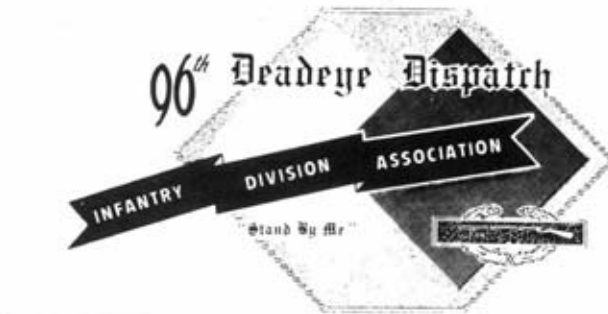


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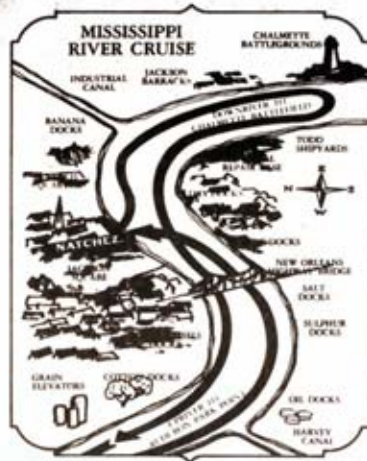
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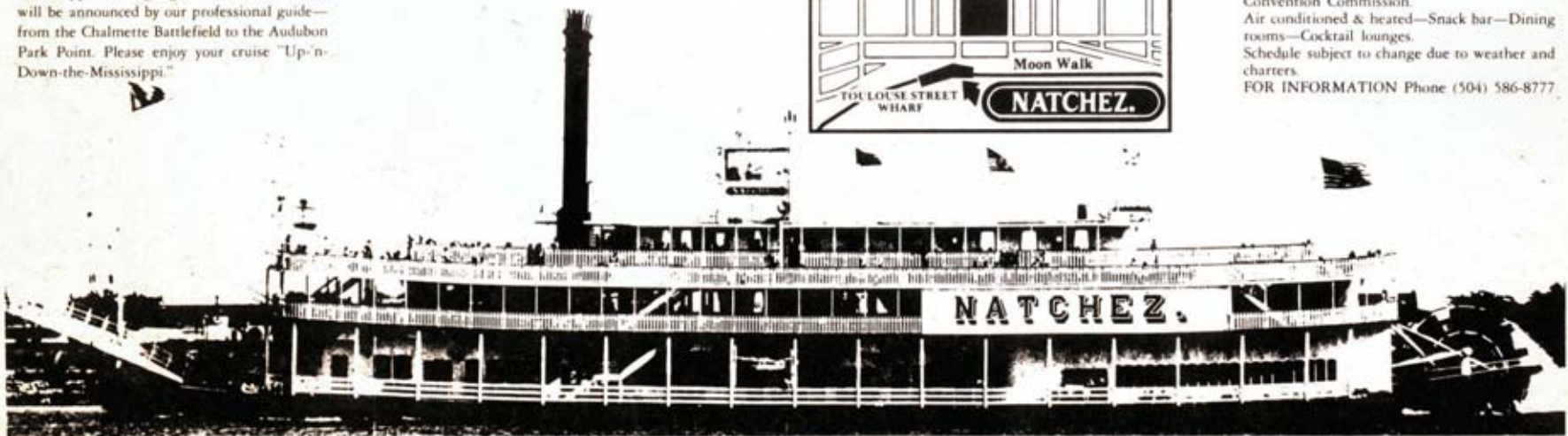
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- These hotels are close to the Fairmont. The Fairmont has

had a "face lift" since 1972. There is a swimming pool and tennis court on the 5th floor roof.

The horse races at Jefferson Downs Race Track will be going on nightly during the Reunion. If enough interest is shown, a bus can be arranged to the track. They will name one race the "96th Handicap."

Leyte Tour Planned

Another tour is planned in October 1979 for the 35th Anniversary Celebration of the Leyte Liberation in the

Philippines. The first week will be planned for the Leyte Celebration, the second week will be planned for tours on Luzon and optional tours will be offered for Okinawa, Hong Kong, etc. Those who want to spend more time on Leyte may do so. The plan is that departure from the USA will be on October 13th with the return trip on October 28th. If you are interested please contact:

Ed Biggs
213 Wayside Drive
Plainfield, Ind. 46168

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Official Letter Honoring the 96th "Deadeyes" on Leyte as Dulag Names Hill 120 the "96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Park"

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
Municipality of Dulag

EXCERPT OF THE MUNUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF DULAG, LEYTE, ON OCTOBER 14, 1977 AT THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Mayor Faustino Serrano Presiding Officer
Hon. Rodolfo Bautista Floor Leader
and all the other members present.

