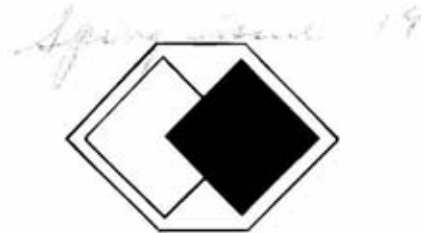


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July 23, 24, 25, 1970

THURSDAY – JULY 23, 1970

7:30 A.M. –	9:00 A.M.	Executive Committee Meeting & Breakfast
9:00 A.M. –	6:00 P.M.	Registration – Mezzanine Foyer
1:30 P.M. –	4:00 P.M.	Auxiliary Bus Tour – Grosse Pointe & Lake St. Clair
7:00 P.M. –	9:30 P.M.	Reception & Hospitality – Statler Room #1 – Cash Bar
ALL DAY		Teen Activities – Michigan Room

FRIDAY – JULY 24, 1970

9:00 A.M. –	6:00 P.M.	Registration – Mezzanine Foyer
9:30 A.M. –	11:30 A.M.	General Business Meeting – Statler Room #1
10:00 A.M. –	11:30 A.M.	Auxiliary Meeting – Ivory Room
1:00 P.M. –	4:30 P.M.	Mystery Tour (We Have A Better Idea)
1:30 P.M. –	4:30 P.M.	Reception & Hospitality – Ivory Room (Late Arrivals)
7:00 P.M. –	8:00 P.M.	Informal Greetings – Everybody should attend
8:00 P.M. –	1:30 A.M.	Beer Bust – Hilton Room – Music
8:00 P.M. –	Midnight	Teen Dance – Michigan Room
ALL DAY		Teen Activities – Michigan Room

