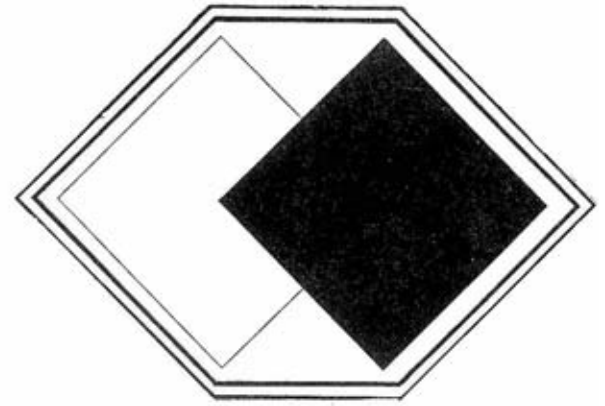






96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNION
INDIANAPOLIS IND.



96th INFANTRY DIVISION
Ninth Annual Reunion

Claypool Hotel Indianapolis, Indiana
July 28-29-30

Thursday, July 28th:

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| 7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | Executive Committee Meeting and Breakfast |
| 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. | Registration – Assembly Area – Claypool Hotel |
| 11:00 A.M. – | Style Show – (Auxiliary) To be announced |
| 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. | Tours – To be announced |
| 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. | Hospitality and Reception – 96th Division Hospitality Suite |
| 7:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. | Hospitality and Reception – 96th Division Hospitality Suite |

Friday, July 29th:

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| 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. | Registration – Assembly Area – Claypool Hotel |
| 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | General Business Meeting |
| 2:00 P.M. | Tours – (Auxiliary) To be announced |
| 3:00 P.M. | Tours – (Everyone welcome) To be announced |
| 8:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M. | Beer Bust – Entertainment |

Saturday, July 30th:

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| 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | Registration – Assembly Area – Claypool Hotel |
| 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | Convention City Meeting – General Business Session |
| 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. | Memorial Services |
| 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | Division Troops and Artillery Meeting |
| 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 381st Regiment |
| 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 382nd Regiment |
| 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 383rd Regiment |
| 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. | Cocktail Hour |
| 7:30 P.M. – | Banquet – Speaker to be announced |
| 9:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M. | Dance |

Program and schedule subject to change or rearrangement:

WELCOME

The Claypool Hotel will be headquarters for your Ninth Annual Reunion, July 28, 29, 30, 1966.

Speaking for the hotel with the slogan, "The Doorway to Hoosier Hospitality", it is with the greatest of pleasure that I extend a hearty welcome to members of the illustrious 96th Infantry Division Association.

We are looking forward to your reunion in Indianapolis, and assure you of our fullest cooperation in making it a huge success.

Sincerely,

B. F. Heath,
General Manager

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WHAT'S UP IN INDIANAPOLIS?

Edmund Biggs, Indianapolis Chairman

There are registration cards enclosed with this newsletter explaining rates. These rates are as good or better than we have had in other years. Please send the card to the hotel in order that the management can anticipate our needs.

There will be a tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, also a visit to Allison's Powerama (General Motors).

A hot-dog barbeque is planned for the children on the roof of the Claypool (Imperial Gardens): Also, swimming and theatre parties for the children. The Florantine room will be set aside for the children and other programs are in the making by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The State of Indiana is going to set up a tourist booth in the lobby of the Claypool Hotel during our visit. This all ties in with the Sesqui-centennial year celebration of the State of

Indiana. The 96th reunion is also listed on the State calendar of events for the year 1966. Our headquarters will be just one block from all major stores, Capitol of Indiana and many other places of interest. Indianapolis is looking forward to being host to the largest 96th DEADEYE Reunion ever to assemble. Remember, all roads, busses, trains and planes lead to Indianapolis. Use one of these medias of transportation and meet your buddy at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana at the corner of Illinois & Washington Streets this July 28th. DROP A NOTE TO YOUR BUDDIES AND LET THEM KNOW YOU WILL BE THERE.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Ed Dakan

Our Association is strictly non-profit, so whatever income we have must be used in ways that benefit the whole group and go toward objectives set out in our charter.

None of the officers or anyone else connected with the 96th Infantry Division Association receive any pay. They do their work gratis.

You may help take care of the newsletter expenses and other incidentals necessary to keep our Association growing by paying \$3.00 annual dues now. As a receipt for your membership, you will receive a distinctive and attractive card with the Division emblem.

Make checks payable to 96th Infantry Div. Assn. and send to:

Ed Dakan
P.O. Box 725
Mason City, Iowa 50402

There is still considerable interest by the members to purchase the Division History. Some years ago a survey was made to determine interest, but not enough responded with promises of advance payment. However, it is entirely possible that our treasury can be built up to the point whereby it would be possible to finance the project ourselves. How to build up the

NOTES FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Richard Klassen

treasury? Pay your dues.