ABSENT:

SB Member Marcial Tupaz

RESOLUTION NO. 39

WHEREAS, the occupation of the Philippines by the Japanese Imperial Forces as a result of the World War has immediately ended democracy all over the country. Justice denied and all freedoms suppressed, the Filipinos at the point of the guns and swords of the Imperial military soldiers had to bow down to their orders;

WHEREAS, at Dulag, Leyte, Philippines, was stationed a very large number of Japanese soldiers with their greatest stronghold and observation post at Hill 120 in the municipality, as such, the residents of the town were made to experience the unbearable abuses of the intruders;

WHEREAS, thanks to the 96th Infantry Division of the United States Army, who, on October 20, 1944, after their landing at Blue Beach, Dulag, Leyte, Philippines, directed their attack on Hill 120, where they experienced their greatest encounter with the enemy, causing the killing of countless Japanese soldiers and the capture of several soldiers alive. Here, immediately after the encounter, 1st Lt. Clifford W. Mills raised the American flag in the Philippine soil;

WHEREAS, to give them honor, on October 19, 1973 the municipality of Dulag named Hill 120 as the 96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Park. To this effect, a yearly reunion of the 96th Infantry Division veterans and the people of Dulag, is held at Hill 120 to commemorate the anniversary of the Leyte landing;

WHEREAS, since then, the municipal officials had initiated the development of Hill 120 as a joint project of the 96th Infantry Division Veterans and the Municipal government, together with the cooperation of all civic spirited citizens;

WHEREFORE, as a tangible recognition of such meritorious achievement, worthy of much praise and honor, the Hon. Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, thought it best, fit and proper to adopt the 96th Infantry Division Veterans of the US Army as SONS of Dulag, Leyte, Philippines, and so, on motion of Floor Leader Rodolfo Bautista seconded by all the other members present, resolve, as hereby is resolved, that this resolution - To Adopt the Veterans of the 96th Infantry Division, US Army, as SONS of Dulag, be, as hereby is, approved, and that all concerned be furnished a copy of this resolution for their guidance and information.

Approved unanimously.

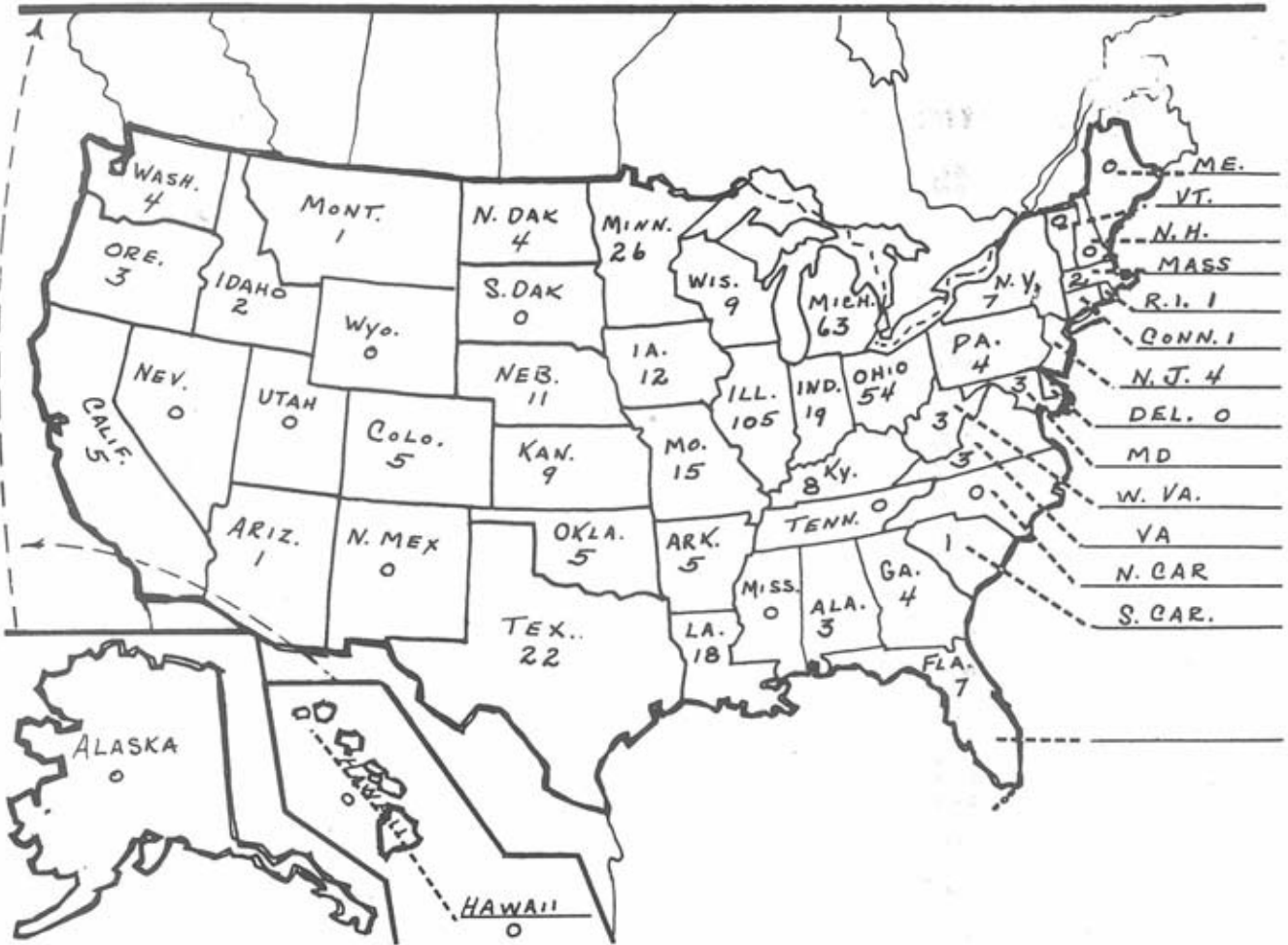
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

