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JULY 22, 23, 24, 1971



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

DEADEYES ANNUAL REUNION ★ DENVER, COLORADO

DEADEYE DISPATCH – SPRING ISSUE – 1971

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION

DENVER CONVENTION CHAIRMAN - Howard Ragsdale 383-AT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
Wayne Courtney 383-A, James Moore 382-H, Richard Klassen 383-K

Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado  
July 22, 23, 24, 1971

THURSDAY - JULY 22, 1971

7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
1:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Executive Committee Meeting & Breakfast  
Registration - North Lobby  
Tour - By chartered bus to Colorado Springs and the  
U.S. Air Force Academy, then to Flying W Ranch for a  
chuckwagon supper. Reservations required.  
Per person: \$7.00

FRIDAY - JULY 23, 1971

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.  
10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.  
1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
8:00 P.M. - 1:30 A.M.  
8:00 P.M. - Midnight  
Day/Evening

Registration - North Lobby  
General Business Meeting - Silver Room  
Auxiliary Meeting - Denver Room  
Tour - U.S. Mint (other tours will be arranged)  
Informal Greetings - Spruce Room  
Beer Bust - Junior Ballroom - Music  
Teen Activities - Showcase I  
Teen Headquarters - Showcase I

SATURDAY - JULY 24, 1971

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
  
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
  
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
7:00 P.M. - Evening  
  
7:00 P.M. - Evening  
All Day

Registration - North Lobby  
1973 Convention Site Meeting - Silver/Gold Room  
Memorial Service - Silver/Gold Room  
Rev. John K. Ormond 383-HQ  
Division Meeting - Topic: To Be Announced  
Silver/Gold Room  
Cocktail Hours - Cash Bar  
Banquet - Refer to Special Program  
Awards & Recognitions  
Entertainment - Lamar Dudes & Dames  
Dance - Eric Ross Orchestra  
Teen Party & Activities - Silver Room  
Teen Headquarters - Showcase I

The 96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION was founded in 1958 at a meeting that was planned by Minor Butler 381-B in St. Louis, Missouri. More than 7,500 DEADEYES are on the rosters, making the Association the largest group of its kind. Fellowship is the purpose of the reunions. Membership in the Association is a privilege that is available to any soldier who served in the 96th or its attached units.

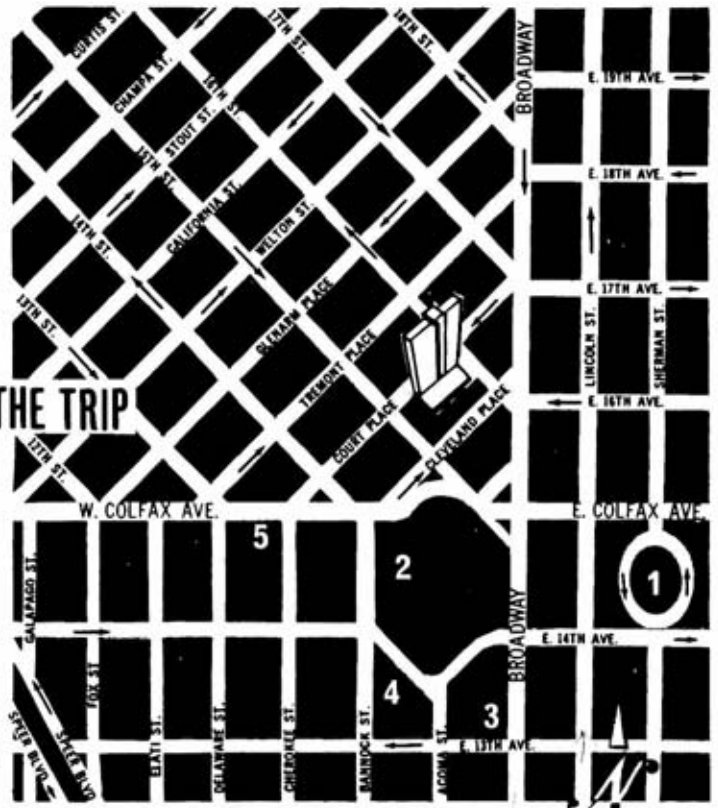
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Howard Ragsdale 383-AT  
44 Mayhew Drive, Lamar, Colo. 81052

