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DEADEYE DISPATCH – SPRING 1973

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96th INF. DIV. ASSN.



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Sixteenth Annual Reunion

**96th INF. DIV.
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July 26, 27, 28, 1973



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AL AND HIS TEN PIECE BAND WILL PLAY FOR THE BEER-BUST ON FRIDAY AND THE SATURDAY DINNER DANCE. AL PIERSON IS THE NAME. MANY IN CHICAGO AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS HAVE DANCED TO HIS MUSIC.

AL PIZZAMIGLIO



DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE – 1972

PAUL E. BAUER - 382 SERV. CO.

Receiving his plaque of merit which reads as follows:

Exemplifying the virtues of service dedication and leadership which especially mark the men of the 96th Infantry Division, you have, through the years contributed immeasurably to the building of a comradeship among "Deadeyes" that makes our Association one of a kind.

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Mrs. Claudius M. Easley with Roy E. Oliphant (Hq. & Hq. 381) and his wife, Doris.

By: Richard H. Todd (Hq. & Hq. 381)



JULY 31, 1972, ANNISTON, LOUISIANA

Colonel Michael E. Halloran and his wife, Ethel. Colonel Halloran is holding a "Piece of the Rock". This rock is from Okinawa, brought back by Colonel LeRoy P. Collins, Jr.

After New Orleans I went to Anniston for a great visit with Colonel and Mrs. Halloran. They are both well, after a short illness. They are a great couple.

Richard H. Todd - Hq. & Hq. 381
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NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY.
ALL RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE
THAT OF THE DIRECTOR.

96TH IS AT THE PUNCH BOWL

My wife, Marion, and I paid a short visit to Hawaii and stopped to see the **DEADEYES** who's names appear on the Memorial Wall at the Punch Bowl Crater in Honolulu.

Sherman Deckrow - 382-2nd Bn.
3740 N. Pontiac Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60634

DID YOU REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR DUES?
THEY PAY FOR THE "DEADEYE DISPATCH".
USE MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPE ENCLOSED IN THIS
NEWSLETTER.

WACO PLAQUE FOR LATE LEADERS

On Monday, August 1, following the close of the fifteenth annual reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association, a delegation of members and friends journeyed to Waco, Texas for the presentation of a plaque in memory of Brigadier General Claudius M. Easley. The ceremony was at 2:30 p.m. in the new Convention Center. Sam Benson, Sargeant at Arms, was in charge of the arrangements.

The plaque carried two pictures, one of Easley in combat garb and one of a monument erected by men of the Division before they left Okinawa at the spot he was killed and the texted of a story entitled, "A Soldier is Dead," from the **DEADEYE DISPATCH** recounting his death.

During the past year the association has been working to have a new monument erected on Okinawa.



GIFT - The 96th Infantry Division (**DEADEYES**) Association presented a plaque to the City of Waco Monday, honoring Brigadier General Claudius M. Easley, a native of Waco, killed on Okinawa in World War II. Making the presentation is Iden Johnson of Grinnell, Iowa, President of the Association, and the General's wife, Mrs. Claudius M. Easley of Washington, D.C.

Waco Mayor, Bill McDavid accepted the escutcheon-shaped plaque which will hang in the Convention Center. General Easley was assistant commander of the 96th Infantry Division at the time of his death. (Harvey Dicks photo)

Reprinted from **THE WACO NEWS-TRIBUNE** - August 1, 1972.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Speaking of Waco- - - Look forward to a possible reunion there. They have many new accomodations and what could be more fitting then General Easley's home town?

As I write this letter, the fall planning meeting for Peoria Reunion begins tomorrow - - - from all reports thus far, your 16th Annual Reunion is going to be another great success. Why don't you all make your plans right now so that you will be able to attend. I hope you will, and I know that you will not be sorry you made this decision.

If you never attended a 96th reunion, you should try it. **DEADEYES** admit they have the time of their lives.

We should all be very grateful for, and proud of this tremendous organization our buddies have built for us.

Have you ever wondered what the object of this outfit is? Let me quote from a paragraph in our constitution.

"The object of this association is fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among it's members, to perpetuate the memory and history of our fallen comrades, to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States, and fidelity to this constitution and by-laws, to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom".

Yes, you too can be a part of this is you haven't been up to now. Time still marches on.