Copy furnished
As stated

Attested:

FAUSTINO SERRANO
Municipal Mayor

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Auxiliary Corner



Special vote of thanks goes to President Florence Moore, all the Auxiliary officers and the Cincinnati Reunion Committee members for the outstanding reunion in Cincinnati. One hundred eighteen members from twenty-seven states attended the business meeting and one hundred fifty-two women attended the luncheon. Tom Burkston, a student from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, sang melodies composed by Oscar Hammerstein. Mr. Burkston was accompanied on the piano by his wife, Frances.

President Moore presented charter members, past and present officers with ribbons and certificates for the 15th Anniversary celebration. Charter members who have paid dues continuously for fifteen years include:
Lulu Andrews
Norma Bauer

Geraldine Bakke
Ella Birkmann
Eloise Boudreaux
Dolores Colliflower
Ella Mae Cross
Inez M. Easley
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Juanita South Kimmel
Eleanor Markus
Viola Mannell
Katie Pauline McGhee
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Irene Pearson
Elaine Snyder
Lorraine Strand

Faye Fisher
Dorothy Fitzpatrick
Ora Nell Heine
Theresa Hoffman
Cecile Tatman
Delores Thomas
Mary Lou White
Agatha M. Zapalac

Forty-one members received their ten year certificates.

At the Dinner-Dance the following "Gals" received the "Our Kind of Gal" award:

Norma Barth
Ruth Below
Gladys McDermott
Jacqueline Peden
Lois Qualls
Margaret Rhodes
Juanita Shelton
Jo Watts

Mary Latour, Van Champion and the New Orleans Committee members are planning another unique program of women's activities for 1978. PLEASE bring a "white elephant" article for the

exchange at the Auxiliary Meeting. It is IMPORTANT that you pre-register for the luncheon. Use the coupon printed in this issue of the



MRS. MARY LATOUR
111 Louise Drive
Lafayette, La. 70506

I plan on attending the Auxiliary Luncheon.
Please reserve _____ tickets for me.



Dispatch. Mary and Van must have an idea of how many will be interested in the luncheon, so that plans can be made.

To All Auxiliary Members:

Since I have been asked to serve as Historian for the Auxiliary, I need your help. Do any of you have snapshots or photos that you would be willing to add to our book? If you may have, please send them to me so that I can work on the book on Memorial Day weekend.

Ruth Below
6723 County Road 11
Risingsun, Ohio 43457



Do You Guys Remember THEM Days?!