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Prepared especially for Deadeye Dispatch



Points of interest in downtown Denver

- ① State Capitol
- ③ Denver Public Library
- ⑤ U. S. Mint
- ② City and County Bldg.
- ④ Denver Art Museum



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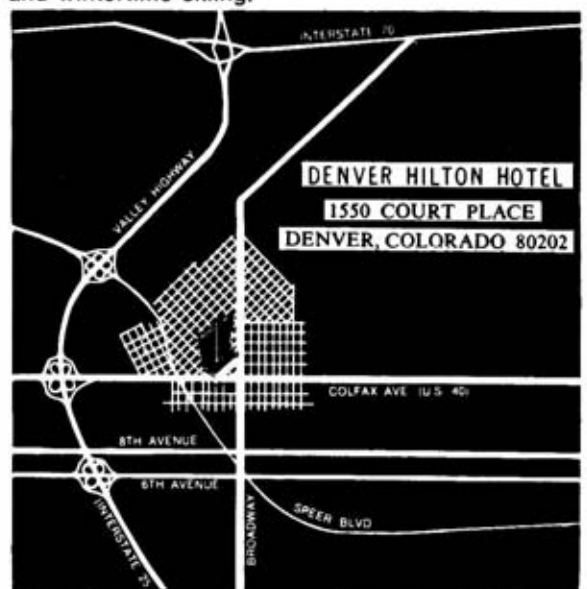
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SEND IN YOUR REUNION RESERVATION

REUNION CHAIRMAN RAGSDALE URGES EVERYONE  
TO PUT IN FOR THREE DAY PASS FOR JULY 22, 23, 24, 1971

# DEADEYES to Meet in Denver

Ragsdale is the man in the middle, actually third from left, in this picture. He is flanked by several of his buddies from 383-AT who showed up in Detroit last year.

The program which he has arranged for the Reunion features unusual events that can only be made available in Colorado, besides leaving plenty of time for DEADEYES to visit with each other in a place that provides hospitality, service and outstanding accomodations.

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ERIC ROSS TRIO will provide music for the Beer Bust on Friday night. For the Saturday night dance, his full orchestra will play. The music of ERIC ROSS runs the gamut of American Fox Trots, Waltzes, Novelty tunes, show tunes, plus polkas, including a touch of Western.



ED DAKAN  
96th Inf. Div. Assn.  
P. O. Box 1254  
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Edward Dunning 381-2nd Bn. Hq.  
7800 N. Tripp Avenue  
Skokie, Ill. 60076



Ed married Ann just before he entered the Army in 1942. Only two years ago, they became grandparents when Shannon Kathleen was born to their daughter and son-in-law.

Dunning joined the 96th Infantry Division at Camp Adair, Oregon. NCO Dunning remained with the AT Platoon, 2nd Bn. Hq. during all of WW II. He returned to his original civilian occupation in the insurance business in December 1945.

About 10 years later, Ed became associated with the Borden Dairy Company, where he has held the position of supervisor for the past 16 years.

He has been active in the Knights of Columbus. Occasionally he can find time to bowl or golf.

Prior to being elected Senior Vice Commander of the Skokie Valley Post, VFW, Dunning had served as Commander of a VFW post for three consecutive years. He is a member of the American Legion in his hometown.

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FLYING W RANCH will host DEADEYES and their families at a chuckwagon supper on Thursday night. If you plan to take part in the tour and supper, your reservation should be sent to Ragsdale without further delay. Use the coupon that is printed on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

The FLYING W is a working cattle and horse outfit. There is an Indian Pueblo, a blacksmith shop, a solid rock mine tunnel complete with burros, ore cars and train rides.