In our search for more men from the 96th Infantry Division, one of our most extensive mailings was completed during October and November 1965. Every DEADEYE who had ever paid dues was sent a decal for the Indianapolis reunion. This amounted to several thousand names.

First class postage was used in order to get back the undeliverable letters. Nevertheless, the mailing list appears to be mostly up to date.

We do not want to lose a DEADEYE after he has been found. But if you should know of someone (yourself included) wondering why he has not been receiving 96th mail, let us know about him.

Do you need decals? They are free, if you have good use for them. Here is your chance to promote the reunion.

Write to Dakan for decals. His address is given elsewhere in this newsletter.

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I would like to take a moment out to thank all of you who have written or sent Christmas cards to me. I would like to acknowledge all, but lack of time dictates that I answer only those who make specific requests. I do enjoy reading them, though, so keep them coming. Elsewhere in this issue I have reproduced some of the representative letters that I have received during the past year, which, I am sure you will find interesting, as I have.

Thinking of what to say in a newsletter can be quite a task. If anyone has any suggestions or pictures, please forward to myself or some other officer.

Your old outfit (Co. and regiment or special service) is a part of your address in an abbreviated form. The mailing list is also in the process of being Zip-coded. If there is any error in old outfit or zip code please advise. If your outfit is not a part of your address, chances are I do not know what it is and you are not included with any particular unit. Please advise on this also. As all who have attended a reunion will recall, I maintain a roster of everyone according to unit served with, but there are several hundred names whose unit is not known.

Last December I mailed copies of our newsletter to Corresponding Secretaries of other Infantry Divisions and have subsequently received many of theirs in return. Some of the new features of this newsletter are incorporated because of these letters that I have received in the past couple of months. Reading them made me realize that the 96th was not the only outfit in the war. In fact, most of the letters seemed to be from outfits who served in some little known place called Europe. All kidding aside, we all seem to have similar problems and aspirations. We all want more money, more active participation, better attendance at the reunions and they all encourage family participation. Several Associations are planning trips to Europe and one (1st Cavalry) is even contemplating a trip to Australia, the Phillipines and Japan. Anyone for a trip back to Leyte? There is also one outfit that has sufficient cash that the interest drawn more than pays for quarterly issues of their newsletter.

A NEW BOOK AVAILABLE

DECISION AT LEYTE

by Stanley Falk
\$5.95

This book describes in detail the Leyte operation and the events leading up to it from both the American and Japanese point of view. It is well written and not loaded with an excess of dull facts and statistics. We would have been a lot more apprehensive had we known what the Japs had in store for us, but Admiral Halsey did an effective job in preventing the Japs from carrying out their plans. The book can be purchased by the Association in lots of five at a 40% discount; postage added would make the price \$4.00. If you desire a book send a check or money order made out to the Association, to Dakan or Klassen and we will take it from there. Please allow a few weeks for delivery.

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY

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OLD ROSTERS

Old rosters that have been worked are listed below. Most of these have been processed recently by Biggs and have pushed our mailing list up over 6,000.

38 1st – E, I, M, Cannon, Service, HQS
382nd – E, G, L, Antitank, Hqs.
383rd – D, K, L, Antitank
36 1st, 362nd Field Artillery
32 1st Medical Bn., 96 Div. Hqs, 96th QM,
796 Ordnance, 96th Recon 728 Amtrac

If anyone has old rosters other than those listed above, please send them to Biggs. He will process them and return them to you; this seems to be the best way we have of finding where you guys are hiding.

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY

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HAIL AND FAREWELL



Lt. Col. Russell Graybill,
Ret.

Wichita, Kansas

Died: January 20, 1966

One of the original DEAD-EYES, Colonel Graybill was Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn., 381st from 1942 until May 20, 1945, at which time he was evacuated from Okinawa for hospitalization in Hawaii. He was born in Moundridge, Kansas, graduated from High school at Newton, Kansas and attended Bethel College at Newton. His father, Dr. J.W. Graybill was a former lieutenant governor of Kansas

Col. Graybill began his military career in 1935, when he was National Guard commander of Newton's 35th Infantry Division unit. In 1939 he began active duty with the Army. He stayed in the Army until August 10, 1950 when he was discharged on permanent disability.

In 1955 he began working for the Wichita Eagle newspaper as copyreader for children's syndicates, etc. His latest position was that of features editor for both the morning and evening papers.

Permanent disability finally got the best of the Colonel, causing his second retirement in April 1965. During part of last summer he had been in the VA hospital for treatment of a growth on his pancreas.

While serving with the 96th, he was awarded the Bronze Star with cluster, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense medal and the American Theater ribbon.

One of his requests before entering the V/A Hospital in Wichita soon after Christmas was that word of his death should be sent to the 96th Infantry Division Association.

Funeral services were January 24, 1966 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Newton, Kansas.