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**PRESIDENT'S
 CORNER**



Dear Deadeyes:

Greetings from wet soggy California. As I am writing this it is difficult to believe in just a little over six months we will be in New Orleans. Won't it feel good to be warm again? It's February in California and Thelma and I are sitting in front of the fireplace (a fire side chat) sipping a glass of Chenin Blanc. It has been raining all week but we are in for a cold spell tonight, it may get down to 35 degrees, not good for blooming almonds, but good for the grapes. I don't want to wish Hoss any bad luck but I'm hoping for a snow storm in New Orleans this summer so I can wear my leather jacket I purchased in Hong Kong last fall. Just had some good news - a call from deadeye Ken Poe of Twin Falls, Idaho informing us that he hasn't washed away in southern California and will

be here shortly.

This will be a unforgettable year for Thelma and I. It started last summer with the reunion in Cincinnati where among other things including being elected president of the Association, my old fox hole buddy, Elmer Bundy, showed up. I hadn't seen Elmer in over 30 years. In October, we joined a group of Deadeyes in San Francisco for a tour of the Philippines and Hong Kong, then in November we joined another group of Deadeyes in New Orleans to help finalize plans for the reunion this summer.

I wish every Deadeye who had the desire could participate in a tour such as the one last fall. It was most heart warming, and leaves one with the feeling all our sacrifices were not in vain. We were hosted by the Mayors and the people of Jaro, Dulag, Burawen, Palo, and Dagami. Upon our arrival at Leyte we were guests of the Tacloban Lions Club for a dinner and dance. Ed Biggs does a terrific job organizing this tour, and is certainly an ambassador (unofficial) of goodwill for our association.

This will be our second reunion in New Orleans in seven years & I can't say how

many more times Hoss and his committee will put one one, so if you have never been to New Orleans or even if you have been (I know you'll want to return), **NOW IS THE TIME!** Hoss is doing a lot of in-fighting and twisting arms to get the prices 'right'. This will be the last time you'll be able to see New Orleans at these prices. Things aren't getting any cheaper, especially in New Orleans, so **NOW IS THE TIME** to send in your dues, send in your reservation, and call a buddy and come to New Orleans. The sign says you'll love New Orleans and she'll love you right back, so if you need some lovin' come to New Orleans this summer, because your wife is going to love you for bringing her to New Orleans (especially after she sees the arrangements Van Champion and her committee has made for the ladies).

Well time to close and get this in the mail, must make that deadline. Best regards - see you all in New Orleans.

Sincerely,
 Doug

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21st Annual Reunion
July 27, 28, 29, 1978

Thursday July 27

9 A. M. to 5 P. M.	Registration	Imperial Foyer
2 P. M. to 3 P. M.	Executive Meeting	Tulane Room
6:30 P. M. to ----	Cruise Steamboat Natchez	Toulouse Wharf

Friday July 28

9 A. M. to 5 P. M.	Registration	Imperial Foyer
9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.	General Session	Imperial Ballroom
9 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.	Auxiliary Meeting	Grand Ballroom
11:30 A. M.	Ladies Cajun Luncheon - Martins	Bus from University entrance
3 P. M. to 6:30 P. M.	Citywide Tour	University entrance
8 P. M. to midnight	Beer Bust with Andrew's Dixie Land Music	International Ballroom

Saturday July 29

9 A. M. to 3 P. M.	Registration	Imperial Foyer
9:30 A. M. to 11 A. M.	1981 Convention Site	Imperial Ballroom
9:30 A. M. to 11 A. M.	Auxiliary Meeting	Emerald Ballroom
12:00 -- NOON	Memorial Service	Imperial Ballroom
6:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.	Cocktails	Imperial Ballroom
7:30 P. M. to 1 A. M.	Dinner - Dance Herb Tassin's Bank	Imperial Ballroom

Please Note...

Tours on Thursday will be arranged to the Superdome and French Quarters on an individual basis

We have also arranged a Packaged Dinner Tour for early arrivals for Wednesday night July 26. It includes a visit to two clubs, with a complete show at each, one drink per person at each club, and a dinner at a first class restaurant for \$25.00 per person.

Bienvenue à Nouvelle Orleans!

(Welcome to New Orleans)

July 27, 28, and 29

La Cuisine, La Musique C'est Magnifique. Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler. The food, the music, it's magnificent. Let the good times roll. Be there and be a part of the Deadeyes 21st Annual Reunion. It will, we hope, be a memorable celebration.

Your Reunion Headquarters, the Fairmont Hotel, a landmark is ideally located in the heart of New Orleans. It is in close proximity to many places of interest that you can leisurely walk to.

We thought there were a few things we could apprise you of that may add to the enjoyment of your stay in the city that care forgot. We suggest that you plan to walk to and in the French Quarter because parking is restricted and the streets are very narrow.

