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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION

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July 27, 28, 29, 1972

THURSDAY - JULY 27, 1972

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

12:00 Noon

1:00 P.M. - Afternoon

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Registration - Mezzanine

Executive Committee Luncheon

Current Officers & All Past Presidents

Walking Tours - Groups of 15

Registered guides - Per Person: \$2.00

River Boat Trip on Mississippi River

THE MARK TWAIN, with musical combo (limit 300 persons)

Boarding at the foot of Canal Street

FRIDAY - JULY 28, 1972

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

12:30 P.M.

1:00 P.M. - Afternoon

8:00 P.M. - Midnight

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Registration - Mezzanine

General Business Meeting - Gold Room

Auxiliary Meeting

DeJeuner pour les Dames (Auxiliary)

Van Champion and Mary Latour in charge

Walking Tours - Groups of 15

Registered Guides - Per person: \$2.00

Beer Bust - International Room

Russ Patalia "Kings of Dixieland"

Teen Party - Hamburgers & Music

Sarah Mitchell in charge

NOTE: Beer Bust will end at midnight because Bourbon Street really starts jumping

SATURDAY - JULY 29, 1972

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

12 Noon

Registration - Mezzanine

1974 Convention Site Meeting - Gold Room

Memorial Service - Grand Ballroom Chaplain John K. Ormond 383-Hg.

(Now pastor of 1st United Methodist Church,

Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909)

Division Meeting - Gold Room

Clarence Hauber 383-F will present WW 11 slides

Leyte & Okinawa (Please bring any slides that you may have)

Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar

Dinner - Dance - International Room

Awards & Recognitions

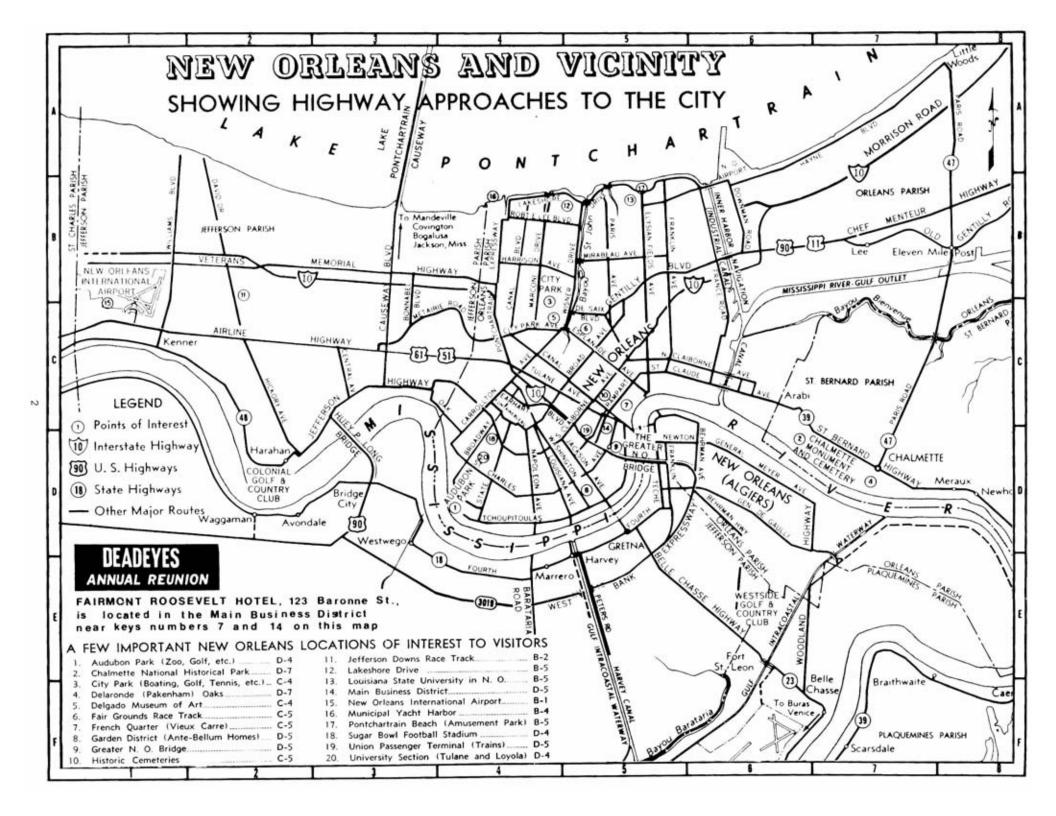
Dance - Val Barbara and His Orchestra

2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

All reunion activities and functions will occur within walking distance from the hotel



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REUNION REMINDERS

The Roosevelt Hotel is located about 12 blocks south of Interstate 10. Hoss Mitchell suggests that the best place to unload is at the entrance on University Place where there is an escalator.

Remember that the river boat trip is scheduled for late afternoon on Thursday, July 27. Capacity of the Mark Twain is 300 persons, so send your reservation early.

At noon on Friday, July 28, a luncheon for the auxiliary will be held at a restaurant in the French Quarter. Send the coupon to Mrs. Champion.

Although the Saturday night program is referred to as "Dinner -Dance", dress is to be optional.

WE CANNOT RECOMMEND ANY PARTICULAR RESTAURANT, BUT ...

The following article was clipped by Col. Leroy P. Collins, Jr. (381-Cn), Distinguished **DEADEYE** - 1970, now about to retire from active service at Fort Lee, Virginia. He said that he thought that the story about the eating experiences of two football fans would be interesting to **DEADEYES** from every walk of life as they anticipate going to New Orleans for their 15th Annual Reunion.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1972 THE WASHINGTON POST

Super Supper in New Orleans

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld & Ronald L. Goldfarb

We like to fancy ourselves as sportsmen, but as eager as we were to see the Super Bowl, we never would have set out on our one-day odyssey if the game had been in Dallas, San Diego or Kansas City.