T A P S

God in His infinite wisdom has summoned 128 96th Division DEADEYES who have served their country faithfully and well in war and in peace. The 96th Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families. May the bereaved families find a measure of consolation in the knowledge that their loved ones set inspiring examples of patriotic citizenship, and that they are sorely missed by their fellow DEADEYES. The names listed below have been compiled from the regular mailings and from the recent work on the old rosters by Ed Biggs. Where known, year of death has been listed.

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| Ira Jones | 381 | — Cannon | 1965 | J.C. Boston | 383 | — D Co. | |
| George Smith | 381 | — Cannon | | Jacob White | 383 | — H Co. | |
| Lavern Watrud | 381 | — Service | 1962 | Thomas Thrasher | 383 | — L Co. | 1965 |
| Mortimore Rappaport | 381 | — Service | | Marvin Adams | 921 | — Field Art. | 1959 |
| Byrd E. Walter | 381 | — Med. Det. | | August Ulsas | 921 | — Field Art. | 1960 |
| Robert P. Leacy | 381 | — Med. Det. | | Joseph R. Razmus | 921 | — Field Art. | 1961 |
| Russell Graybill | 381 | — CO-2nd Bn. | 1966 | John Buzzard | 361 | — Field Art. | 1964 |
| Vance Rodgers | 381 | — E Co. | | Leonard Pacholski | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Roy Nelson | 381 | — E Co. | | Herbert Cook | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Norman Bakeberg | 381 | — E Co. | | Cecil Ballowe | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Glen Ramsey | 381 | — G Co. | 1962 | Harold Tofto | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Don Kircher | 381 | — H Co. | 1963 | Lester Hathaway | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Richard Dominguez | 381 | — H Co. | 1965 | Leighton Hubbard | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Cecil Whiting | 381 | — I Co. | 1961 | Orville Johnson | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Bernard Schuller | 381 | — I Co. | 1965 | John Master | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| LeRoy Purcell | 381 | — I Co. | 1962 | Ole Skarvold | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| James Fitts | 381 | — I Co. | 1960 | Gene Jordan | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Donald Loenker | 381 | — K Co. | 1962 | LeRoy Bertrand | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Jack E. Mills | 381 | — M Co. | | Conrad Holden | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Ott C. McCune | 381 | — M Co. | | Elmer Wood | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Frank Pawlicki | 381 | — M Co. | | Donald Wall | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Marvin Caperton | 382 | — HQ Co. | 1961 | Edward Riepl | 361 | — Field Art. | 1952 |
| Raymond Woods | 382 | — Antitank | | Anthony Woloxzyk | 361 | — Field Art. | |
| Claude Levy | 382 | — Antitank | | Joseph Shannon | 361 | — Field Art. | 1960 |
| David Myerchin | 382 | — Med. Det. | 1965 | Orvia Carter | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Lewis Perry | 382 | — C & G Co. | 1965 | Irvin Helmers | 362 | — Field Art. | 1961 |
| Harry Dungan | 382 | — D Co. | | Fernando Carreon | 362 | — Field Art. | 1959 |
| Robert Breece | 382 | — D Co. | 1961 | Robert M. Smith | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| R.W. Adams | 382 | — D Co. | | Jacob Pesola | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Benny Higgins | 382 | — 2nd Bn. Hq. | 1965 | William Steen | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Delbert Reed | 382 | — E Co. | | Paul Devrient | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Max Drollet | 382 | — E Co. | | Orlin Gullingsrud | 362 | — Field Art. | 1962 |
| Sid Gordon | 382 | — G Co. | 1960 | William Grund | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Elmer Lembke | 382 | — G Co. | | Svein Goodman | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Arthur Carpenter | 382 | — H Co. | | Glenn Weeks | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Harold Parkin | 382 | — 3rd Bn. Hq. | | Dewey Stevenson | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| A.P. Czajkowski | 382 | — 3rd Bn. Hq. | 1962 | Henry Overbeck | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| John Rasmussen | 382 | — L Co. | 1966 | Leo Jablonski | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| James Young | 382 | — L Co. | | Jesse Dooley | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Fred DeGroat | 383 | — | 1965 | Sidney Fretwell | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Leonard Tincher | 383 | — Antitank | 1959 | Francis Jenkins | 362 | — Field Art. | |
| Walter Jennings | 383 | — Cannon | | Joe Roiger | 362 | — Field Art. | 1952 |
| Vernon Elston | 383 | — A Co. | 1964 | Winfred Thrasher | 363 | — Field Art. | 1961 |
| Maurice Stein | 383 | — C Co. | 1961 | Carl McElhaney | 321 | — Med. Bn. | |
| Ed Kosatka | 383 | — C Co. | 1962 | Glenn Kingsley | 321 | — Med. Bn. | 1952 |
| John Connelly | 383 | — D Co. | 1962 | Burdette Ritter | 321 | — Med. Bn. | 1962 |
| Paul Weeks | 383 | — D Co. | 1962 | Keith Holt | 321 | — Med. Bn. | |
| Paul Shrewsbury | 383 | — D Co. | | Col. Garold Henning | 321 | — Med. Bn. | |