Menu for the chuckwagon supper includes all you can eat of Bar-B-Q beef (slices of Colorado beef in mild sauce), foil wrapped potatoes, FLYING W beans, spices peaches, rolls, butter and jelly, old-fashioned spice cake, coffee and lemonade.

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**COUPON ON BACK PAGE OF DISPATCH DEADEYE REUNIONS ARE PLANNED FOR ENJOYMENT BY ENTIRE FAMILIES**  
**SEND IN YOUR REUNION RESERVATION**



**AUXILIARY REPORT**

By Norma Bauer

Officers and Board of Directors of the Auxiliary are making plans for celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of their group. The program in Denver will include the awarding of certificates to charter members of the Auxiliary, also recognition of Auxiliary Faithful members (those who have paid dues for 10 years). Special ribbons will be furnished to charter members for wearing with their name tags.

Teen Headquarters in Showcase I will be supervised by Auxiliary members. Volunteers who are willing to spend two hours of their time at that activity should write to Lila Buxton, President.

Continuing at this year's Auxiliary meeting will be an exchange of inexpensive gifts. Everyone may participate.

Any widow may continue as an Auxiliary member by paying her \$1.00 dues. She may remain on the mailing list for the Dispatch by simply notifying Richard Klassen, Corresponding Secretary, of her wishes.

SEND SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION  
July 22, 23, 24, 1971

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*For information about sight-seeing trips, auto rentals, and all other transportation in Colorado, visit or phone the Hospitality Center, 225 W. Colfax Ave., 222-0671.*

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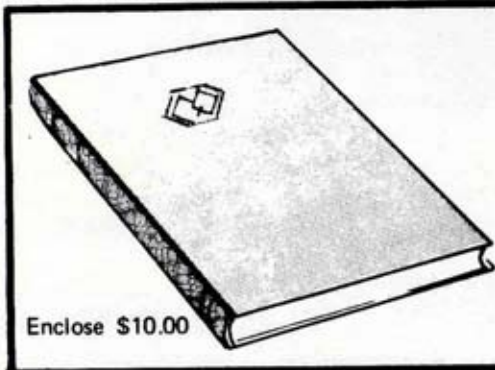
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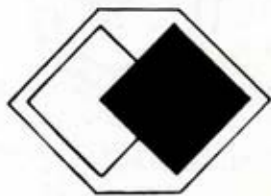
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**STATEMENT**

**DEADEYE DISPATCH** is the official publication of the 96th Infantry Division Association. All communications should be directed to the Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer who serve as editors.

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 UNIVERSITY, CORVALLIS, OREGON.**



**TO INSURE PROMPT DELIVERY OF *Deadeye Dispatch*  
AND OTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE ADVISE THE  
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**SEND TO**  
**RICHARD KLASSEN**  
111 S. Hudson  
Denver, Colo. 80222

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REMARKS

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**REGISTRATION HINTS**

1. If you are planning to bring a trailer or camper to Denver and will be looking for some place to park, write to Richard Klassen for a list of spots that are available in the vicinity of the hotel.
2. Remember that the Reunion is being held in a place and at the time of year that is popular with vacationers. Prices may appear to be high. Officers of the Association are recommending that you should be especially careful in making arrangements for your lodging, whether in the Hilton Hotel or some other hotel or motel. You should be specific regarding the type of room that you want and the price that you are willing to pay. Make your reservations now.
3. Prices for the reunion events will be as follows:

Tour & Chuckwagon Supper	\$7.00 Each
Beer Bust	\$4.00 Each
Banquet & Dance	\$9.00 Each

Tickets will be available at the registration table and should be purchased as early as possible.

4. Those who are intending to go on the tour on Thursday, July 22, might want to be in Denver on Wednesday, July 21. Registration will be set up if you want to sign in early.
5. 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, mainly by Richard Klassen, himself, who wants to follow his own system.
6. Because your buddies will be trying to locate you in the hotel and 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.
7. 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.