The luster of New Orleans did it, including the special appeal of a post-game dinner in a town renowned for its food.

In fact, after we reached the Acme syster bar on Iberville Street, just off Bourbon, at 11:30 on Super Bowl morning, we realized the game was to be perhaps a lesser part of our jaunt.

We had begun the day by watching our car expire at dawn at the side of windblown Rt. 295 en route to Friendship Airport. Miraculously we had commandeered a cab and gotten to the airport with four minutes to spare. We had eaten the standard airline breakfast-fruit sections, omelet with bacon, weak coffeepalatable, but a cause for concern as to whether all the cellophane had been removed. And now, for our first culinary reward of the day, we were at the Acme.

To be truthful, it doesn't look like much. There was old checkerboard tile on the floor, a poster advertising the Aqueduct, N.Y., racetrack, on one wall and along the other the oyster bar, with a dusty mirror bearing an ad for the \$2 Englishsteel knife with which the oysters are shucked.

The bar itself consists of a marble top and, behind it, a counter laden with hundreds of oysters in a bed of crushed ice.

It was a slack hour, only two of the five stations, each with an S-curved iron rest on which the oyster is opened, were manned.

The two openers looked as gray and gnarled as oyster shells and they went at their work as if they had been doing it all their lives. In went the point of the knife, a deft twist to crack the shell, a careful pry to remove the top and a scoop with the flat blade to separate the oyster from the lower shell.

With no further ado they placed the oysters before us one by one, right on the counter. In a paper cup, we mixed our own combinations of horseradish Worcestershire and tomato sauce, the last from a wine bottle with its top cut off.

Even when we discounted our glee at being in New Orleans, the oysters were marvelous—tender, sweet and juicy. We had about a dozen apiece, washing them down with a stein of draft beer, all for \$3.20 plus tip.

At the stadium, we ate nothing more than peanuts in order to preserve our appetites for the grand dinner we were determined to have later, even though we had exhausted every last available connection beforehand trying to get good reservations. "Not even President Nixon could get in," one of our agents reported back to us.

The prospects were bleak but we were not going to take the edge off our incentive by chewing on a Tulane Stadium hot dog.

The game ended at 4:30 p.m. Heads light from the afternoon's fresh air and noses tingling from the cold, we rode the Freret Street bus back to town.

Figuring to start at the top, we headed right to Antoine's on St. Louis Street in the French Quarter, the oldest French restaurant in town (founded 1840) and regarded by many as the best.

To our surprise and delight, we simply walked through the handsome black door and were seated—not in the mellow back rooms, to be sure, but in the bustling front room, next to a palm.

We toasted our success at once with an incomparable old fashioned: house bourbon, a heavy dash of grenadine (the secret), bitters and a cherry. Our chilled fingers and toes suddenly became warm. Two more rounds followed.

Our waiter turned out to be Luis Arocha, 28, who informed us proudly that he had started as a busboy at 14 and had become Antoine's youngest waiter at 21. (He works for 80 cents an hour and gives a quarter of the tips—up to \$100 a night—to his busboy.)

At his suggestion we began with "Le Gombo Creole," a thick, tangy, dark brown soup doused with fresh white rice and little bits of crab and beef. A bigger bowl would have been a meal in itself.

For the main course one of us took Pompano Pontchartrain, broiled and covered with chunks of white crabmeat. The fish was not as flaky-fresh as he had recalled its being in Florida but it was well-seasoned and cooked.

The other had Poulet, sauce Rochambeau, a simmered slab of white breasts of chicken in a white lemon sauce, and underneath it a piece of ham in a dark sweet sauce.

We have done some indulging in various international restaurants, and we would put these two entrees right at the top.

On the side we had pommes de terre soufflees, double-fried, hollow and flaky, served in a basket woven of potato sticks, and Salade Antoine, simple greens in an oil and vinegar dressing. With our dinner, Arocha brought us a Rothschild 1967 Gry white wine called Mouton-Cadet, the perfect complement.

For dessert, one of us had the crepes Suzette. The room's lights momentarily dimmed to offer the spectacle of the dancing blue flames. At the waiter's suggestion, the other had the caramel cup custard, a light and cool ending to a rich meal.

Arocha earned our final respect when we asked him for cigars. Antoine's has no good cigars, he warned, bringing us the best it had, a common drugstore variety.

Coffee came hot and heavy with chickory, quite close to espresso in strength and body.

We learned that coffee is a New Orleans specialty and its makers are regarded as real craftsmen.

Looking about the dated charm of this place, one had the feeling that Antoine's would sooner lose an impatient prospective customer outside than rush a patron inside.

Though Super Bowl crowds were lined up on the sidewalk, we were never rushed and we left a full 2½ hours after our unscheduled arrival.

The bill for this marvelous meal was \$37.40, plus tip.

It remained only for us to cross the street and, after appropriate sampling, to buy two cans of creme de menthe pecans.

In the glow of a great dinner, we walked down Bourbon Street. The Super Bowl had been lackluster although the whole day's excursion had been a kick.

But it was the quality of the eating that had made it indeed a Super Day.

A SPECIAL REPORT TO DEADEYES

DEADEYES join your old buddies 96 th INF. DIV. ASSN.

PAY YOUR DUES

Unloading of supplies and equipment across Leyte beaches was a wearisome task



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 disolved and any remaining funds will be contributed to OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, CORVALLIS, OREGON.

THIS WAS A METROPOLIS 200 YEARS AGO

JULY 27, 28, 29, 1972

96th Inf. Div. Assn.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION

The endless fascinations of antiquity

edge the sidewalks of your morning promenade; this is a city for collectors.