T A P S -- Continued:

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| Gordon Henderson | 321 - Med. Bn. | |
| Archie Powell | 321 - Engineers | 1965 |
| ✓ Gen. James L. Bradley | Commander - 96th | 1958 |
| Col. Herbert Damisch | 96 - Div. Hq. | 1963 |
| Clarence Gilly | 96 - Div. Hq. | |
| Morgan Craig | 96 - Div. Hq. | |
| Robert Demo | 96 - Div. Hq. | |
| Lawrence Springstead | 96 - Div. Hq. | |
| Raymond Pfister | 96 - Div. Hq. | |
| Joseph MuniZZa | 96 - Recon | |
| James Drewry | 96 - Recon | |
| John Collins | 96 - Recon | 1965 |
| Don Eaton | 96 - Recon | 1959 |
| William Bromley | 96 - Recon | |
| Thomas Hickey | 96 - Recon | |
| Frank Romans | 96 - Recon | |
| Robert White | 96 - Recon | |
| Edward Severson | 96 - Recon | |
| Willie Schuerer | 96 - Recon | 1964 |
| Harry Latimer | 796 - Ordnance | 1965 |
| Reginald Butler | 796 - Ordnance | 1965 |
| Sylvester Toello | 796 - Ordnance | |
| Kenneth Malott | 796 - Ordnance | 1965 |
| Frank Galligan | 796 - Ordnance | |
| Dorcie Grow | 796 - Ordnance | |
| John Helm | 796 - Ordnance | |
| Francis Kelly | 96 - QM | 1965 |
| Silvio Galassi | 96 - QM | |
| Joseph Dufour | 96 - QM | 1965 |
| LeRoy Gerdes | 96 - MP | 1960 |
| Richard Kesner | 96 - Band | 1962 |
| Herbert Paul | War Correspondent | 1965 |
| John Kendrach | 728 - Amtrac | |
| Earl Trumbly | 728 - Amtrac | |

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STATUS SYMBOL

Listed in the World Almanac for 1966: Ninety Sixth Infantry Division Assn. (1958) 929 S. Myrtle Street, Kankakee, Illinois 68901: 4,000. Sec. Richard Klassen.

CREDIT TO HAROLD ROETKER - Our Printer

At the reunion in Portland, Oregon in 1964, Harold Roetker cornered some of the Association officers and described the possibilities of a newsletter that could be published at reasonable cost and in large volume. Until then, getting out an issue of the DEADEYE DISPATCH was a hard job. That was where the new format started.

Harold served with 96th QM. Presently, he is Manager of Printing and Supply for far-ranging Consolidated Freightways at their Portland terminal.

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PROFILE



Ray Dickinson
6715 Hickman Road
Des Moines, Iowa 50322

Ray was with the old 96th Infantry Division after its organization in 1918, World War I. At present, he is the only member of the original division of which we have any knowledge. His company was I - 383rd.

One distinction that Ray Dickinson has is that of being the first senior rated non-com of the 96th.

At our reunion in Portland, Oregon this man was elected Honorary Lifetime Member of our Association. Ray attended the reunion in Minneapolis last July and hopes to show up at Indianapolis with his wife.

Here are some of his observations about the 96th as he knew it: "The 96th Division was organized at Camp Wadsworth in South Carolina, about four miles from Spartansburg. We had only our officers and non-coms -- no privates. Finally, they loaned us some privates for two weeks. Then the war was over and the privates were sent home."

"In the early days of the 96th, we were not issued clothes. We wore only what we had taken when we left Camp Gordon: we got so ragged that the camp was quarantined because of us not being fit to be seen in public."

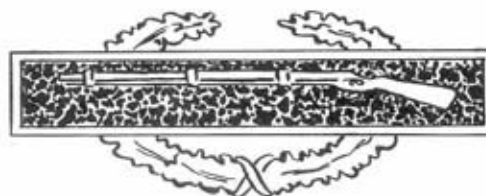
A native Iowan, Ray divides his time between his home in Des Moines and his interests in the nearby town of New Virginia.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES AT REUNION

Rev. Leonard F. Todd of Moro, Ill. will conduct Memorial Services on Saturday morning, July 30. A chaplain for the 382nd Infantry, he was with us all of the way.



One of the most cherished of battle awards, the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

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Ft. Lewis, Washington, May 15, 1943 — On the occasion of the second Division formation, General Bradley made a request that was twice granted.

“I want this Division to be good,” he said. “I ask you as a personal favor to so train and so work that I may go into battle at least once with you.”