Shopping along Royal Street will be an exciting and unique experience. There are so many, many specialty shops within a ten block area. These shops feature a variety of things from antiques of all types to rare coins and stamps.

Plan to take time for a stroll along Royal Street, you'll love it. A portion of the area is closed to traffic every week-day, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Unusual and superb food is within walking distance of the hotel. The suggestion list could be endless so we'll enumerate those most easily accessible from your locale.

Andrew Jackson Restaurant. 221 Royal Street. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Antoine's. 713 St. Louis Street. Noon to 2:30 p.m. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Arnaud's. 813 Bienville Street. 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Great Places!

Beque's Restaurant and Patio. Located in the Royal Sonesta Hotel, 300 Bourbon Street. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 to 11:30 p.m.

The Green House, Royal Sonesta, Excellent for breakfast, brunch, lunch.

Brennan's Restaurant. 417 Royal Street. Renown for breakfast at Brennan's. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Luncheon weekdays 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Coats for dinner.

Broussard's. 819 Conti. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to midnight. Coats required.

Court of Two Sisters. 613 Royal Street. Cuisine served in the Courtyard or in the Creole Patio Room. You can start here with an old traditional plantation breakfast. 9:00 a.m. to midnight.

Fairmont Hotel. Blue Room. Outstanding star entertainment. Shows 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Gourmet dining 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Sazerac Restaurant. Luncheon and dinner.

Sazerac Bar. Delicious drinks, seafood and sandwiches.

Bailey's. Baronne Street side of the Hotel. Red beans and rice, Louisiana boiled shrimp and famous New Orleans po-boys. Open 24 hours daily.

Felix Restaurant and Bar. 739 Iberville Street. Specializing in raw oysters on the half shell. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The Gumbo Shop. 630 St. Peter. Real New Orleans gumbo with seafood and okra. Delightful for lunch. Dinner served, too.

Galatoire's Restaurant. Established in 1902 at present location. 209 Bourbon Street. Trout Marguery a favorite dish. Daily 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Holmes Potpourri Restaurant. 130 Bourbon Street. Located in D. H. Holmes Department Store, New Orleans oldest (1842). Varied seafood specialties and Creole Jambalaya. Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sandwiches, snacks, etc.

Great Places!

Houlihan's Old Place. 315 Bourbon Street. Sunday to Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday to Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Oysters on half shell, varied menu.

Ichabod's. 701 Bourbon Street. Delicious seafood. Prime rib, soup and salad bar. Dining on the patio. 5:00 p.m.

Kolb's German Restaurant. 125 St. Charles. Since 1899. Schnitzel a la Kolb a favorite. 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ralph and Kacoo's. 215 Bourbon Street. Informal. Seafood and hush putties a specialty. Open daily 11:30 a.m.

Rib Room. Royal Orleans Hotel. Prime rib superb. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Coats required for dinner.

Toney's Spagetti House. 212 Bourbon Street. Very informal. Lake shrimp and spagetti served in a tomato sauce a specialty. Pizza is served in the afternoon after 4:00.

Pete Fountain is at the Pete Fountain Club in the New Hilton Hotel down by the river. 10:00 p.m. show Tuesday through Friday. Reservations.

Al Hirt appears at his club, 501 Bourbon Street on Thursdays through Sunday.

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Remember, July 27, 28, and 29th, Allons a Nouvelle Orleans. Ya'll come!

Mary and Alfred Latour

Lagniappe

Plantation River Road Tour

Interest has been expressed in making available to you an opportunity to see and visit the historic ante-bellum homes along the famous River Road from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

If a sufficient number of you would be interested to remain in New Orleans a day following the conclusion of the Reunion, we can arrange a one day Plantation Tour leaving the hotel on Sunday morning and returning Sunday evening.

The tour would include several renown plantation homes along the River Road that were built before the War Between the States. They have been completely restored and many contain the original furnishings. One home in particular on the agenda would be Houma's House, built in 1840. A hot lunch would be served at one of the plantation homes. The tour would bring you to Baton Rouge, where you would visit Magnolia Mound Plantation House, built in the last decade of the 18th Century on the east bank of the Mississippi River, at that time about one and one half miles from the fort at Baton Rouge.

Louisiana State University, a 3000 acre campus, one of the most beautiful campuses to be found anywhere; the Old State Capitol, beautiful Gothic architecture standing on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, on the interior a beautiful spiral stair, lighted by a single prism skylight. One of the South's finest art exhibits can be seen here. State Capitol, a magnificent 34 story skyscraper built

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St. Joseph's Cathedral, where the first mass was said in 1719 and is often referred to as the "cradle of bishops".