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**BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT**

The "CLOGGERS", a nationally known faction of the Lamar Dudes and Dames will present a square dance program on Saturday night.

Included among the major appearances for this high school-age aggregation have been performances at World's Fair, Seattle, Washington and the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour on C.B.S. Television.

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**WRITE A LETTER TODAY**

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**15TH BIRTHDAY FOR ASSOCIATION**

Did you attend the first reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association? Do you have a story about the first meeting that was held in St. Louis, or possibly some pictures that were taken at that time?

The reason for the questions is that Dakan is trying to put together an article that would be published in a future issue of the newsletter to commemorate the founding of the Association. He would like to hear from you. Should you be able to send pictures, the originals will be returned to you after copying.

In addition, while you are in Denver, you might contact Dakan about the material that you have.

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**WRITE TO DAKAN FOR DECALS - - FREE - - FREE**

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ASK DAKAN FOR A SUPPLY OF DENVER POST CARDS, THEN SEND THEM TO YOUR OLD BUDDIES. KLASSEN WILL FURNISH A ROSTER OF YOUR UNIT, FREE FOR ASKING.

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**FRIDAY TOURS**



The United States Mint.



Denver Museum of Natural History.





#### TACLOBAN MARKET AREA

Because few American have come to Leyte in recent years, Vogel attracted considerable attention as he walked thorough downtown streets on evening. Picture was taken from a window in the Gran Hotel.

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**RESUME** - Andrew Vogel is engaged in the music profession, specifically organ, church music and choir directing. He operates Vogel Music House and maintains an organ studio in a business wing at home, besides being a member of the faculty in the Organ Department of the Thornton Community College.

Wife, homemaker and secretary to her husband, Evelyn is also a private secretary and office manager for a management consultant, a position which she has had for several years. She plays the piano. The Vogels often perform as an organ and piano team on programs.



#### VICINITY OF

#### CATMON HILL

Would you believe that Catmon Hill might be difficult to locate? Even the people who live on Leyte had trouble directing Vogel to the site of one of the 96th's famous battles.

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It was our privilege to take a trip around the world during the summer of 1969. Altogether, we visited 20 countries, flew more than 30,000 miles, within a period of seven weeks.

The Philippine Islands were on the itinerary; a weekend was spent on the island of Negros; a few days were spent in Manila. Then we decided to make a further side trip to Leyte to see how it looked many years after the landing on October 20, 1945.

Philippine Airlines took us there. Almost an entire day was consumed: Take-off from Bacolod City, Negros was delayed until noon: then we had a half-hour flight to Mactan Island and waited there four hours until the half-hour flight departed for Tacloban.

In the dusk, we landed at the airport which is in the vicinity of what we once knew as White Beach. A cabby from the Gran Hotel met us with a Jeepney (an old World War II Jeep painted in bright colors, of which many are seen throughout the Islands).

Our hotel room was small. From the shower stall which contained the lavatory, a lizard walked in and out. Although the room had an old window-type air conditioner, we noticed that someone turned it off promptly whenever we left the room. Since there was no dining room, a table was carried into our bedroom and food was brought to us. The food looked good - macaroni salad, toast, meat and potatoes - but we had little appetite.

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## OUR TRIP TO LEYTE, P.I.

1969



Pictures and Story  
by  
**ANDREW H. VOGEL**  
655 E. 161st. Street  
South Holland, Illinois 60473

Comment by EVELYN VOGEL, His Wife



Looking south along the landing beach,  
Bud saw the remains of some LCM's and LCVP's that had been left there in 1944. Just north of this point were stumps of pilings where a dock had been.

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**OUR TRIP TO LEYTE, P.I. – A. VOGEL**

Next day we were driven around the island in an old, but very clean, well-kept Dodge car. The weather was partly cloudy, hot and humid, not the best conditions for picture taking.