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20 YEARS AGO

Camp Anza, Calif., Feb. 3, 1946 — On Sunday morning the Division's units fell in for their last formal assembly. No flags waved, no bands played as they had on so many occasions in the past. Less than 2,000 men now constituted the Division, as they stood quietly, in a chilling rain, to hear their final instructions, chiefly relating to troop train departures.

To men of the 96th that weekend was one of the happiest of their lives, but despite the eagerness of the GIs to get home there was an indefinable air of sadness about the scene as the great fighting machine passed into history.

Excerpt from article by Herman Edwards, The Portland Oregonian

PROFILE

Col. Michael Halloran,
Ret., 802 6th Avenue,
Jacksonville, Ala. 36265.



Commanding Officer of the 381st Infantry Regiment in the campaigns of Leyte in the Phillipines and on Okinawa, WW II, Screamin' Mike was once quoted: "You cannot bypass a Japanese because a Jap does not know when he has been bypassed."

Men of his unit reflected his seasoned leadership. Colonel Halloran's devo-

tion to the men of the 381st Regiment was so fanatical that he would take on a four-star general if he thought their interests were at stake.

After 37 years in the United States Army, Colonel Halloran retired in 1954. He had served as Post Commander of Fort McClellan since February 1, 1953.

During his tour at the Fort, Colonel Halloran had seen the dreams of thousands of women in uniform; a permanent home, become a reality with the opening of the WAC center there. A native of Oconto, Wisconsin, Col. Halloran received his commission as a second lieutenant in the regular Army in October, 1917 at Fort Logan H. Root, Arkansas, after attending an officers training course for three months. His first assignment was with the 24th Infantry at Columbus, New Mexico. In the years between the two wars, he attended two Infantry school courses at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the Calvary School at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Other assignments included stations at Ft. Devers, Mass., the University of Florida and the Phillipine Islands where he served from 1922 to 1924.

Among his post WW II assignments were included a tour of duty at Ft. McClellan where he served as a unit commander for the replacement training center; and also, a tour of duty at Ft. Bragg, N.C. In 1947, Col. Halloran was assigned to duty with the Occupation Forces in Japan, serving at Camp Gifu as Commanding Officer of the 24th Infantry.

His own words, written recently, indicate the fire that the DEADEYES knew so well. "Have been living in this area since retiring, where I turn a hand occasionally in civic endeavors and traveling a bit--visiting daughters in Europe and Central America." "Enjoy pretty good health, walk several miles a day, and have most of my hair. Can and do scream as loud as ever, but can't hear a damn thing.

PROFILE

Lt. Col. Edward Stare,
1544 Larry Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224



Kakazu Ridge and the actions that took place in that vicinity during the dreadful days in the second week of April 1945 foretold other remarkable exploits of the 3rd Bn., 383rd. Lt. Col. Edward Stare's fighters greatly reduced the number of Japs who could tell what it was like to close in battle with expertly-led Americans.

After Okinawa, Col. Stare was included in a group from 383rd that came back to the States with the 31st Division from Mindanao. Discharged from the Service in December 1945, he returned to Proctor and Gamble Co. in Cincinnati where he had been previously employed in the Chemical Division. For the succeeding 20 years Stare has been associated with Chemical Intermediates, part of the business that is involved in synthesizing organic chemicals for use in detergents. He is group manager for that area.

He remained active in Organized Reserves as a battalion commander in the 83rd Division until 1953. Later, he served as CO of the Infantry Section of the Command and Staff School of the Cincinnati Military District.

Now his spare time activities are golf, swimming and ice skating.

The following paragraphs expressing some of his feelings were taken from a recent letter:

My two sons are now 22 and 17 years of age. As they grew up, I have been a Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor in two particularly active groups. We camp throughout the year. Since the older Explorer Scouts do a lot of canoeing, I have paddled a number of Michigan rivers with them as their trail guide. I strongly believe that Scouting is a good way to get our young men started toward a responsible citizenship, so I continue to work with them as a merit badge counsellor.

I know that my friends in the 383rd are among the finest that I have ever had, so I am looking forward to renewing those friendships in July.

PROFILE



Lt. Col. Edwin List, Ret.
2153 Second St.
Bay City, Mich. 48708

Colonel List was wounded while commanding a combat patrol in an advance onto Labir Hill, a 1,000 foot high obstacle before Catmon Hill. So the 1st Battalion of the 383rd lost their original CO, October 27, 1944 on Leyte Island. A few days later, Col. List was evacuated to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, then returned to U.S. by ship in January, 1945. After being confined to numerous hospitals with some intervals of temporary limited duty until July 13, 1946, he was promoted to Colonel and retired effective October 26, 1946 after six years of active service.

Mr. List rejoined the staff of the Peoples National Bank and Trust Co. of Bay City. After serving as Vice President and Cashier, civilian retirement came on October 31, 1962.