***** PEORIA – 1973 *** INDIANAPOLIS – 1974 *** WHERE IN 75?**

Iden Johnson - 383 - 1st Bn.
Association President, 1972 – 1973

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**HOLDERS OF PHILLIPINES LIBERATION RIBBON NOW AUTHORIZED
A MEDAL**

Many World War II veterans entitled to the Philippines Liberation Ribbon are unaware that a medal is also authorized.

The medal is awarded by the Philippine Commonwealth and is **NOT** a U.S. decoration. Authorized persons desiring to obtain the medal should send a copy of proof of certification along with Social Security number and service number to:

The Adjutant General
Armed Forces of the Philippines
Camp General Emilio Aquinaldo
Quezon City, Philippines

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STATEMENT: DEADEYE DISPATCH is the official publication of the 96th Infantry Division Association. Communications should be directed to the Editor, Alex Markus, 3629 N. Plainfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60634, however, Officers of the Association will forward any mail which they may receive.

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.**

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HE HAD A HABIT OF HOLDING GROUND



Cyril D. Sterner - 382 - 2nd Bn.
Commanding Officer:

Sterner received a commission in the regular army and accepted duty in 1939 after completion of his studies in chemical engineering and R.O.T.C. at the University of Nebraska. His first assignment was with the 17th Infantry Regiment, Company B, of the newly organized Seventh Infantry Division and General Stilwell was the division commander.

Then came the time when a cadre was chosen to go to Camp Adair, Oregon to form a skeleton for a new division. That was in July 1942, even before the camp had been completed. With the rank as a company commander, he was there at the activation ceremony of the 96th Division on August 15, 1942.

For a while Sterner was a Captain, Commander of 382 - 2nd. Battalion, then he moved up to Major in March 1943 and to Lieutenant Colonel in January 1944. He helped train the green men of the 96th for their journey across the Pacific.

In early combat on Leyte, Colonel Sterner's 2nd. Battalion was much involved in the Battle of Tabontabon and he was awarded a Silver Star.

Here was the beginning of a reputation that stuck with him through Leyte and Okinawa. "Colonel Sterner has a habit of holding the ground that he takes."

On Mindoro, after the campaigns, he left the 96th Division to

attend Command and General Staff College, returning to the Philippines just as the 96th was preparing to head for home. Colonel Sterner was sent to the 86th Division as G-3.

An assignment on the General Staff in the Pentagon (1947) was next, then on to Pakistani Staff College in Quetta, Pakistan (1951), and later, as Military Observer in Kashmir (1952) followed by a three year tour as PMS&T at the University of Dayton.

With promotion to Colonel, another assignment sent Sterner and his family to Vietnam where he was a member of the U.S. Advisory Group for two and one-half year. After that, he was assigned to the Combat Developments Office at Fort Benning (1959), where the emphasis was on the concept of new weapons, tactics and organization.

Moving on to another overseas job as Area Commander at Seoul, Korea for a year, after which he returned to the states for assignment at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

He wound up his career in the position of Deputy Commander for Land Combat Systems, U.S. Army Missile Command.

After 30 years of service on September 1, 1969 came retirement. Cyril, or as his friends call him, Dean and his wife Harriette have been operating an antique shop in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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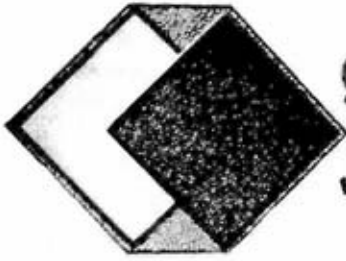
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DEADEYES

ANNUAL REUNION

JULY 26, 27, 28 – 1973 - PEORIA, ILLINOIS



96th ARCOM 'DEADEYE' NEWS



96TH ARCOM, FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH

"321st HELP STATE PARK," reads the front page headline on the annual training edition of the 96th ARCOM "DEADEYE" News which was published in September 1972. And below the headline is a picture of two members of the 321st Eng. Bn. using a bulldozer to clear debris in Oregon State Park.

This 321st is made up of reservists from Idaho and Utah, as is the whole command, but such news items should stir the memories of old DEADEYES, for they will recall the training and combat adventures of 321st. Eng. Bn. of another era.