You wander through tunnelled carriageways and emerge into gardens in breathtaking bloom

You can see their city as it was,

and find in it peace and strange beauty

and more fun than you ever have had.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By - Alexander Markus (382-B) 3629 N. Plainfield Avenue Chicago, Illinoi 60634

Everyone of you who have attended any of our annual reunions know Ed Biggs. He is always busy promoting, helping to sell something or just being a happy-go-lucky host to his many **DEADEYE** buddies.

I want to tell you about the kind of a guy that Ed is, so I will go back a few years. First, as well as I can recall, he volunteered his services to help locate lost DEADEYES - those not on our mailing list at that time. While working on that project in 1966, he took on the job of reunion chairman for Indianapolis, making that reunion the second greatest (I had the greatest one in Chicago two years later).

While handling the arrangements for Indianapolis, he suffered a severe heart attack. Biggs' doctor ordered him to stop all activity, including his job as a cross-country truck driver. But that did not really stop him! Ed just enticed his friends to fulfill his plans for the reunion.

After the reunion, he went back home to Plainfield, Indiana and to his job of finding more **DEADEYES**. That was the year when the membership took a big jump upwards because Ed Biggs accounted for at least 3,000 and possibly 5,000 found **DEADEYES**, gaining for himself, "Distinguished **DEADEYE** - 1967".

Next came the job of selling the Division History book. Yes, he was successful, for out of 1000 copies, only 26 copies are left now.

From there, he went on from one project to another. He has been heard to express his attitude very plainly, "I may catch Hell for doing something, but I would rather have it that way than to catch Hell for not doing anything."

I have talked with his wife, too. She is just as terrific a person as Ed is. Hilda tells me that she cannot figure out what keeps Ed going - he lives on pills. He doesn't gripe about anything.

(Continued Next Column)

Here is my point - Biggs never gives up. Recently, when the Memorial Committee was up against the problem of deciding what kind and size of monuments to build on Okinawa, the chairman of the committee, Jim Breece, called on Biggs. Not only did Ed come up with the right design and the best price, but his recommendation for use of black granite was accepted, too. Indeed, our monuments to General Easley and Colonel May will be handsome!

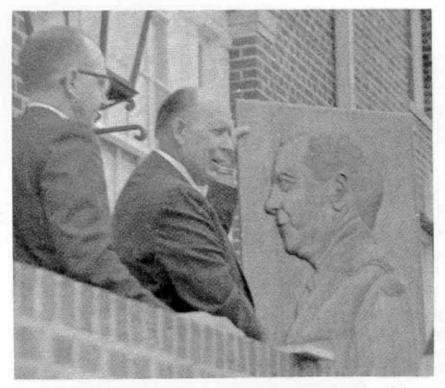
When you see Ed Biggs doing his usual thing in New Orleans, why not walk up and greet him? If he does not know you already, tell him your name and thank him if you want to. You have found a buddy.

As for myself, I am saying right now, "thanks for everything Ed Biggs, old buddy!"



ED BIGGS (96th QM) and JOE FRITZ, president, discuss the style of lettering to be used on the EASLEY and MAY monuments. It appears that the monuments will have been completed and ready for shipment to Okinawa by late April or early May, at which time Biggs is planning to have a party for DEADEYES at Creekbaum and Wearly Co.

SEND IN YOUR REUNIONS ARE PLANNED FOR ENJOYMENT BY ENTIRE FAMILIES



JOE FRITZ, President, observes as HAROLD STRAND, Historian of the 96th presents the plaque in memory of GENERAL JAMES LESTER BRADLEY, former Rolla resident. The ceremony took place at the library Saturday morning October 23, 1971.

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GENERAL BRADLEY LIVED HERE, in his mother's home, which is located in the southwest part of town. Later, he purchased a place in California where he and his daughter would go during the winter months and frequently on other occasions.

It was during one of those visits to Lafayette, California on July 30, 1957, that the commander of the Army's 96th Division in the Pacific, died following an apparent heart attack in a swimming pool.

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MRS. WILMA FULLER, 612 W. 11th Street, Rolla, Missouri, former neighbor of General Bradley, heard that the **DEADEYES** were in town, so she came down to the library to see what was going on.

Her impressions about the General revolve mainly around the years that he spent in Rolla after the death of his wife. "he was a fine bridge player," she says, "most congenial and correct when in a group, but always reserved." Mrs. Fuller recalls that while he was living with his mother, most of his time was spent working in her flower garden and driving through the beautiful Ozark region. "General Bradley was much help to his mother and widowed sister in their last years."

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In a sort of way, we are making footprints.

Trek to Rolla

DEADEYES assemble for presentation of Gen. Bradley plaque.

HAROLD STRAND (381-M), Historian, received a letter from the Mayor of Rolla, Missouri, indicating that that city would like to have the Bradley plaque. It was already August 1971, so Harold passed the work around that a suitable date for the presentation of the plaque would be during the long weekend for Veterans Day in October.

There was simply no way that everyone could be notified, so members in Missouri were especially invited, along with anyone else who happened to hear about the program.





BRADLEY PLAQUE BACKGROUND

Historian STRAND's plea for information about the plaque brought in some letters.

Daniel Millsaps (Div. Hq. & Hq. Co.), a captain at the time and aid to General Easley remembers that the plaque was executed for placement in the officers club at Camp Adair. Millsaps says that he had the job of designing and decorating that club which contained the longest bar anywhere in the U.S.A. (U-shaped).

Regarding the person who carved in wood the likeness of General Bradley, Ogden A. Kiefer believes that a man named "Kurt" did the work. This might account for the signature that is scratched on the front lower right hand corner of the plaque, "K.E. Lihkuhn - 1942", though present Association rosters do not include such a name.

Kurt is supposed to have been from Chicago, spoke with a heavy German accent and was one of the older fellows when he came to the 96th. According to Kiefer, Kurt stayed with the Division Artillery until after the Yakima maneuvers, then was discharged as soon as he had completed carving some candlesticks for a church.