SATURDAY – JULY 25, 1970

9:00 A.M. –	5:00 P.M.	Registration – Mezzanine Foyer
9:30 A.M. –	11:00 A.M.	1972 Convention City Meeting – Statler Rooms #1 & #2
11:30 A.M. –	12:30 P.M.	Memorial Service Statler Rooms #1 & #2
		Rev. John K. Ormond 383-H.Q.
		Rev. Harold Botts 381-I
1:00 P.M. –	2:45 P.M.	Auxiliary Luncheon – Program – Coiffures, Creations & Styles
2:00 P.M. –	4:00 P.M.	Division Meeting – Topic: Okinawa - Statler Rooms #1 & #2
		Colonel Leroy P. Collins Jr. 381
		Slides & Discussion
6:00 P.M. –	7:00 P.M.	Cocktail Hour – Grand Ballroom – Cash Bar
7:00 P.M.		Banquet – Refer to Special Program
		Awards & Recognitions
		Hawaiian Holidays – Music & Floor Show
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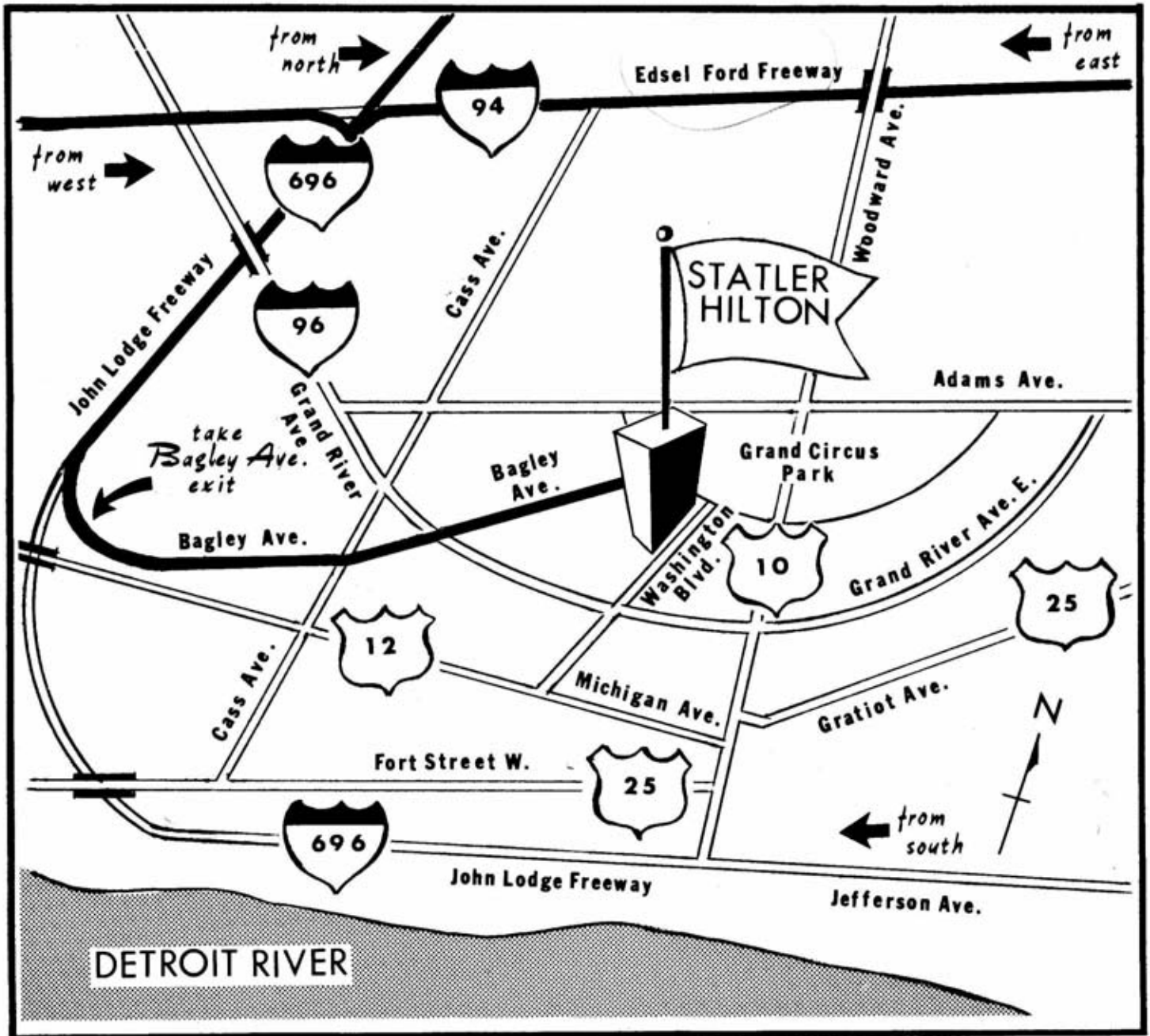
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Ted, who considers himself to be a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, grew up and entered the Army from suburban Philadelphia. He took basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas in the horse cavalry. Selected for ASTP, he spent time at the State Universities of Nebraska and Wisconsin. Joining the 96th at Camp White, Hanna stayed with 381-K until deactivation at Camp Anza in February, 1946, then remained in the USAR – Transportation Corps until 1953. After attending Temple University, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the East and for the past eight years in Detroit, where he is Trainmaster for the Penn Central Railroad, a recently merged company. Meanwhile, he and lovely wife Lois, (whom he met after returning from WW 11) became the parents of two daughters, Judy, a freshman at the U. of Michigan, and Karen, a sophomore in high school.



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By Ted F. Hanna

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This is to welcome you to Detroit.

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Probably the most significant change is scheduled for the banquet program — no politician or other public figure making a speech. In fact, there will not be any speaker. The Hawaiian Holidays Review for which I have contracted will provide excellent family entertainment.

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

If at any time fewer than 10 members are in attendance at a reunion, the Association will be dissolved and any remaining funds will be contributed to Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon.

USE DECALS

Decals may be had for the reunion in Detroit. One decal will be sent with every membership card, unless more are requested. Here is an opportunity to let other people know about the Association by display of these decals on your automobile, in your place of business or vets club.