These are just a few of the historic sites you'll see.

Plantation Tour, via air-conditioned buses will be scheduled for one day Sunday, July 30, departing at approximately 9:00 a.m. from the Fairmont and returning there on Sunday evening. The cost of the tour will be approximately \$35.00 per person. Price of tour includes transportation, entrance fees to homes visited, and hot lunch.

If you think you would be interested, please complete the form below and return as soon as possible, so we can determine the number of persons interested, and ascertain if the number is sufficient to make all necessary arrangements. Send replies to:

Mrs. Van Champion
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I would be interested in the Plantation Tour.

Please reserve _____ seats for me.

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Albert Kohn - 383 Co. D.
12-29-77 per notice wife
Paul Slagel - 381 Ser. Co.
12-4-77 per ret. Dispatch

Bernard Wessels - Co. G. 381
11-1977
per notice Geo. Farmer

Louis H. Enos - Div. Art.
5-28-75 ret. Dispatch

Alton L. Bouchard -
381 Hq.
12-4-77 per notice wife

Melvin Jackson - 96 QM
6-9-77 per notice wife

Z.Z. Mitchell
10-30-77 per notice wife

James C. Paraoh - 921 F.A.
per ret. Dispatch

William B. Reed - Co. D 382
per ret. Dispatch

Bernard G. Ingle - Co. K 382
6-16-77 per notice wife

Francis Hess - Hq. Co.
1st Bn 383
10-14-76 per notice wife

Freddy Calvin Sprague
Co. H. 381
2-16-77

Jim Hull - Co. K 381
4-18-77 per letter Stanley

Taps Continued...