We went south from Tacloban, passing through Palo, Tanauan, Tolosa, Telegrafo, San Roque, San Jose and Dulag. Main roads were paved, but some roads were nothing more than paths through coconut groves. At Dulag, we turned around and went back up the highway.

Our driver did his best to find and identify places where I had been in WW II, but had some difficulty. We visited the memorial to the original landing near Red Beach. Some of the trails that we travelled took us inland near San Vicente, Pikas and the Catmon Hill areas.

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ABOVE - Andrew (Bud) Vogel became acquainted with these school children. He met them on a hill overlooking Tacloban.  
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RIGHT - In a coconut grove along the road south of Tacloban a Filipino shinnied up a tree to gather tuba.  
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BELOW - Near Dulag, the beach had a new stand of palm trees which changed the appearance of the terrain and hid landmarks that DEADEYES might recognize.  
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#### OUR TRIP TO LEYTE, P.I. - A. VOGEL

Natural beauty was everywhere, Areas around the beaches looked vaguely familiar, however palm groves had re-covered the war blasted landscape.

Most appealing to us were the wide expanse of beaches and the simple relaxed way of life of the people of Leyte. The trip was a pleasant retreat from our busy world back home.

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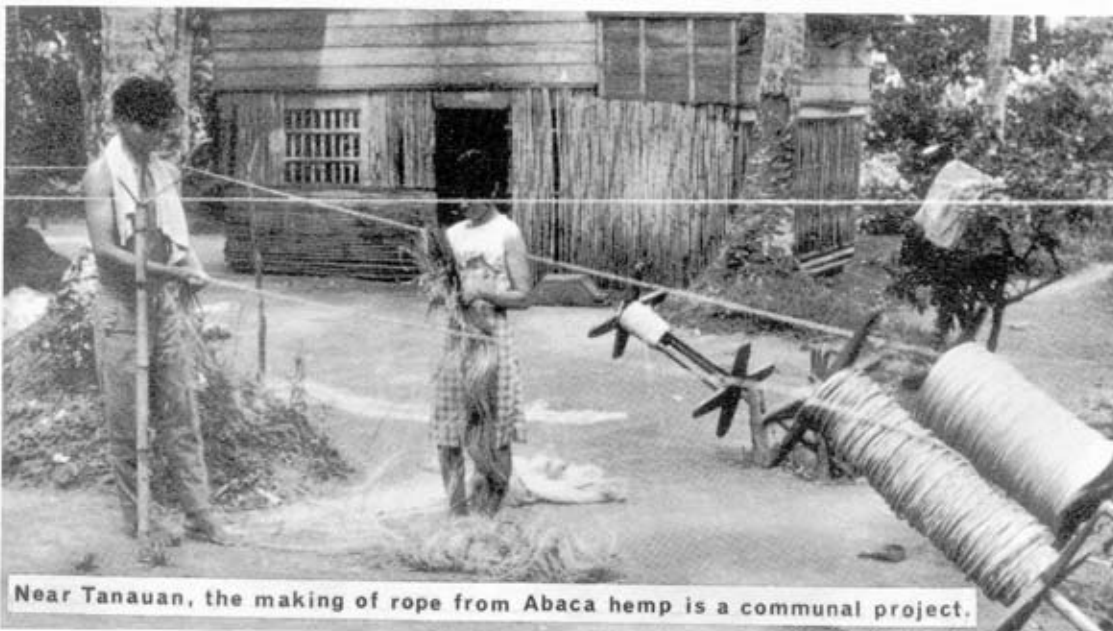
#### COMMENT BY EVELYN VOGEL

It was intensely interesting for me to visit Leyte with an ex-soldier. Bud and I were married during the war, and this was our 25th anniversary trip.

I Had heard so much about Leyte mud, but there was no mud on the day that we were there. It was dry.

The isolation of the island impressed me; the natives have obviously returned to their uncomplicated way of life, even after so large an event as the invasion and liberation.