Are there any other volunteers?



Representing the military, GENERAL WILLIAM BRADLEY, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, gives address during the presentation ceremonies.



In the role of hosts for the City of Rolla, CURTIS LOGAN (left), mayor, accepts the plaque and COL. ED OUSLEY (right), from the Chamber of Commerce, welcomes the visitors.

MAJ. GEN. JAMES L. BRADLEY AUS

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1957

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OCTOBER 1971

ROLLA DAILY NEWS Sunday, October 24, 197:

96th Infantry Honors James L. Bradley Here

By a Daily News Staff Writer |

It was a great day for 70 members of the 96th Infantry Division Association Saturday when the group presented a large plaque bearing the likeness of their former commanding officer and former Rolla resident, Maj. General James L. Bradley, to the City of Rolla to be displayed along with a history book on Bradley in the Rolla Public Library.

Members came from all over the country to witness the presentation which was followed by a luncheon hosted by UMR in the student union building.

Mayor Curtis Logan accepted the memento on behalf of the city as dignitaries from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, city, county, and university officials observed from the sidelines.

The association is a national organization with over 8,000 members according to its president, Joe Fritts who reminded the 96th will soon be observing its 15th anniversary.

"We're very proud to accept it and we will cherish and preserve it," Logan told Strand upon accepting the plaque."

James Lester Bradley was born May 18, 1891 at Doniphan, Mo., and he and his family moved to Rolla where his father was a professor at the Missouri School of Mines for many years.

Bradley was appointed a sec-

ond lieutenant of Infantry in 1914 following his graduation from West Point.

He was designated Commanding General of the 96th Infantry Division in May of 1942 upon its activation at Camp Adair, Ore., following an extensive military career that took him all over the country. In 1944 it was his division invaded Leyte, Phillipine Islands. The division invaded Okinawa on April 1, 1945, in a campaign that lasted until July 21, 1945. The division left the Philippines in January of 1946, On Feb. 3, 1946 the division was inactivated,

"We all served in his division," explained Edmund Biggs, quartermaster, from Plainfield, Ind. "He was our commanding officer, and a great one too."

Bradley, found dead in his daughter's swimming pool, is believed to have died of a heart attack. He had gone to visit his daughter Mildred in Lafayette, Calif., in 1957 at the time of his death.

He retired from the service in 1947 and lived in San Mateo, Calif., with his wife, Pauline. Upon her death in 1949 he returned to his old home in Rolla.

General William Bradley, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, in addressing the gathering said, "Although I am not related to the man nor have I ever met him, from what I have learned he must have been a very fine man." Memorials mark tortuous path of the men of the 96th.

On to Okinawa

Our aim is to honor all of our fallen comrades.

During February 1972, the Memorial Committee sent out a circular to the membership asking for donations with which to finance the rebuilding of 96th Division monuments on Okinawa.

Within the next few weeks afterwards, sufficient funds had been received to permit the officers of the Association to go ahead and sign contracts for the replacement of the Easley monument and to improve the May monument. Then the dollars came rolling in and as this newsletter goes to press on April 1, 1972, the Memorial Fund Campaign had accumulated \$2940.00. More donations were needed, however, to complete the job and purchase the sites.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR - THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1972

OKINAWA VETERANS EAGER

Gen. Easley Marker Will Be Restored

By VICTOR L. BURFORD

Although 27 years has eroded some memories, veterans of the 96th Infantry Division who fought their way from island to island during World War II still remember one of their own who died on Okinawa.

The veterans of the 96th Infantry Division Association have agreed to have a monument re-erected on Okinawa to honor Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, the assistant division commander.

Easley was killed in the first few weeks after United States troops hit beaches in the Ryukyu Islands on Easter Sunday, 1945.

The new monument will replace one built by the men with their own hands before the unit left Okinawa, the main island in the Ryukyu chain.

One of the men. Edmund Biggs of Plainfield, who has kept up



MONUMENT TO HONOR GEN. EASLEY

(Creekbaum and Wearly)

with the events over the years, learned last year that the memorial was destroyed, it is believed by Okinawans.

"The association was notified by the military late last year that in the future the World War II memorials will be preserved," Biggs said yesterday.

THE RYUKYU Islands, including 485-square-mile Okinawa, will revert to Japan May 15, and the Japanese government has assured that the new memorial will remain entact.

Others killed by snipers during the battles for the 73 islands that lead to Japan included Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., commanding general of the Tenth Army, and the famous Hoosier war correspondent, Ernie Pyle.

A BAY HAS BEEN named for Gen. Buckner and a monument honors his memory. Numerous memorials have been established for Pyle. But the men of the 96th wanted one for Easley.

'The monument, which will be built by the Creekbaum and Wearly Monument Company of Brownsburg, will weigh three tons and stand over 8 feet tall," Biggs said. "It should be finished by the end of May, and the Army has agreed to fly it to Okinawa and set it in place," Biggs added.

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The 96th's association has located about 7,500 of the 12,000 Okinawan veterans, Biggs noted, which makes it the largest active World War II veterans' group. He said that 140 of these now live in Indiana.

DEADEYES Tell Plan to Renovate Monument for Col. Edwin May

The monument to Colonel May had been lost since 1945. During recent years a number of men from the 96th had tried unsuccessfully to relocate the concrete pillar that marked the site where the 383rd commander was killed by Japanese machine gun bullets while he was directing the fight from a forward observation post.

Visiting on Okinawa last September, James Breece (382-Service), chairman of the Memorial Committee, secured the use of a helicopter. "When we got in the vicinity and were able to look over the terrain and orient ourselves from known landmarks, we spotted it right away," Jim said. "After landing, we drove to the place and talked with some American servicemen who are presently stationed at the Yoza Dake Air Force Station, but they had no idea as to the origin or identification of the monument," he said, adding that the name plate had been taken by vandals.