Col. List is currently enjoying good health, spending much of his time at golf, hunting, fishing, bridge and poker. During the past five years he has been an officer in his church.

Edwin List is planning to attend the reunion in Indianapolis.

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FOOTNOTE

Two of the new features added with this issue are "Profiles" and "Personal Notes". To Ed Dakan goes credit for the entire contents of the Profile columns. There are many more ready for publication, but will save them for future issues. All other outfits devote a lot of space to letters from members; hence, the Personal Notes column: hope no one was offended, but they are a cross section of the type of mail received.

DEADEYE CALENDAR



Sure, you knew him, for he was a friend of yours. He may have been a fox-hole buddy, truck driver, BAR-man, or squad leader in your platoon.

Earlier this spring the Association published and mailed a 9" x 12" calendar to all paid up members. DEADEYE was pictured as a civilian hero in a cartoon that was printed

in three colors.

It is hoped that reaction of the membership to this project will provide definite indication whether to continue such method of publicizing the reunions.

A sample of the calendar that will be proposed for 1967 will be available at the reunion in July.

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SESQUICENTENNIAL — 1816 to 1966. A colorful celebration of 150 years of progress in Indiana.

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**WILL THE REUNION BE IN YOUR STATE IN 1968?
GET YOUR BID READY FOR PRESENTATION AT
THE REUNION IN JULY.**

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY!

PERSONAL NOTES

The following is quoted from a clipping sent by a DEADEYE in Maryland. He found this letter in the Baltimore paper last November.

An "Old Soldier" Replies

SIR: Since nearly every old soldier (including this one) likes to put on the old uniform once in a while (especially if it has a few medals attached) and relive the glories and drama of the past without its pain and suffering, it will probably be an easy job to get many veterans to medal-up for November 11, in a show of support for the Johnson Administration's policy in Vietnam.

Here is one old soldier who is going to leave his Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts right where they belong - in the scrapbook, to be shown to grandchildren.

One does not need to debase the courage or intentions of American soldiers in Vietnam to be aware that America is morally wrong in this war. Civilians got killed when we took Okinawa, too, and many of us have lived with 20 years of guilt for this grotesque price paid by the innocent at our hands for the defeat of Japanese militarism. But this time we, not our opponents, are the aggressors. And the whole nation, not just our soldiers, is guilty.

JOHN V. CHAMBERLAIN

Associate professor of religion, Goucher College, and honorably discharged from Co. K, 383rd Regt. 96th Div., Army of the United States.

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From: William A. Carpenter CO, 96th Sig. Co.
1 Prospect St.
Port Henry, N.Y.

Enclosed is my \$3.00 membership dues for the 96th Division Association.

I served in the 96th Signal Co. from activation until the end of the war. Would be glad to hear from any of my friends.

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PERSONAL NOTES

From: E. J. Martinez, Jr. 383rd Med.
2018 Sylvan Cir. SW Apt. B-1
Atlanta, Ga. 30310

Thanks for sending the 96th decals. Please send three more and I will get them to some old buddies.

I am sure that there are many members of the 382nd Infantry Regiment Medical Detachment who will be saddened to hear of the passing of David P. Myerchin in the past summer in Camarillo, Calif. David and I went through medical basic training together and upon joining the 96th, he was assigned to the 382nd and I to the 383rd. He was a fine soldier and a true friend.

I hope to see you at the '66 convention. It will be my first, if I can make it.

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From: Marguerite Kingsley 321 Med.
(Mrs. Glenn E.)Kingsley
1160 Eighth Street
Lorain, Ohio

My husband, Dr. Glenn E. Kingsley, died on Oct. 22, 1952 at age 43.

Were he here, I am positive that he would try to attend the reunion of the 96th, for he often spoke of it with affection. His five children and I still cherish the pictorial history of the Division, and also a scrap book of his letters from overseas.

Each Christmas I receive a greeting card from Richard Handschin who went on after the war to become a doctor in Saudi Arabia. His address is Box 2598, Aramco, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. One year when he returned to the States with his family he stopped here in Lorain to make a call on us, and I have always regretted that I was not at home. It is such a spirit that certainly made the 96th "the perfect division."

I have a son in medical school at present who hopes to become half the doctor that his father was. It is a big order, but he is well on his way to fulfilling it.

I send to the men of the 96th my very best wishes. May your lofty aims be realized.

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PERSONAL NOTES

From: Walter Hamilton 321-Med. Bn.
1843 N. River Rd.
St. Clair, Mich. 48079

Please send me more information on the 96th Inf. Division. Will any of the 321st Med. Bn. be there? Thank you.

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From: Ralph Cunningham Div. Band
2 Sterling St.
Pittsburgh, Penn. 15205

Even though I have not attended any of the reunions and am not a dues paying member, I have welcomed the literature, so I am enclosing three dollars to help with the expenses.