Jim Hull - Co. K 381
4-18-77 per letter
Stanley Smith

Chaplin Sigmund Rovinski
381
4-4-77 per letter
John G. Cassidy

Paul Arthur Burkhardt -
362 F.A.
4-1-77 per letter wife

Joseph F. Stockhammer -
382 Chaplin
4-22-77 per letter
John G. Cassidy

Walter K. Schultz - 321 Eng;
1976 ref. Dispatch

Stanley Nickerson
ret. Dispatch

Samuel G. Drefs - 921 F.A.
ret. Dispatch

Howard E. Robinson
381 Hq. Co.
6-29-76 per notice brother

Lee E. Gemes - Co. B.
Medic 321
2-13-77 per notice
Wm. H. Mason

Hercules G. Gaubert -
Co. M. 383
9-28-77 per notice wife

Donald B. Perry
382 1st Bn. Hq.
10-21-76 ref. Dispatch

Carlo C. Vaccaro 796 Ord.
ret. Dispatch

Albert A. Berges
321 Medic
3-8-77 per letter sister

Robert McCracken - 921 F.A.
ret. Dispatch

Max Kroopneck - 382 Hq.
6-8-77 per notice wife

Richard N. Wilburn -
Co. F 382
10-5-77 per notice wife

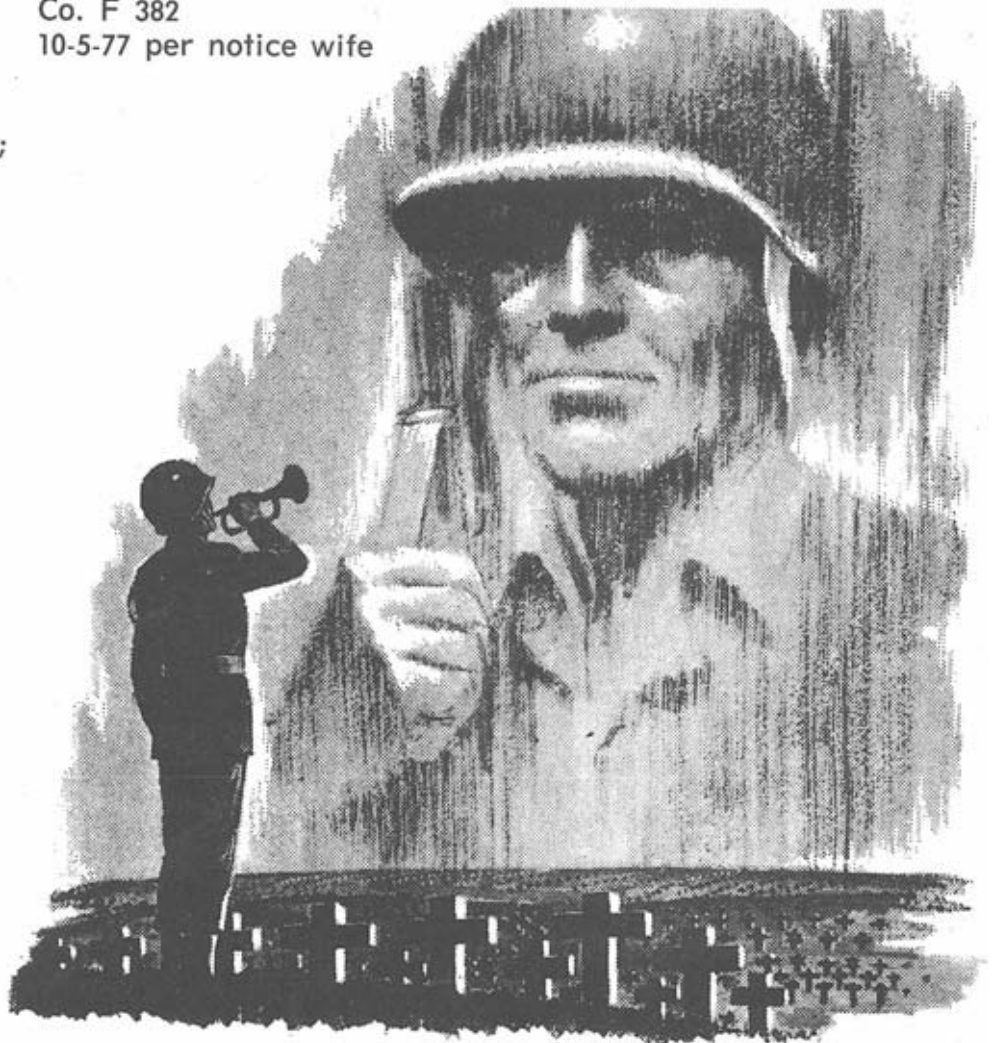
Charles C. Knapp
2-1-78 per notice Art Lunde

Metro J. Smyk - 96 Recon.
ret. Dispatch

Leon R. Swenson - 321 Eng.
6-25-77 per letter wife

Benjamin H. Galkin 382 Co. G
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William W. Downing - QM Co.
7-7-74 per notice wife



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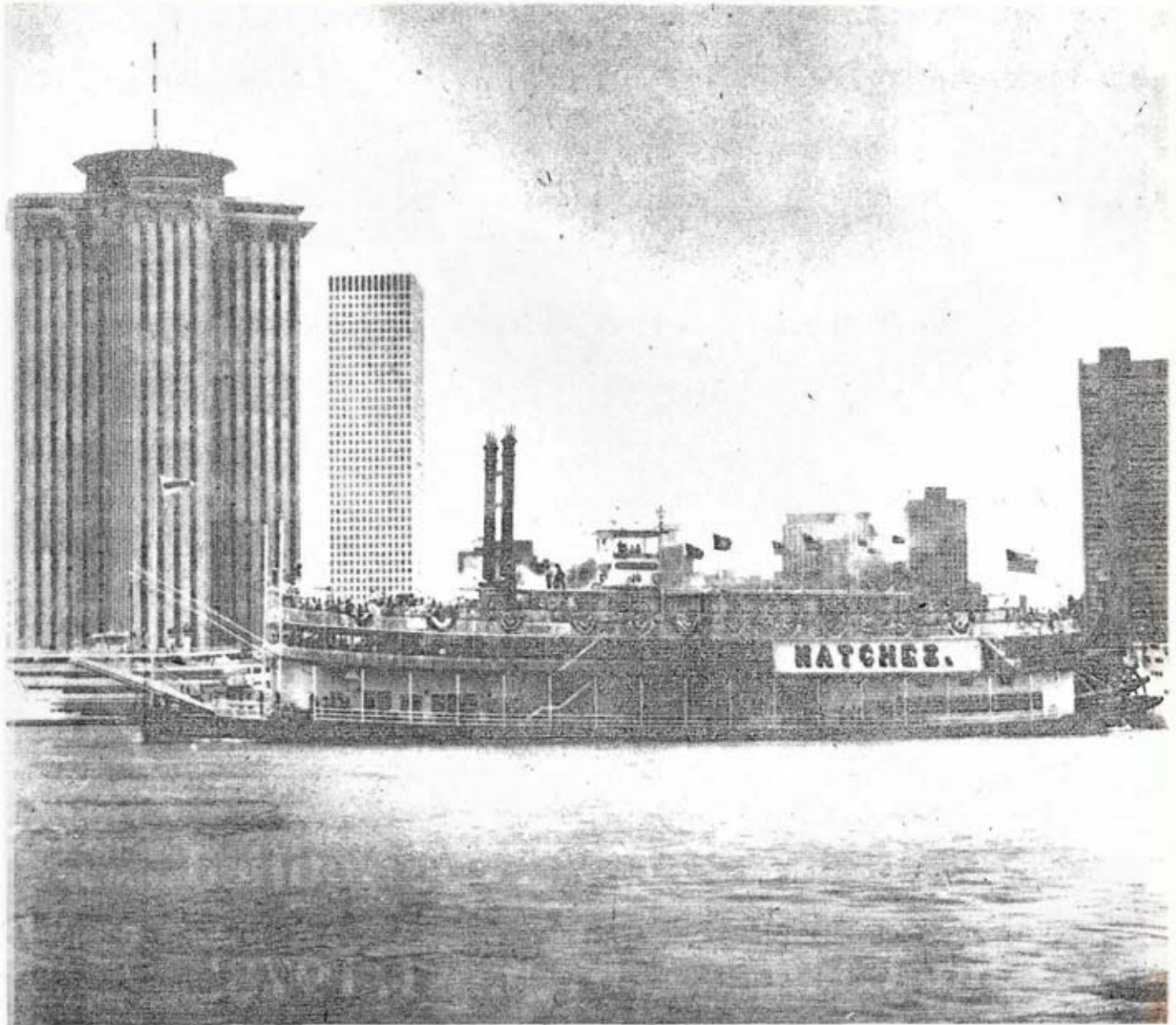