"Our plan is to install a new plate that will be cut from black granite and properly incribed," Breece said in describing the Association's renovation project.

THE FEAR OF BEING ANONYMOUS

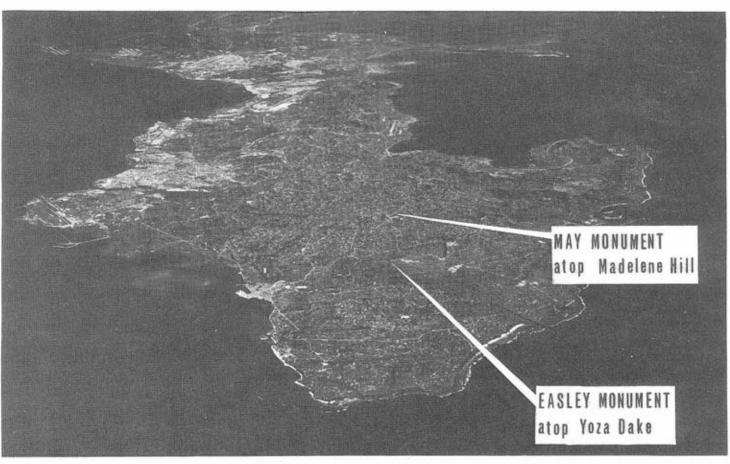
War is a peculiarly individual thing to an infantryman. No matter how many of his buddies are involved in combat alongside of him, he sees the action as a combination of vicious happenings that focus on him specifically. The dreadfulness of everything being ripped to smithereens on his little part of a ridge gives him a shock the likes of which probably has no comparison in this life. He suspects that he is being put on. Nothing is normal anymore as his world is riven in a crazy way and the best friends he will ever have become casualties.

He closes bravely with the enemy, but he carries along a resentful feeling that his struggle is going unappreciated and unnoticed. He decides that he is very much alone and forgotten in his predicament. It never leaves him, even as he forces himself to put one foot in front of the other - the fear of anonymity.

In the midst of this, he perceives that he is a participant in a great event and wistfully wishes to be remembered for having been there. But fate removes him to his home country, far from those desperate scenes that, except in his dreams, he will not experience again. And he is thankful.

The passage of years and the quirks of international politics give the old infantryman a perspective from which to look back and wonder at the worth of his effort and the enormity of the cost. In a remote part of the world, on the island of Okinawa, he and his buddies will be leaving only two permanent symbols, one to honor a famous Texan by the name of Claudius M. Easley and another for a dedicated soldier called Edwin T. May. Those monuments will also serve to call to mind that long roster of men of the 96th who knew the fear, but dared to be anonymous.

the hard part - last 20 miles of OKINAWA from far out



Our Footprints

Hopeful that they will still be there a long time after the 96th has gone, the socalled footprints are those mementos which we are distributing to various places across the country, and overseas, too.

GOAL IS TO PLACE DIVISION HISTORY BOOKS IN LIBRARIES IN EVERY STATE

A couple of years ago when the reprinting of the 96th Division History book became a reality, the auxiliary decided to make sure that scholars in colleges and universities throughout the United States should have access to the story of the **DEADEYES**. Their thinking was that the exceptionally well-written account of action in WW II would provide useful resource material.

The gals purchased 55 of the books, then proceeded to set up some guidelines which they would follow in selecting the most worthy state-supported, and a few independent, schools to be recipients. Prime movers in the search were Board of Directors members Norma Bauer and Helen Classen.

Mainly they were looking for excellence in the school's libraries and when they found it, a letter was written offering the book as a gift. Except for the presentation of 11 books to libraries in as many states, the project had been completed by March 1972.

Again, DEADEYES had left their footprints.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RECIPIENTS

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CREDITS AND CORRECTIONS

Trek to Rolla - Harold Strand furnished pictures of home of General Bradley's mother. He and Lorraine went sightseeing while in Rolla.

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Henry White and Mary Lou became acquainted with Mrs. Fuller, as did many other DEADEYES. Mary Lou took the picture in the Rolla Library.

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The mayor of Rolla, Curtis Logan, the Chamber of Commerce and everyone who represented UMR did their best to make **DEADEYES** feel welcome.

In the article from The Rolla Daily News, the name of Joe Fritz, president is misspelled.

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On to Okinawa - DEADEYES will notice some discrepancies in the article from The Indianapolis Star. Obviously, General Easley was killed late in the campaign. Date of his death was June 19, 1945. Also, the men of the 96th island hopped from Leyte to Okinawa.

General Buckner was killed on June 18, 1945 when he was struck by a coral fragment that had been dislodged by explosion of a Japanese artillery shell.

TAPS - By Sherman Deckrow

God, in his infinite wisdom, has summoned many more DEADEYES who served their country faithfully and well in war and peace. Although the 96th Infantry Division Association mourns the passing of these men and extends sympathy to their surviving families, they still live in the memories of their comrades in arms.

This listing has been made up from information received since January 1, 1971 through March 31, 1972. If you should hear about the death of a buddy, please notify the corresponding secretary, Sherman Deckrow. Upon receipt of such notice, the name will be withdrawn from the mailing list, unless other instructions are received.

The widow, or any member of a DEADEYE family, may continue to receive the Dispatch.