Yes, the 96th Infantry Division still exists after a fashion. At Fort Douglas, Utah, there is a 96th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM. for short) and by coincidence. at least one of its units bears a familiar designation. Probably because of present-day necessity of function and mission, none of the other numbered groups that are mentioned in the newsletter appear to have a historical connection with the 96th of World War II.

The 96th ARCOM newsletter consists of six pages. In the upper left-hand corner of the front page there is a reproduction of the famous double diamond shoulder patch and in the opposite corner is the patch of the Reserve Forces, 6th Army.

A back page articles tells about Brigadier General Sterling R. Ryser, commanding general of the 96th Army Reserve Command, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal for his work in the Army Reserve from 1962 to 1968. The story tells about General Ryser having previously served as command and general staff director of the U.S. Army Reserve School at Fort Douglas and as deputy commanding officer of the 96th ARCOM.

But do the men who belong to the ghost of the old 96th Division know of the torturous history of its progenitor? In any event, DEADEYES everywhere can hope that the reservists have heard about duty, pride and comradeship and wish that such characteristics should repose with them.

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SEE YOU THERE!! IN PEORIA -- JULY 1973

FOR DEADEYES
HAPPINESS

A Letter From A Loyal Comrade
A Reunion With Old Buddies

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION

July 26, 27, 28 -- 1973 **PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

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FROM ONE DEADEYE TO

ANOTHER

Doug Burton of 381-F Company was the proud winner of a 1972 Ford last summer. He was presented the keys to his new car by Ray Plum of the 383-L Company, the commander of the V.F.W. Post

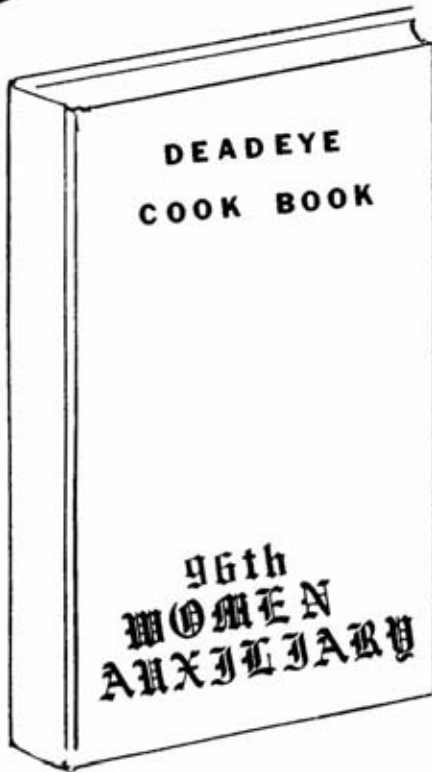
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Just think how grateful your man of the house will be since he'll not have to wait to visit his **DEADEYE** Buddies to be able to taste his wife's favorite recipe. You'll have her recipe right in your own cook book.

He's getting older and he may appreciate it more. Also, he will be able to taste his daughter's and daughter-in-laws recipes too. So, put it on paper Ladies and send it in with the above coupon to:

ROSE FRITZ

Get this project off with flying colors.

728 AMTRAC BATTALION WILL REJOIN 96TH DEADEYES AT INDIANAPOLIS

The 728th Amtrac Bn. held their annual reunion at the Imperial House West in Columbus, Ohio - August 4th and 5th, 1972 with Harold McCoy and Mike Harsanyi in charge. There were 47 members and their families present. They will hold their 1973 reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee, the weekend following the 96th's Reunion.

The 728 Amtrac members voted to rejoin the 96th at Indianapolis on July 25, 26, 27, 1974.

SOMETHING TO SHOOT AT

An Open House honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickinson of Grimes, Iowa on their 50th wedding anniversary was held on Sunday, November 5, 1972 at the Lions Hall in their hometown of New Virginia, Iowa.

DEADEYES know Ray as the first senior rated non-com of the 96th and the only man from the original division in the present Association, distinctions that were recognized several years ago when he was declared a lifetime member.

Ray began attending reunions with the one that was held in Minneapolis in 1965. Since then, he and Doris have made it every year. At the reunion in Des Moines, Ray acted as special host.