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Henry was born at Ellsworth, Illinois. He entered the Army on October 9, 1942 and joined 383-I at Camp Adair, Oregon. After the war, his employment was with the State of Illinois. Henry and Mary Lou were married in 1948. In 1952 White was employed by Midwestern Safety Mfg. Co. in Mackinaw. Since then, he has become a member of the firm and is now vice president.

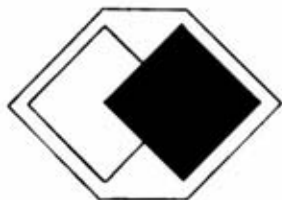


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Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. White presented a book, **THE DEAD-EYES** – The Story of the 96th Infantry Division to the **MACKINAW TOWNSHIP LIBRARY** last fall. This picture appeared in their local newspaper.

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Reverend Botts entered the ministry after the war.

Chaplain Ormond spent his entire Army Career with the 96th, having been on hand through both assault landings.

COLLINS TOPIC: OKINAWA

Col. Leroy P. Collins will be bringing to the reunion his slides and other items from Okinawa. A special program will be presented Saturday afternoon.

SEND SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Editors of the **DEADEYE** Dispatch are interested in receiving items that might be used in forthcoming issues of the newsletter. Do you have pictures that were taken at any of the camps or on maneuvers? Who will take on the job of securing current information about Leyte?

In the next issue of the newsletter the feature story will be about Oahu and many of the places that were familiar to **DEADEYES**. A buddy from 383-K, Wayne Gocke, is the writer.

It makes no difference if you are not an author or photographer. Your story and snapshots will be okay. If you can furnish pictures, please try to identify the people and time or place of the event.

REUNION REGISTRATION HINTS

1. Please try to avoid signing in on the large posters showing who is present and their unit. That job will be done by those persons who are working at the registration tables, mostly by Corresponding Secretary, Richard Klassen, himself, who wants to follow his own system.

2. Because your buddies will be trying to locate you in the hotel or nearby areas, it is important that you should report your room number or phone number. A bulletin board will be available in the registration area for messages.

3. Come early and stay late. It will be quite a thrill watching **DEADEYES** arrive, especially if they happen to be from your company and you can recall what they looked like 25 or more years ago.

REPORT IN PART

Maj. Gen. John G. Cassidy C.O. 381-1st Bn.
205 Highfield Lane
Nutley, N.J. 07110



On December 14, 1969, General Cassidy, commanding general of New Jersey's 78th Division, retired after 40-years service. Leading citizenry of the state attended the retirement ceremonies.

General Cassidy is vice president of the Association of the United States Army, a member of the Reserve Officers Association and 96th Infantry Division Association.

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Indications are that the 96th Infantry Division Association is the largest and most active group of its kind. Circulation of the newsletter is close to 8,000.

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OVERSEAS REPORT taking another look

OKINAWA

By Colonel Leroy P. Collins Jr.
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Colonel Collins was interviewed by a reporter for Pacific Stars and Stripes when he and Mrs. Collins visited Okinawa in April, 1969. At that time he explained that their trip was both for pleasure and business.

"The 96th Infantry Division Association knew that I was stationed nearby (Korea) and asked if I would come here to see Okinawa as it is today, take some pictures and write an article for the Association," he said.

Twenty four years and a miracle later, Collins had come back to relive the Battle of Okinawa. Then for two weeks, with the aid of his wife and friends, the one time 381st Regimental operations officer visited many of the battle sites with the memory of how they looked compared to how they are now.

MACHINATO INLET - When the 381st Infantry was moved from the eastern to the western side of the island in early April, the regiment was assigned the mission of seizing and securing the high ground adjacent to **MACHINATO INLET** because it constituted the right side and anchor of the 96th Division's zone of action. This mission was further assigned to 3/381 which occupied the hill on the north side of the inlet. Battalion command, communications, mortar and supply areas were positioned on the reverse slopes.