Richard E. O'Meara 362-FA 1/15/72

G.R. Anderson 363-FA 1/71 per letter

Richard J. Nelle 382-G nl ret. 2/72

Cecil L. Ballowe 361-FA nl ret. 2/72

Dempsey Billington Unit? nl ret. 4/71

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Frederick Coen 383-Hq & Hq 2nd Bn Hq, G 3/12/71 ltr. frm sister 2/13/71 Itr frm wife

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William D. Coppin 382-E

Jacob Fisher 381-1 3/18/71

Joseph W. Gaal

Joe Fewox 96 QM

nl ret. 2/72

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Eugene J. Halbert 382-E nl ret. 1/71

382-AT 7/9/71 ltr frm daughter Itr from wife Harry E. Gordy

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nl ret. 1/71

Francis D. Henson 381-A Itr frm wife

Robert T. Hall 96th-Hq.

Henry E. Hallsted

Victor Hosman 361-FA

Itr. from Mrs. S.G. Knowles

362-FA 4/19/71 2/2/71 ltr frm wife Reino A. Kilpi

Max S. Hileman 382-M 4/3/71 Ite frm Kimberly

William L. Holborow 383-L 8/20/71

David Jalageas

Carroll Leeth 381-AT

nl ret. 4/71

382-E

Lyle F. Hull 381-Cn 10/31/71 ltr from wife

96QM note at reunion-1971 nl ret. 2/72

Fred Kollmer 362-FA

Robert J. LaBree 796th Ord nl ret. 1/71

William L. McCormack 381-Med 4/26/71

nl ret. 4/71 Joseph M. Lynch

Clyde F. McCauley 381-I 6/71 ltr frm wife

Frank Moody Div. Art note frm Martin 7/71

921-FA nl ret. 2/72

Vern R. Maas 921-FA nl ret. 2/72

Louis D. Pelzer 363-FA nl ret. 1/71

C.A. McLaughlin 381-H nl ret. 1/72

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TAPS (Continued)

Buckley Peterson 321-Eng. note at reunion - 1971

James Rosenthal 96-Div. Art. nl ret, 4/71

Vernon Richson 381-B note at reunion - 1971

Christian J. Ruhr 921-FA nl ret. 4/71

Harold Connolly 382-F 12/29/71

Harvey J. Butsch Unit ? 1/22/72 per memo

Robert E. Erickson 382-2nd Bn Hq note from Milo Thompson 3/5/72

John C. Adams 381-M note from Milo Thompson 3/5/72 Ken Danks Unit ? 12/28/71 Itr frm wife

J. Pat Rooney Unit ? nl ret. 7/71

Edward Russell 728-AMTRAC 8/20/71 ltr frm wife

Needham J, Spikes -382-AT 3/2/71 note at reunion 1971

Eugene R. Taylor 96-Div. Hq. nl ret. 2/72

Oral E. Tidwell 921-FA nl ret. 7/71

Arthur C. Tigue 363-FA 7/4/71 Itr frm mother

Albert D. Wallingford 381-C nl ret, 4/71 George Trentor

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4/71 Itr frm C.C. Knapp

Ernest G. White 362-FA nl ret, 1/71

Elzie Tubbs 363-FA nl ret. 2/72

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382-A

note frm Milo Thompson

3/72

William H. Hibdon Unit ?

12/6/71 Itr frm wife

Norval Strinmoen Unit?

nl ret. 1/72

William R, Taylor 96-Div. Art. nl ret. 4/71

Frank Windish 382-E nl ret, 7/71



SHERMAN DECKROW (382-2nd Bn. Hq.) was appointed corresponding secretary for the Association to complete the 1971 - 1972 year.

He says that his soldiering with the 96th started when he was first assigned to 382-G at Camp Adair, Oregon. At the time of the Bend maneuvers, he was moved to 2nd Bn. Hqs., the unit with which he stayed all the way through Leyte and Okinawa. His discharge from the army was in January 1946.

On June 21, 1947, Sherm and Marion were married. They have a daughter, Lynn, son, Tom, son-in-law, Dan and a grandson, David now two years old.

Deckrow does a lot of traveling for United Air Lines, his employer.

He wants to meet you in New Orleans.

Ask Deckrow to send you a roster of your unit. There is no charge for this service, but a self-addressed and self-stamped envelope will help to speed up his reply to your request.

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MAIL CALL

From:

Delbert C. Lowe

363 FA-C

RFD 2

Brighton, Iowa 52540

I enjoy reading the DEADEYE Dispatch, especially letters and news from the men who were in my battery. Here are my dues, also \$3.00 for a tie tac which I will wear proudly.

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From:

Goodman Eisenberg

382-Ha

9 Swan Court

St. Charles, Mo. 63301

Guess what? I have seen the 96th Division insignia in use recently. It has been my impression that when the division was deactivated. the insignia was supposedly retired. Nevertheless, the patch was seen by me in December 1971, being worn on the shoulder of a reserve officer. I understand that he was here on a two week training mission and had come from Glendive, Montana. He is supposed to have entered the reserves at Helena, Montana, but since there was no active reserve unit in Helena, he was assigned to one in Glendive. The patch was issued to him in Glendive, but he was not familiar with it or what it represented.

Because I caught only a glimpse of him and the patch as I was leaving work one day, I did not have an opportunity to talk to the man. He was with an acquaintance of mine, so the next day I tried to contact him. My friend told me the particulars which I have just related and mentioned that the officer in question had been spending his two weeks reserve training at our installation, the U.S. Army Mobility Equipment Command, St. Louis, Mo.

The officer was not in at the time when I went over to his assigned office. They told me that he was scheduled to leave for Montana on the following day, but I tried to set up a meeting before he left, just to discuss the 96th patch. Things did not work out, so I never did get to see him.

My attempts to find out which reserve outfit he was with have been unsuccessful. Is there someone from Montana on our roster who could check into this? You can imagine how surprised I was to walk out of a door and see a present day DEADEYE hurry past.

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From:

John J. Siprak

381-AT

269 Wildwood St. Star City, W. Va.

Here is a donation for the Memorial Fund, I am blind.

MAIL CALL

From:

William G. Reather

362 FA-Serv.

Box 184

Magazine, Ark.