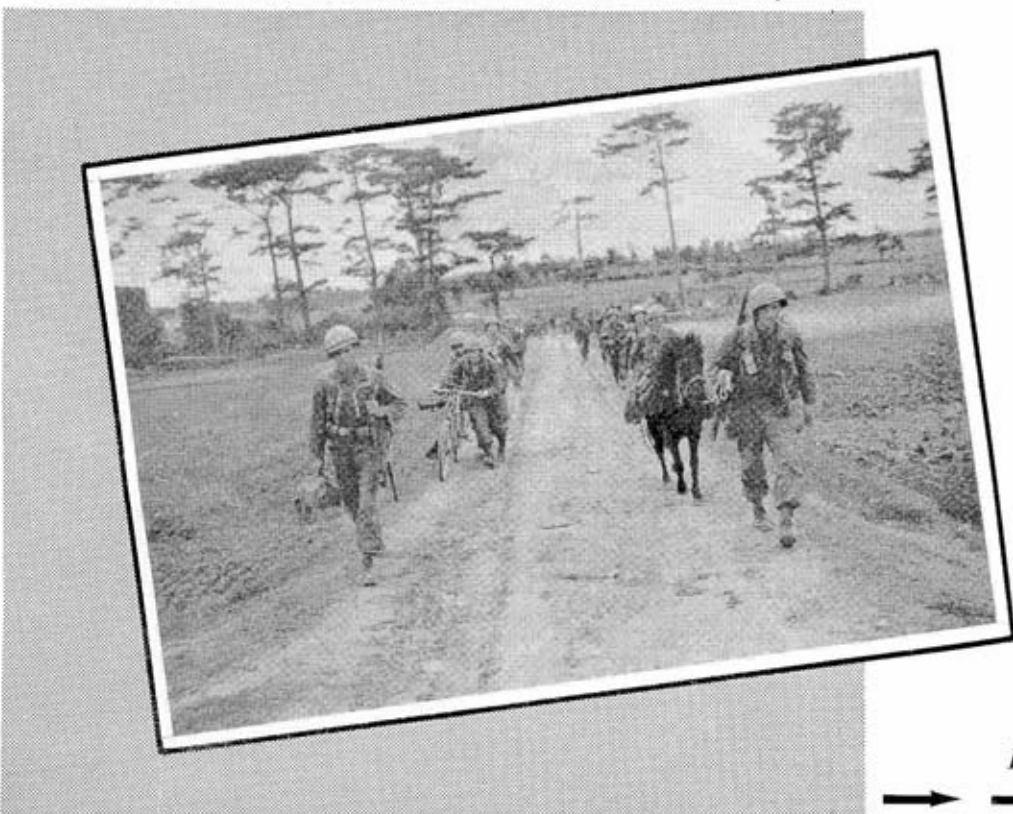
RAY AND DORIS
Celebrate 50th Anniversary



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November 8, 1922



RAY DICKINSON
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JULY 26, 27, 28, 1973



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DEADEYES ★ **PEORIA, ILLINOIS**
ANNUAL REUNION

Sixteenth Annual Reunion

Convention Chairman – Glenn Hamilton, 381st. Cannon Co.

Beer Bust Chairman – Elmer Stuckemeyer, 361st. F.A.

Dinner Chairman – Henry White, 383rd. I Co.

THURSDAY – JULY 26, 1973

7:00 A.M.

Executive Breakfast. All past Presidents and all presiding Officers are requested to attend. (Pick up your own tab).

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Registration – Convention Lobby

8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Boat Trip (375 Limit) Reservation coupon inside front page of this newsletter.

FRIDAY – JULY 27, 1973

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Registration – Convention Lobby

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

General Business Meeting – Boulevard Room.

All Women and Children are requested to attend - Women will be excused at 9:30 A.M.

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Auxiliary Meeting – Lounge

10:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Auxiliary Luncheon and Tour of Helen Gallagher Back Door Store.

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tour to be posted at Registration

8:00 P.M. – Mid - Nite

Beer Bust – Grand Ballroom – Dancing – Music by Al Pizzamiglio

8:00 P.M. – Mid - Nite

Supervised Youth Room - Bring your own games.

SATURDAY – JULY 28, 1973

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Registration – Convention Lobby

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

1975 Convention Site Meeting – Grand Ballroom

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Memorial Services – Grand Ballroom
(Rev. Jack Bredfeldt – 381st. Cn. Co.)

