old at the time. I would like to find people who knew him. His name was James M Dragvold. He was a PFC in Company K, 381 Infantry. He served from October 1943 until Spring 1945. He served in the Philippines and was wounded in Okinawa. Any help you can give me will be appreciated.

Janette Dragvold  
RR 1 Box 54  
Whalan, Mh. 55949

Anne Johnson, 19357 Flavian Ave., Thorrance, Ca. 90503, is interested in contacting any Deadeye who served in Company B 381 Infantry and knew her father Clyde Campbell, Jr. who waSE;killed in action in Leyte 11-21-1944.



Jim Kaslow, brother of Pete Kaslow (Co. A 381) has a letter in the Spring Issue Dispatch asking for info on his brother KIA in Okinawa. This picture is of his brother (front row Left) and 4 who were with him in the 96th. If any of the other 4 recognizes himself or if anyone else can and know what happened to them please send the info and an address to: Jim Kaslow, 405 W. Southwood Dr., Woodland, Ca. 95695. Phone No. 530-666-2594. E-mail --Jalkb@mindspring.com

\* Holiday Inn just off I-80 on 72nd Street.