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**LETTER FROM MR. PEDRO R. MENDIOLA**

NOTE: This Filipino drove the car for Andrew and Evelyn Vogel when they were in Leyte. Except for the fact that the original letter was hand-printed, it has been reprinted here in his exact words and style to show his viewpoint of that visit.

47 Real Street, Tacloban City  
Leyte, Philippines  
November 24, 1970

**TO DEADEYE Dispatch,**

I was much surprised to receive a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel. They were so kind and thoughtful to me. It was such a nice way of meeting people from distant places.

This seldom happen and few soldiers are willing to return and see the place they have been assigned during the war.

I have totally forgotten not even the month and date when they were in Leyte, not until I received the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Vogel telling me it was August 5, 1969, Tuesday. Yes, of course, I remembered I had a passenger when I came across his letter stating Gran Hotel. The hotel manager called for me and asked me if I could drive my car because he had an American tourist who wanted to go to Catmon Hill. I was so excited and at the same time, interested, because I knew one Catmon Hill a few kilometers away from Tanauan, Leyte.

I accepted the offer given to me by the manager of Gran Hotel. Later I talked to this tourist about the price. Everything was agreed. Then we proceeded on our trip not knowing each other.

On our way, reaching Tanauan, I pointed this tourist the Catmon Hill I know. Looking at his map, he does not admit it is the place. I became more interested driving ahead because, although a Leyteno, I don't know the places. I tried my very best to help this American tourist. While I was driving, I had to look both side of the road to see where this place is.

There was a man carrying a basket, a fisherman selling fish, so I stopped beside him. He became excited, thinking that my passengers were people that he knew. How about riding with us and please show us where Catmon Hill is? It was some kilometers more, so I drove faster. Later the old man pointed to Catmon Hill. This American tourist, accompanied by his young and charming wife, looked at his map again and tried to look up, saw the big and wide rice field with the small hill on the opposite side, so this is Catmon Hill he had been staying during the war in Leyte. He said that they had to eat coconut given by Filipinos when out of ration.

Now we were between Tolosa and Tobontabon. I had to drive all the way to Dulag where this tourist and his men of the 96th Division Infantry landed during the liberation of Leyte. He found some little improvements with small nipa houses built. We had bottles of Coke to satisfy our thirst. I drive to Red Beach, Palo, where General Douglas Mac Arthur landed. They saw some meters away from the sea was erected the monument with the first step of General Mac Arthur.



From Red Beach, Palo, to White Beach, Tacloban, they took pictures of the places we passed. Then we went back to the Gran Hotel where they were to stay the night before taking a flight to Manila.

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Mr. Mendiola was born in Abuyog, Leyte. He went to Tacloban Elementary School, attended three years high school at Tacloban Catholic Institute, then finished high school at Palo. Aged 42, he is employed by Tacloban City Fire Department.

Pedro and Mari Mendiola have five children - Oscar, Lutze, Sonia, Marlene and Norma.

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**DUES PAY FOR THE DISPATCH**  
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MAIL CALL

From: Franklin Leidigh 96 Recon.  
164 Howley Ave.  
Beaver Falls, Penna. 15001

I appreciate receiving the Dispatch. It is truly a remarkable publication and it brings back memorable experiences.

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From: William C. Stone 96 Band  
300 N. State St., Apt. 3235  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

In addition to my dues, I am enclosing a small amount for the renovation of The Easley monument. I can recall being on the firing line with him for a weapons qualification. His yell was, "Groups - I want to see groups on the target!"

Last year, via a Chicago Press Club charter flight, I finally arrived in Japan to see some of Expo 70. My trip from Osaka to Tokyo was made on the Bullet Train, quite a contrast with the way we were scheduled to go there in 1945 and 1946. Unfortunately, tour arrangements did not include the Philippines or Okinawa, for those in charge had some second thoughts when U.S. troops were sent into Cambodia at that time.