One of these areas is shown here in a tomb compound, which incidentally, provided excellent cover from mortar and artillery rounds. Although a few of the tombs appear to be entirely neglected, most have been repaired and are well-maintained.



APARTMENT HOUSE - During the battle for the Maeda escarpment, the "APARTMENT HOUSE" barracks figured prominently. (See page 278 of Okinawa - The Last Battle.) Here K/381 assisted by CN/381 made one of the last attacks before the Division was relieved for a rest at the end of April, 1945. The building is now a girl's high school.

On the skyline can be seen some buildings on the east side of **SHURI** and some modern microwave relay stations.



URASOE-MURA ESCARPMENT (also called Maeda Escarpment) - We called the right side Sawtooth. This recent view from the north shows something new in the area below Needle Rock. There are row upon row of shrines built of stone and concrete, each dedicated to the memory of a Japanese soldier who died here. The shrines were built by a commercial firm with the approval of the Okinawan government and sold individually to the families of the fallen Japanese.

At the left were Hills 150 and 152. (See page 124 of the Division History for a similar view.) In that one week of fighting, more than 500 **DEADEYES** were killed, wounded or missing, but 2500 Japanese had been eliminated from the declining enemy force.

Picture #2 is another view of the same area looking toward the east. Except for the shrines, this particular part of the island has changed very little.

KAKAZU RIDGE - The 96th Division first encountered **KAKAZU RIDGE** on 8 April and, from that time until weeks later, elements of the 96th (383d and 381st) and the 27th Division became intimately acquainted with that important piece of terrain.

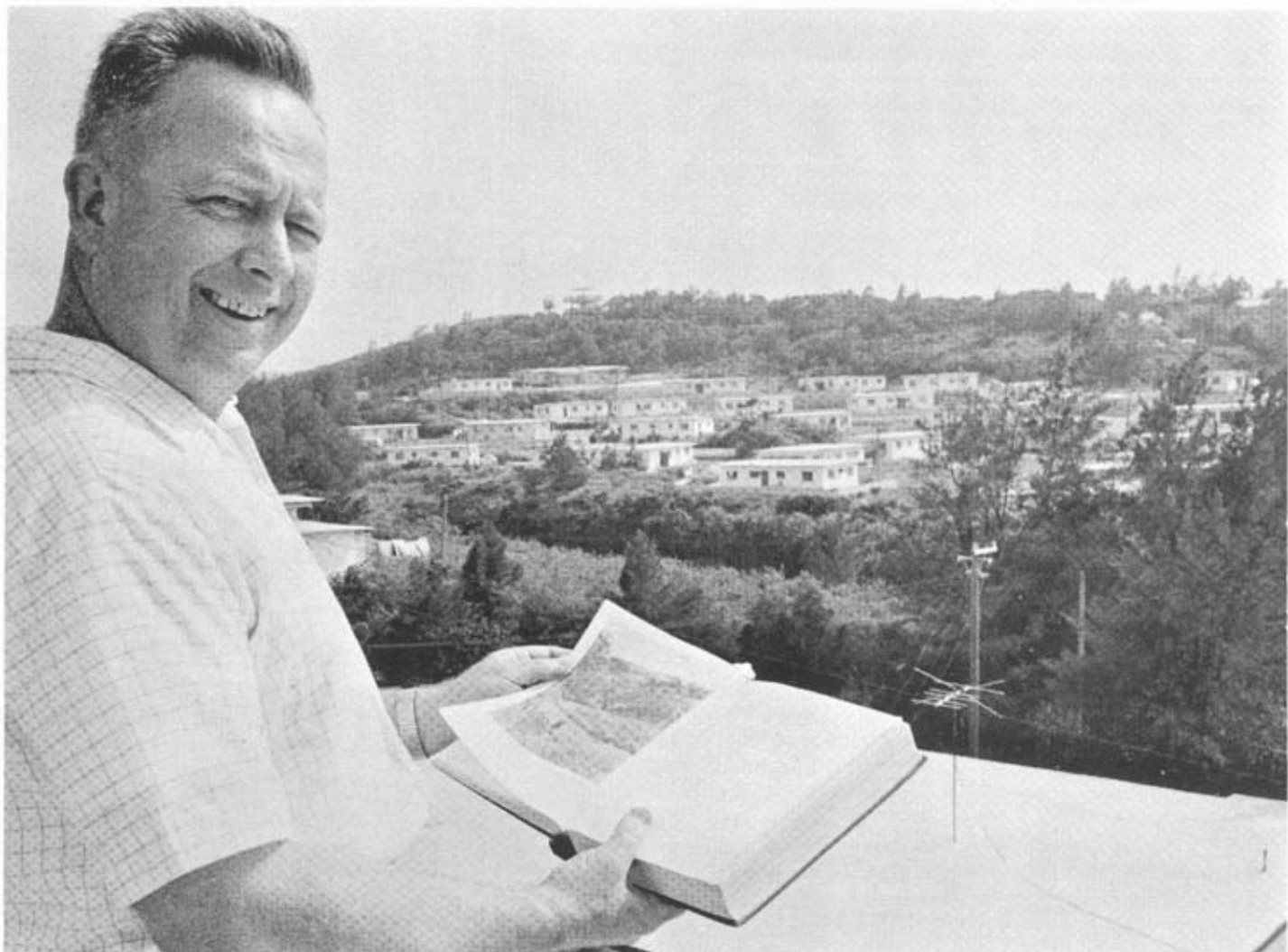
This view (including the same area as the photo on page 122 of Okinawa - The Last Battle) shows the modern houses which now cover the north slope. In the left back ground is the observation tower built for the many tourists (mostly Japanese) who come to view this battlefield.