I take my vacation in the winter, and have never seriously thought about the reunions, as I felt there would be no one attending from the Div. Band. I see Ralph Drollinger attended last year, the first name I have recognized. As band members, we never got to know too many men in the other outfits, with the exception of the M.P.'s who we were attached with overseas.

Do you have the names and addresses of other Div. Band members? Maybe, through corresponding, I can arrange to meet someone I know at Indianapolis.

I think it's remarkable, the job you and the others have done. Normally, a function such as this would be dying, instead of getting bigger twenty years after disbanding. I envied your return to Oregon.

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From: Charles McDonald 321st Med.
847 Moreland Avenue SE Bn., Co. C.
Atlanta, Ga. 30316

Would like for you to send me the details of the 96th Division reunion being held in July. Will try to make arrangements to go. Looking forward to meeting you and the others I might know.

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY!

PERSONAL NOTES

From: Charles W. Benson 362 FA
R #1, Box 145
Sycamore, Ill. 60178

I don't believe we've met, but I hope to see you this July. This is the first DEADEYE DISPATCH that I have received. It was enjoyable recalling a few acquaintances. I was S-2 (Survey Officer) with Col. Jenkins outfit. A great soldier he was.

Please send me information and reservations, if any. Lord willing, we will make it.

P.S. My wife, Betty, was an Army nurse at Camp White, Oregon. We met there and were married in Pasadena, Calif. 27 Dec. 43.

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From: Juanita South 381 F
(Mrs. Claude) South
2206 Kelton Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif. 90064
c/o S. DeWitte

I will try to be at the 96th reunion in Indianapolis. Hope to see you there.

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From: Don Brown 381 B
Trilla, Ill. 62469

I would like to come to the reunion this year, can drive it in two hours from home. Will write to Glen McGhee, too.

A friend borrowed my history book of Co. B. It was burned in a fire at his home. How can I get another one?

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INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN THE HOOSIER CAPITAL CITY

Indianapolis is a city on the move! Impressive new buildings are fast replacing older structures. Elaborate new shopping centers are mushrooming in every section of the city. Indianapolis blends the new and modern with the treasured and traditional.. a city of infinite variety...of diversified industry as well as recreation and entertainment facilities.

PERSONAL NOTES

From: Macy Garwood
1101 Bluff St.
Guthrie Center, Iowa

381st-Service
I Co.

Enclosed please find check for payment of dues. Also, please send me names and addresses of fellows in Service Co., 381st and also 381st I Co. Could you send me Capt. Laverne C. Watruds' address? He was CO of Service Co. in the Phillipines.

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From: Robert Hurd
Rt. 2
Mahaffey, Penn.

Am enclosing the three dollars for membership in the 96th Division Association. Hope to make the next reunion.

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From: William Brunson
3404 Fadal
Waco, Texas

381st - M

Since May, 1945 when I left the 96th, I have not come in contact with anyone who has served with this organization.

Last week, while waiting on customers in a store where I work, I noticed in the hand of a customer a small paper dispatch on which I saw the 96th Division shoulder patch and was surprised to meet an old DEADEYE.

I served from Camp Adair to Leyte as a 1st Lt. M Co. 381st and on Okinawa I was with Anti-tank Co. 381st.

I will appreciate any information you have available on old 96th.

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From: A. C. Talbod
1011 Kenwood
Alexandria, Minn. 56308

383rd - L Co

I'm in the hospital, been here ever since the reunion in Minneapolis, but expect to be out soon as good as new. Have a nice Christmas and I will see you in Indianapolis.

PERSONAL NOTES

From: Robert E. Rector
Box 81
Bluffton, Ind. 46714

382nd C Co.

I just received a Deadeye letter from Ed Biggs which, by the way, was my first one. I have often wondered about the 96th and its reunions and was certainly pleased when I received this letter.

You will find my \$3.00 enclosed for membership dues and I trust you will notify me when the next payment is due.

I would like to know if it is possible to buy a copy of our Division History. During my moving around, I have misplaced mine and am most anxious to replace it.

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From: Eugene Alexander
24140 Wilson Ave.
Dearborn, Mich. 48128

Div. Hq.

A mailing about the 96th Infantry Division Assn. reached me from Ed Biggs. This is the first one I have received. Since I was originally from Indiana, and have friends in Indianapolis, I will have a double reason to go back to the reunion in July of this year.

I am enclosing my year's dues. Let me know more about the reunion plans. It would be a real thrill to see again some of the men I knew 20 years ago. I haven't seen a single one since 1945. I was the Division's psychiatrist.

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From: Clifford L. Huff
P.O. Box 173, Miebashi
Naha, Okinawa

382-3rd Bn.Hq.

Finally received your letter or rather the one that Ed Biggs wrote about the Association. Enclosed please find a check for \$3.00 for dues.