Before the Association was organized some men in Chicago had some meetings and finally had a lapel pin made. Sometimes when I wear my pin, it has been recognized. Let me suggest that it is time to re-issue a small lapel pin or tie-tac. Of course, an enameled double diamond should predominate.

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From: Darrell F. Goulden 383-AT  
Bos 282 - 202 N. Academy  
Newkirk, Oklahoma 74647

Please send the DEADEYE Dispatch to:  
Bob L. Rozell  
344 Plainview Pl.  
Mountain Springs, Colorado 80829

I believe that he was in 383-C. Our plans are to attend the reunion this year and bring the Rozells.

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From: Charles A. Hilt 382-D  
108 Katie Circle  
Blanchard, Louisiana 71009

Please accept payment of my dues for the years 1965 through 1971.

I work for a company that has 22 transport trucks running across Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. If you have plenty of decals, I could stick one on the rear of each unit.

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY

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MAIL CALL

From: James Glasscock 381-M  
602 N.E. 1st Place  
Tulia, Texas 79088

Here is a picture of some DEADEYES with a stray from the 77th Division taken at a small reunion of our own on December 13, 1970 in Muleshoe, Texas.



From L to R, standing: Gerald Wallace, 381-B, Altus, Oklahoma; Lawrence Ash, 381-K, Canyon, Texas; Jack (Doc) Grice, 381-K, Hagerman, New Mexico; James Kennedy, 77th Division; Robert Akin, 381-K, Alton, Texas. From L to R, kneeling: Eugene Biles, 381-B, Lubbock, Texas; Emery Wallace, 381-B, Portales, New Mexico; Jim Glasscock, 381-M, Tulia, Texas; Vernon Bleeker, 381-D, Muleshoe, Texas.

For some of us, this was the first meeting since the war. It made us want to attend the reunion in Denver.

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From: Rosendo Jimenez 381-B  
7971 Olive Street  
Commerce City, Colorado 80022

Will you please send to me some extra decals for the reunion in Denver?

I hope that some of my old buddies will attend.

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From: Margaret Bowlus  
3095 Banyan Rd.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

Mr. Klassen has just advised me of the availability of the 96th Division History.

My son was with 362 FA. He passed away several years ago, so I want to order a copy of the book for his son, who will be graduating from college this spring.

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY

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**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Rudolph Wallinger, 6501 W. 18th Street, Berwyn, Illinois 60402, sent in dues as a Christmas present for a buddy. As a result, the following letter was received from "Ole Pop Kozel".

From: Edward H. Kozel 383-B  
Soldiers Home  
Lisbon, N. Dakota 58054

Receipt of the membership card was surely a surprise to me because I did not know about this organization. I would like to know how much the dues are and where to send them.

My home address is Box 165, Casselton, N.D. 58012, but during the winters, I stay here at the Soldiers Home. Probably in another month or two, I will go back to Casselton. I belong to both the VFW and Legion in Casselton.

About once a year I hear from Millmann, Sweeter, Koenecke, Hannig, Evert, Chaloupela, Campbell, and surprisingly, a letter from Wallinger. I guess that he got to talking with Hannig, so he wrote a nice letter to me and sent along a list of names and addresses.

It sure is nice to hear from the boys in old Co. B, so let's get on with the dues and other information.

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From: Asa C. Winchester 321-Med. - C  
4203 Wilson Way # 26  
Achorage, Alaska 99503

Dwight Brogan, 4675 Evert St., Montclair, California 91763, wrote us last month asking whether we had kept track of three of our men - Tyler, Shadwell and Parrish - which we haven't. Can you help him out? They were all in our bunch.

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From: Edgar R. Schnelle 921 FA-A  
RR2  
Pollock, Missouri 63560

Ever since I have been receiving the **DEADEYE** Dispatch, I have been thinking about sending in my dues and getting back in contact with my buddies. Here are my dues. Will you please send to me a copy of the roster for 921 FA-A?