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Group B.S. Meetings – LaSalle Room
(Tape on the Battle of Okinawa)

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Cocktail Hours - Cash Bar - Grand Ballroom

5:00 P.M. – Mid - Nite

Supervised Youth Room - Bring your own games.

6:30 P.M. – Mid - Nite

Dinner - Dance – Grand Ballroom – Entertainment

Barber Shop Singing –

Awards – Recognitions

Dancing – Al Pizzamiglio Orchestra

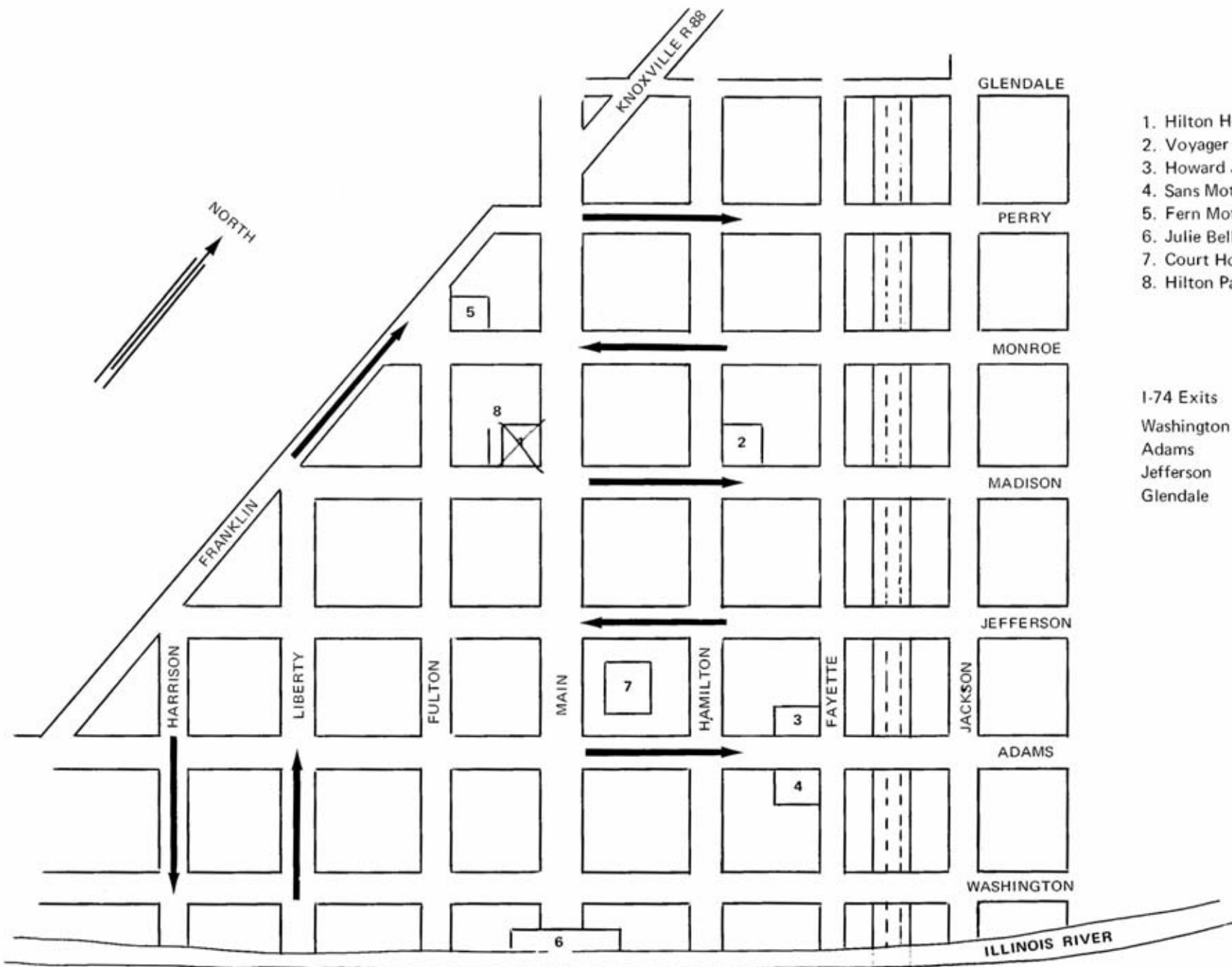
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