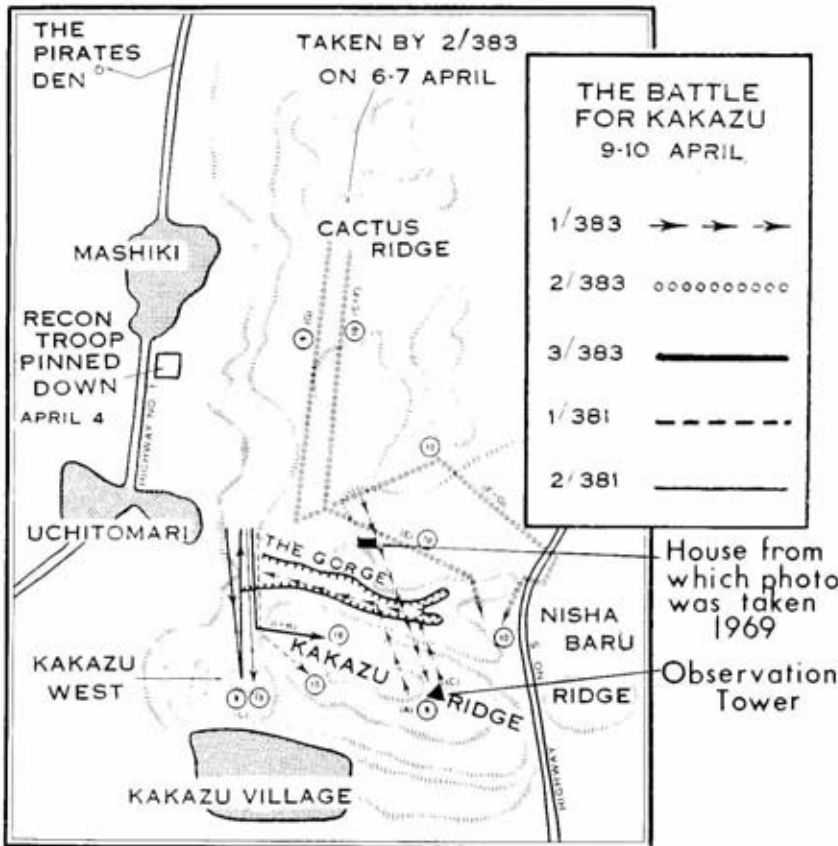


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PROJECT

The Executive Officer of Fort Buckner, Colonel Martin Nolan (brother of Lt. Colonel Daniel A. Nolan, CO of 3/381) tells Colonel Collins of his plan to assist in the restoration of the Easley Monument.