A fellow, Dyain Blankenship, whose name I found in the newsletter lives at Livonia, Missouri, which is about 30 miles from where I live. We live in the same country, but I have seen him only twice since we were in the service. He was in 921 FA-C.

Also I read in the Dispatch about Loran Wolfe's newsletter having been returned in July 1970. A notice about his passing was printed in our local newspaper.

My wife passed away last October 30. She had been real sick for over two years and had been in the hospital numerous times.

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From: Lee Irwin 383-F  
Oracle Star Route, Box 45A  
Tucson, Arizona 85700

Until a short time ago I was unaware of the existence of the Association, but I had been hoping to hear something to that effect. I could not understand why the greatest outfit in the U.S. War Department's history should be disbanded and forgotten.

In October 1970, I contacted three of my old buddies, all from 383-F, Vernon Vanderpan, Norton, Kansas; Louis Kuttel, Raymond, Washington and Finis Helms, McAllester, Oklahoma. It was through Kuttel that I learned that the history of the **DEADEYES** could be secured. He sent a copy of the newsletter, vintage 1968, too. Now I am paying my dues, Auxiliary dues for my wife, Louise, also ordering a copy of the book.

Can you send to me the current address of the man who I knew as Captain Huber? If he is still alive, he should have some pictures that were taken on Leyte in 1944. You might try to contact S/Sgt. Ferraro of 383-F for he had in his possession a Japanese silk battle flag on which our entire squad had written their names. It was liberated by me on October 22, 1944.

Regarding the action, I can say that Captain Irven T. Larsen, 383-F, CO, died in my behalf because he took my place as first scout after I fell. After that, Lt. D.C. Williams, who took the place of Capt. Larsen, was wounded, then Lt. Mooney took William's place and was killed. Williams finished the day with wounds.

My monicker, Big Stoop, was taken from a comic strip many years ago - Terry and the Pirates. It is not a derogatory name, for it was hung on me after a hand-to-hand battle with the Japanese Imperial Marines. I am not apologizing, just making a statement.

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GOOD-BYE, JAKE

Jacob Fisher, 5643 Purdue Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21212, died March 18, 1971. He had been suffering from a brain tumor and had been hospitalized almost continuously since returning from the reunion in Detroit.

Although his unit was 381-I, Jake will be missed by additional hundreds of **DEADEYES** with whom he had met at every reunion of the Association, for he was recognizable as the quiet fellow with the camera around his neck. His enthusiasm for the activities and welfare of his buddies in the 96th made a bond that only death could break.

Our sympathies go to his sister, Miss Hilda, who survives.

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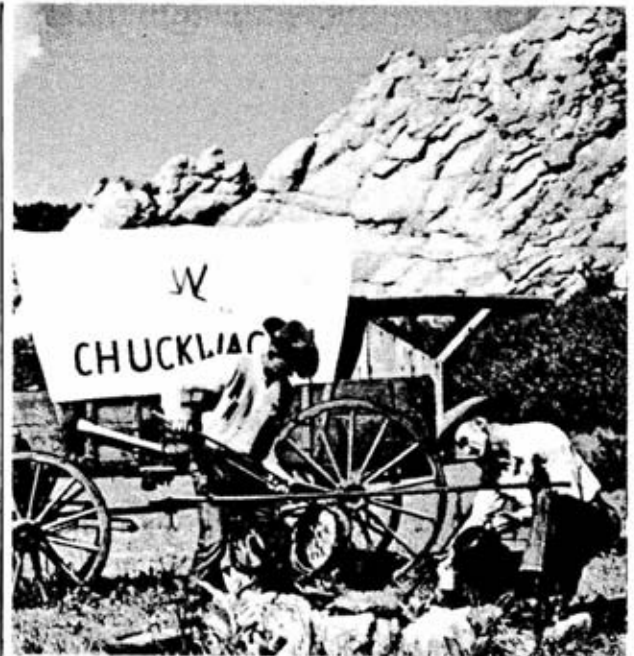


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