Here are some pictures that you may want to use in the Dispatch. These were taken while we were on maneuvers near Bend, Oregon.



CHOW LINE



WHO?

From:

John E. Carothers 18042 Redwood Rd.

Castro Valley, California 94546

383-Hq & Hq

This is a brief history of myslef as a 383rd Inf. Regt. DEADEYE.

I am especially proud to have been one of the first DEADEYES. for I was on the cadre from the Seventh Division to the new 383rd Infantry Hq. & Hq. Co. as a T/4 radio operator, For many months I served as an instructor in radio set operation, code and voice and radio network procedure. It was an interesting job.

Because of my job, I had close acquaintance with many fine men of the 96th Division. They were brave and dedicated men who stood tall as proud American soldiers. That is the reason why I have alway remained a loyal DEADEYE.

Since 1946 I have had communication with a DEADEYE in Fayette, Iowa and another DEADEYE in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

MAIL CALL

From:

Karl F. Sinning

321 Med-B

107 N. Passaic Ave. Chatham, N.J. 07928

Enclosed is my check for membership dues and a tie tack.

Please send a supply of post cards and decals for New Orleans, I am trying to get everyone from 321 Med-B to come to the reunion.

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From:

Mrs. Claudius M. Easley

96th Div. Hq.

3601 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

I received a letter from Ed Biggs enclosing a copy of the drawings of the May and Easley restorations. They look fine to me. The granite will be resistant to discoloration, not only from rain, but pollen, too, which tend to darken marble and such so badly.

As I think you already know, I am most grateful to all of you for the work that has been done for our beloved 96th.

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From:

Edgar Guidry

382-G

Rte Box 170

Lockport, La. 70374

Regarding Minor Butler's article about starting this reunion business, I happen to be one of those who answered his first ad in the VFW magazine. I was at the first reunion in St. Louis and have attended a few of the other ones, enjoying all of them.

Now I am looking forward to the reunion that is coming up in New Orleans and have contacted a lot of DEADEYES who live in this area. Many of them are making plans to attend, so boys, if you have a buddy in N.O. area, chances are he'll be there. Will you? I certainly hope so.

I am extending a personal invitation to all of you and especially to my friends who served with me in 382-G and 382-Cn.

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From:

John C. Karalis

382-C

617 Carroll Fox Road Brick Town, N.J. 08723

Is there such a thing as a 96th Division History Book? I have heard that such a book can be had for about \$10.00. Please send information.

I joined the 96th at Camp White and Captain Carter was my C.O.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Answer is yes. There are still a few copies for sale. Send check to treasurer.

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MAIL CALL

From:

Ellis W. Hosbach

104 Pickwick Dr. Bethel Park, Pa. 15102

96th Div. Hg.

I was pleasantly surprised the other evening when I received a call from Allan Schall, an old friend and Association member with whom I had been out of touch for 15 years or more. He called primarily to ask that I write to you and request consideration for Pittsburgh as a site for the 96th Division reunion. Until then, I did not know that there was an Association.

Back at the end of the war, I recall, some type of Assocation was established for the purpose of publishing a book, but that was the last I ever heard.

My unit was Division Headquarters, which I joined at Camp White. One of my jobs was Personnel Sergeant in Special Troops Headquarters which was my assignment at the time of deactivation at Camp Anza.

Well, Allan and I had lunch yesterday and refought the entire war. He told me that he had written to Joe Fritz (president of the Association) mentioning my name, thinking that he and I were old friends. Instead, my old buddy was Peter J. Fritz who lives now in Mundelein, III. At any rate, we would appreciate consideration for Pittsburgh as a reunion site.

EDITOR'S NOTE - The annual reunion in 1973 is scheduled for Peoria, Illinois. A site for the reunion that will be held in 1974 will be selected in New Orleans this summer. Anyone who is interested in having the reunion in his hometown should make some preliminary contacts, then come to New Orleans and present his proposals to the site committee.

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From:

Whitney LaCroix R. 1 Box 41

321 Med-A

Trout, La. 71371

Sorry to be late in joining the Association.

My job must be my excuse for not attending any of the reunions. I am presently employed by Justiss & Mears Oil Co., Jena, La.

My wife, June, and I and our three children, Elizabeth (17), Mandy (13) and Keven (9) are all looking forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans this summer.

WHEN YOU REGISTER AT THE REUNION IN NEW

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ORLEANS, REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR ROOM NUMBER AND PHONE NUMBER. YOUR BUDDIES WILL BE TRYING

TO LOCATE YOU IN THE HOTEL AND NEARBY AREAS.

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MAIL CALL

MAIL CALL

From:

Jessie A. Kilgore

383-E

704 N. Saddler Poteau, Okla. 74953

I noticed your request for information about Gen. Claudius M. Easley or Col. Edwin T, May.

One day on the rifle range at Camp Adair, Oregon, I received quite a compliment from General Easley. I was shooting with both eyes open and he told me that some of the best marksmen in the Army shot with both eyes open.

When he was killed on Okinawa, the men in the company were telling me about it. They said that a sniper had a boy pinned down behind a rock, and the General said, "You can't let him keep you pinned down all day, let me show you how to slush him out." When he raised up the Jap hit him between the eyes. I did not see that incident myself, for things were happening so fast in battle.

About Colonel May, I remember him well because I was chosen to be his orderly a number of times. Then on Okinawa, I was first scout. One time we jumped off and stormed a Jap Position with Colonel May leading the attack. "Men, here are your Japs," he was shouting. "Kill them!", "Kill them!"

I saw that his face was cut up by a mortar shell, out in the Jap's barbed wire and foxholes. I went on past him to the hill where we got a bunch of Japs and one mortar. Some of the Japs ran down the hill on the other side. We dug in for the night and things were quiet until about daylight when the Japs tried to take back their positions. They failed.