Nolan, then a Lieutenant, was wounded at Machinato Airfield where his unit of the 27th Division came in on the 96th's right in April, 1945.

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REMEMBER THE GORGE

FUTEMA

Now called **FUTEMA**, this town was taken by 2/383 on 2-3 April, then soon became the Command Post of the 96th Division.

Here, Stars and Stripes Bureau Chief Andre Turgeon and Colonel Collins stand on the exact places where earlier stood the gate posts of the agricultural experiment station. (See page 229 of the Division History for the same view in April, 1945.) The gateposts were removed in late 1968 when they were broken by a truck. The compound is now a school for Okinawan children.

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SHURI

This present-day view of **SHURI** shows the church (page 164 of Division History) rebuilt and used for Christian worship.

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RETURN TO OKINAWA

As soon as we landed at the modern U.S. Air Force Base at Kadena, we sensed something different. Ray (Mrs. C) was most interested in the marvelous imports from other Asian countries like Japan, Taiwan, The Philippines and Viet Nam. Both of us were impressed with the quality of goods for sale in the shops - there was a combination of the best of the United States items and of the specially attractive Japanese and Okinawan folk products.

To me, however, the big change was in the economy and the people. The overall tenor was one of prosperity and happiness. The boom was assisted by many foreign businessmen: 16,000 Japanese, 3,000 Americans, and lesser numbers of Filipinos and Chinese.

Everywhere were signs of affluence - new autos - mostly Japanese, but also some others, including American - were everywhere. Six-lane highways down the west side of the island fed into the great Air Force and Army bases. Live TV broadcasts from the U.S. were available through Japanese relays. Attractive houses have cropped up all over.

But the people - the energetic businessmen, the well-fed and well-built youngsters, the laughing okusans (housewives) - were particularly noticeable. Obviously, the Okinawans have many characteristics of the Japanese: Industrious, friendly, sturdy of build and sometimes very attractive.

Appearances belied the facts: The Ryukyus, and Okinawa especially, have an economy which is booming, yet is nearly entirely dependent upon the U.S. presence. The thousands of autos and the many small businesses are connected in many ways with the demands of the U.S. forces. The economy is really shallow because there is no heavy industry and but few industries arising from the natural resources of the area. Even electrical power is furnished by such devices as diesel-fueled U.S. barges and ships fastened securely to island power distribution stations. There is a portland cement plant, some hydroelectric firms and some fisheries.

Tourism in Okinawa might be said to have started with Peary's visit in 1853, but today the Japanese tourist trade is heavy, mostly by ship, although the Naha airport is busy, too. Many of the tourists are relatives of those who fought here.

The leftist influence is apparent. Strikes are punctuated by red flags and the strikers wear the usual Japanese scarf tied around the head. They seem full of resolve, yet are individually friendly with Americans. Their left leaning is probably responsible for most of the "return" movement, but economics is also a factor because Red China is only 465 miles away.

96TH DIVISION ROAD

The U.S. Army custom of naming streets, buildings and installations for U.S. heroes and units is shown in this photo. Colonel Collins is standing beside a street marker bearing a famous name.

On the skyline to the northwest is the Army Officers' Club which stands where Momobaru stood on 2 April 1945 when it was overrun by 1/381. The houses are family quarters for soldiers and officers who are assigned to Fort Buckner.



MAIL CALL

From: **Vernon Young** 382-L
Pender, Nebr. 68047

The poem that was composed by Kohan for Clair Kai made me more than ever proud of the men of the 96th DEADEYES.