I now own an entertainment agency in Okinawa and also book other places here in the Far and Middle East. I have been out of the service since Sept., 1963.

I see by the flyer I received this year's reunion is in late July. I plan to be back in the States after the first of August, so guess I will just miss it.

PERSONAL NOTES

From: Lyle Ridgeway 96th Signal
20 Plaza Square, Apt. 1208
St. Louis, Mo. 63103

In going over some papers today while paying bills, I ran across the Deadeye Dispatch you send out and it became apparent that even though I read it every time with interest, I haven't sent you any dues for years. So here is a check. Lord knows I can at least do that much when fellows like you do the work. But I only pay for things I get bills for and at this stage of the game 3 or 4 years goes by in the blink of an eye.

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From: James F. Moseley 706th ORD
Gen. Del.
Mesa, Arizona 85201

I served overseas with the 96th Div. Ordnance on Leyte and Okinawa.

My purpose in writing you is to try and locate my Company Commander, Buck Carlson. I need to know where to write him, as I am trying for a pension and he could help me. Last Christmas I received a greeting from a member of the 96th who lived in Ohio, but have lost the address.

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From: Dallas Dawson 382nd-3rd Bn.Hq.
8703 Sudbury Place
Alexandria, Va. 22809

Recently, I received a flyer from Ed Biggs concerning the 96th Infantry Division Assn. Enclosed is a check for membership in the Association for the year 1966. Hope to see you at the Claypool next July.

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INDIANAPOLIS INVITES YOU IN 1966

Indianapolis, state capital of Indiana, is the most centrally located large city in the United States from the standpoint of population distribution. It has a metropolitan area population of over 900,000 people and is very accessible from all points in the country. According to the Federal Bureau of Census, the exact center of the entire country is only a few miles south and west of Indianapolis.

PERSONAL NOTES

From: Harold Ewert 383rd - K
516 Lilac Lane
Theinsville, Wisc. 53092

Just a note to give you a name of one of our medics that you may remember. He and I are probably the only ones from the Division from the city of Milwaukee, but I ran into him at a little restaurant one day.

He is much interested in getting "The Dispatch" and other mailings that the Division has and intends to take in the next convention at Indianapolis. He is:

William O. Connor
3702 N. Morris Blvd.
Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211

He was formerly a medic with K Co., 383rd.

P.S. From Corresponding Secretary: The letter above is my commercial to those from K Co., 383rd. Don't have time to write individual letters, so take upon yourself to be in Indianapolis next July. You won't be sorry.

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From: Henry T. Ogle 362 -Field
707½ Market St. Artillery
Knoxville, Tenn. 37902

Yesterday I was visiting my mother and was handed by her nurse an envelope which she described as being important, pointing to the language appearing on the outside of the envelope as an indication of this importance. While for years I have received mail from college organizations, etc., at my mother's, I immediately recognized that this letter was not like those that had been hastily filed in the waste can. The difference in this letter was that at last someone was taking the time to reorganize a group of fellows who shared common problems for so many years together. With that thought, I opened your letter to confirm what I had hoped it contained.

I thank you for your willingness to do this job that you are doing and assure you of my interest in assisting you in any way I might do. So many of the fellows we eminently knew are now scattered and have interests much different than those which we would have projected. However, I am sure that they would join with me in liking to get back together occasionally.

PERSONAL NOTES

From: Alfred S. Bengé, Jr. 383 - F Co.
3621 Redwood Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90066

Al wrote a long letter and will quote only part of it; perhaps someone can help him:

I would like you to send me, if you have it, the address of Argyle T. Stocks, Corporal, F., Co., 383rd. He was formerly from Mississippi. My last addresses for him were Washington, D. C. and Culpepper, Va. I have never been able to attend the reunions, but I am wondering how many of the original members of the 383rd Regt. have attended these meetings. By "original" I mean men who joined the Division July 15, 1942 and were 1 of 190 men of the 53rd Infantry who made up the cadre which started the regiment and activated the division a short time later.

STATEMENT

DEADEYE DISPATCH is the official publication of the 96th Infantry Division Association. All communications should be directed to the Corresponding Secretary who also serves as editor.

Aims are to promote activities of the Association and serve its members in every way possible. Your comments, questions, pictures, anecdotes and suggestions are solicited.

PERSONAL NOTES

To: 728 Am Trac or the ole 775 TD Bn.

Make your plans now for July reunion. Special letter will be sent to you on or about June 1st with a roster of men and all information available. This will be a most important reunion for us so contact everyone that you know of to be sure that they are aware of the reunion.

Robert J. Nicholson
458 Valley Street
Orange, New Jersey

Over 250 men and 7 officers have been located so far and I know that there are many others that I do not have on the list but they can be contacted by you. Please send their names and addresses to me.

Thank you and I hope I meet you and all the other fine fellows of the 96th in Indianapolis in July.

Sincerely,

Bob Nicholson

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