Colonel May was treated at the aid station for the wounds in his face, then he ran away and came back to the front to be with us. He was killed about an hour later. I think that he was a man and a great soldier who led his troops.

Regarding myself, I was wounded on May 11, 1945, then spent nine months in the hospital. I would like to attend the reunions, but I am 100% disabled and traveling is difficult for me.

Here is a suggestion: How about a write up on Lt. Col McCray, commander of 2nd Bn. 383rd? He was killed when we were pinned down in a field while trying to take a hill on Leyte, about the 26th of October 1944. Altogether, we lost 27 men killed and 17 wounded that day.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND LETTERS AND PICTURES TO THE EDITORS.

ASK DAKAN FOR A SUPPLY OF POST CARDS, THEN WRITE TO YOUR OLD BUDDIES AND REMIND THEM TO MEET YOU AT THE REUNION.

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From:

Charles R, Krizek

363 FA-Hq

2923 Lemp Ave. St. Louis.Mo. 63118

Enclosed is a check for my 1972 dues. Please send my membership card.

It is doubtful that I can be in Rolla on October 23, because my car is not in A-1 shape. Since being permanently disabled on my job, I have to get by on Social Security and what the V.A. will allow, so I just don't get to go to any of the reunions.

Send me a few decals as you always have.

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From: Oscar Oeder

383-K

Enderlin, No. Dakota 58027

General Easley was one of my cherished officers during my time in the 96th. Here is my donation for the Memorial Fund.

I am hoping to be able to attend a reunion, but being a farmer, July is a bad time for me to go anyplace.

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From:

Wagner A. Street

383-Hg & Hg

322 Blaine St. Peoria, III. 61602

Thank you for the special bulletin about the Memorial Fund project. I would not want to miss the opportunity to contribute something to this fund. There is not much that can be done about Okinawa falling into Japanese hands, but we can leave some evidence that we were there - and what could be more fitting than monuments for those two heroes of the 96th. I hope that every 383rd man on our rosters makes a donation, so that we can erect a permanent tribute to the memory of Colonel May and General Easley.

Somehow, the fighting on Okinawa seems to have happened a long time ago, but I suppose that that is because I want to forget what happened there - but certainly not the men who were there with me, many of whom lost their lives.

I was in 383rd Regimental Headquarters for over three years and was in daily contact with Colonel May. My job was communication chief. Also, I remember seeing General Easley many times.

The first contact that I had with General Easley was on the firing range at Camp Adair. A recruit that was nearby was having trouble zeroing in on the target. The General came walking by and said, "Let me see that M-1". Stepping up to the line, he went into the prone position and put five bullseyes on the target. The soldier tried again according to the General's instructions and zeroed in, needless to say, no more "Maggie's drawers".

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INSCRIPTION FOR MONUMENTS

James Breece 382-Service, 1st V.P., is chairman of the Memorial Committee and has done much to organize the Memorial Fund Campaign. He says that the monuments will have the following inscriptions:

General Easley -

IN MEMORIAM CLAUDIUS M. EASLEY BRIG. GEN., 96TH INF. DIV. KILLED IN ACTION ON THIS SPOT, 19 JUNE 1945

(Same In Japanese)

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Send contribution to the Memorial Fund to Treasurer.

Val Barbara will furnish a combo for the River Boat Trip on Thursday. His orchestra, consisting of 10 men with a girl singer will perform at the Dinner-Dance on Saturday night.

Enlivening the Beer Bust on Friday night will be the famed Dixieland band of Russ Patalia.



Convention Chairman

The Teen room in the basement of the Roosevelt Hotel will be open all three days of the reunion. Supervision will be provided. Please encourage your Teens to wear their badges.

SEND IN YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION NOW. ADVANCE REGISTRATION WILL ASSURE THAT YOUR ROOM WILL BE READY WHEN YOU ARRIVE. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS REUNION MAY HAVE THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE TO DATE. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU.

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

Colonel May -

EDWIN T. MAY 1896 - 1945 COLONEL, 383rd INF. REGT. KILLED ON THIS SPOT 5 JUNE 1945

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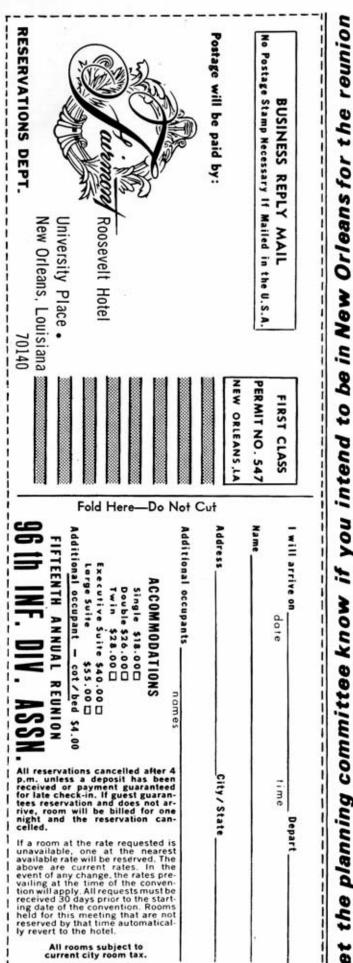
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JULY 27, 28, 29, 1972

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SHERMAN DECKROW 3740 N. Pontiac Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60634

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SEND IN YOUR REUNION RESERVATION

EASLEY PLAQUE PRESENTATION - DEADEYES will present a plaque to the City of Waco, Texas, the hometown of the General, on July 31, 1972. This activity will take place at the new Civic Center at 2:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend. If you can add this trip to your journey to the reunion in New Orleans and would like to have additional information, contact: Sam Benson, Sergeant at Arms, 1725 Travis Street, Waco, Texas 76711.

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