I grew up with Clair and left for the Army with him. We started at the beginning with the 96th and went all the way until I got hit on Friday the 13th in Okinawa.

There was another good old buddy that your life could depend upon. Yes, in more ways than one - on the front lines or on a pass and out of money. He was Melvin Vossler, 382-L, 2d platoon.

From: **Frank Matheny** 381-A
Rt. 2, Box 263
Decatur, Ill. 62521

While in Hawaii this year, I took a few pictures of markers for the men whom I could recall. I came across this one on the way back from Major Addy's marker. Since then I have gone through my Division History and failed to find the name that is on the marker, snapshot enclosed.

I am wondering whether anyone who was in the 382d might know the parents or widow of this DEADEYE. If so, please send the picture to them on behalf of the 96th. It is my hope that a home for this picture can be found, otherwise I would like to keep it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Name on the marker is:
Eugene C. Payton, Texas
PFC 382d Infantry
March 9, 1925 July 5, 1945

From: **John Massura** 383-3d Bn. Hq.
5150 S. Rockwell
Chicago, Ill. 60632

Here are some questions that maybe you have heard before. Do you know what happened to our regimental pins that were collected about the time when we left Hawaii? They were supposed to have been put in storage.

Also, what happened to our scrolls that were passed out when we crossed the equator? Those, too, were collected to be put into storage.

These questions have been bothering me for some time and I would like to know what you can find out.

I will be seeing you in Detroit.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Who has the answers? ?

MAIL CALL

From: **Arthur Thomas** 383-I
10606 Old Halls Ferry Rd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63136

I am a dues paying member, but I have been unable to attend a reunion. Observing the record that Company I has established in the Association, I would be remiss if I did not at least participate in the Mail Call.

My Army time began with the 97th Division, then I entered the ASTP program. When ASTP was terminated, I was sent to the 96th at Camp White, Oregon. Before long the fierce pride of the DEADEYES had rubbed off on me. Then I stayed with the Division right to the end in California when on February 3, 1946, the 96th ceased to exist as an active unit of the Army.

Henry White, President of our Association for 1969 - 1970 was the first NCO that I had in Company I. Here is a snapshot (be lieved taken in Leyte after the fighting) of our mortar section.



Henry White is the man on the right, standing in the back row. I am the first man (L to R) kneeling in the front row.

In the last issue of the Dispatch, I read with much interest the letter from Everett Angles, our 1st Sgt. in Okinawa. I was sorry to read about his serious back injuries.

(Continued)

WRITE A LETTER TODAY

SEND IN YOUR REUNION RESERVATION



Besides being the best company in the regiment, Company I had the best softball team. Here is a picture of the chaps, taken in Mindoro in 1945. Everett Angles is the fourth man in the front row (L to R). I am there, too, being the second man in the front row.

I have avoided trying to name all of the men in either picture, because I drew a few blanks.

From: **Rev. F.D. Donaldson** 383-B
709 MacMillan Dr.
Trotwood, Ohio 45426

I noted in the December issue of the American Legion Magazine that a reunion of the 96th Division will be held in July. Although I will be unable to attend, I want to send my regards to all of my old buddies and a big God bless you.

My time with the Division was short, having joined the 96th on the island of Mindoro. I came in as a replacement in 383-B, then was transferred to 796th Ordinance. When the 96th was being sent home, I went to the 86th Division in Luzon.

Since being discharged, I have married, fathered four children, found Christ as my Saviour, prepared for the ministry and served as pastor in the former EUB Church and now in the United Methodist Church for 18 years. For the last two and one half years I have been serving as a Chaplain at the VA center here in Dayton, Ohio.

From: **Mrs. Stephen Allen** 381-K
1017 South Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, Ill. 60304

Steve left this life last Thanksgiving morning. He had suffered from advanced emphysema for over two years.

I have had the pleasure of meeting some of his many Army buddies and their families from throughout the United States at reunions. Having attended five reunions, Steve was planning to make the trip to Detroit and talking about the fellows whom he would call on while up that way.

WRITE A LETTER TODAY

From: **Paul (Bud) Weber** 382-D
R.R. 1
Juniata, Nebr. 68955

Enclosed is a check in amount \$4.00 for my new member dues.

While at Camp Adair in 1942, I had a good buddy by the name of Jack Telger (382-D) who was from Iowa. Can you give me any information about him?

From: **Donald C. Brown**
Box 46
Trilla, Ill. 62469

If things go as planned, this will be our fifth year at the reunion.

In my spare time I enjoy calling on **DEADEYES**. So far, I have called on 22 men, some by phone. When I see my old buddies at our reunions, I feel that my time has been well spent.

I would like to locate Oscar Johnson, also from 381-B. Does anyone know where he is now?

From: **Frank H. Creasey** Navy
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I served in the Navy, and my ship, the USS Wichita covered for some of the 96th movements on Okinawa. My brother, Fred Creasey was a replacement in 382-E, then on May 18, 1945 he was killed by a mortar shell, so we were told. I have a letter saved from Fred saying that he was with a wonderful bunch of fellows.

Having read about the 96th Division planning a reunion, there are a couple of favors that I want to ask of you and other members of the Association. First, in regard to the Division History, I am very sure that books were sent to members of families of those who had been killed. However, when my mother passed away recently, no book was found. I am certain that I read the book and it had been promised to me at this time, but the family thinks that I am dreaming.

I would like to get a copy of the book about the 96th, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Now I have only one more thing to ask of you and that is a big one to me. On your great day of reunion would you let the members know in your way that a family is with you all? I mean the family of Pvt. Fred Creasey.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful time at the reunion and would like to hear from any member of the 96th at any time.

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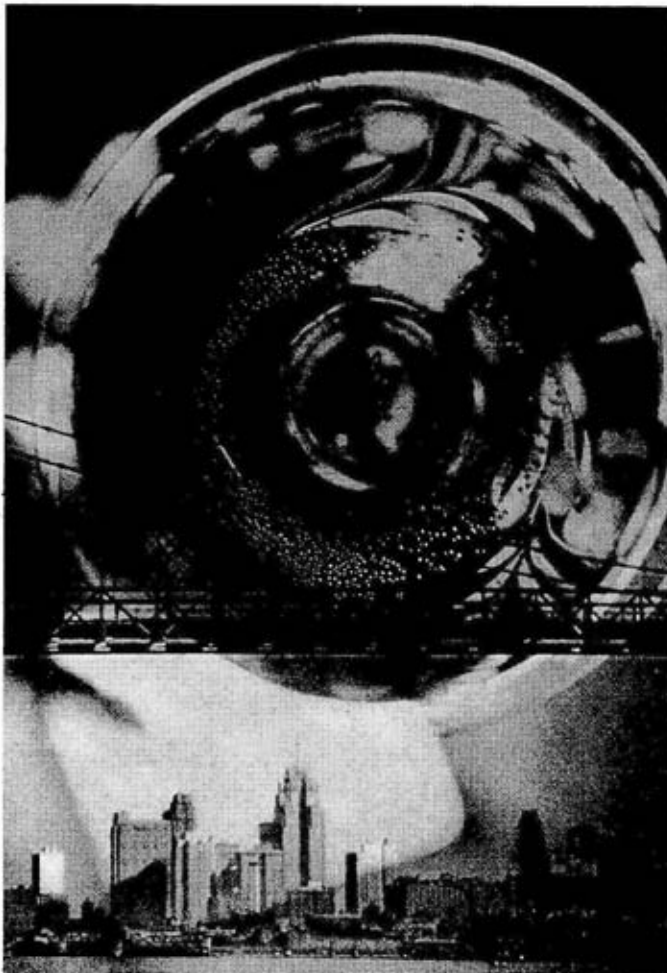
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