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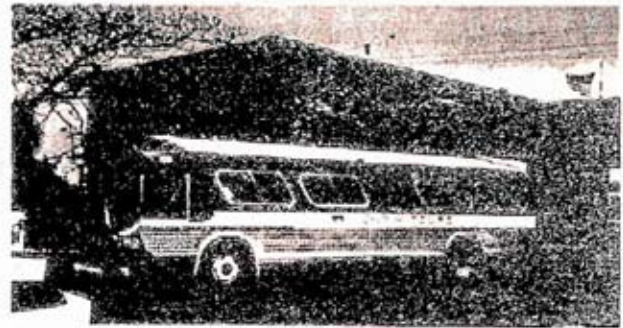
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And sheltered you from all harm;
We are the men from the bombers,
The men from the tanks and the ships—
Will you not pause and pray for a moment
To heed the cry of our lips?

We are from Leyte and Okinawa,
The men who battled and bled,
On beaches and ridges and struggled
Till the ground ran rivers of red.
We counted the cost but little
Out where the bodies are strewn—
Is it too much to ask you
Not to forget us so soon?

We are the lame and the crippled,
The men who had given their blood;
The men who have breathed malaria
And lived and slept in mud.
The men who have traded an arm
For less than a half mile gain—
Will you not lift your arm
To ease the sting of our pain?

We are the old and young of the nation,
And war has left us with many scars;
But **love** and **freedom** we cherished
Not medals or battle stars.
The bullets and shrapnel dug deep
And **every** wound was hard-gotten—
But the **deepest wound** of all
Would be to come home and be forgotten.

Credit to:
Vincent A. Otto
Chaplain Konisky

MAIL CALL



let them know that I'm not out of town when the reunion is held here. Hope to see you at the reunion.

Reymond C. Whittaker
1236 Moss
New Orleans, La.

For years, we've enjoyed and looked forward to the "Dispatch". Have enjoyed the pictures in past issues. Since we started our family so late, we have been married almost 31 years, and we have two wonderful daughters, Kathy 17 and Amy 6, our lives are very busy keeping up with them and their many interests.

We have not made it to any of the reunions, but hope maybe someday we can.

Ralph Murphy
Cannon Co. 383 Regt.
99 Draper
Pontiac Mich. 48053

It's always a joy to receive the Dispatch. Keep up the good work. My wife and I hope to make Denver in 1979. Sounds like you always have a great time and sorry we've missed the reunions all these years.

Carl F. Richter
Co. C. - 383
Whittier, Ca. 90606

Enclosed dues and my thanks for the recent issues of the Dispatch. Greetings to all those who remember Easter Sunday 1945 and Okinawa.

M. Ray Ross
Co. D. 382
Concrete, Wa. 98237

Won't be able to go to

Sorry we missed reunion last year, but the Good Lord willing we will make the next one.

David Brown
Box 20-Sardic Rd.
Mabelvale, Ark. 72103

Just now getting around to sending our dues. Didn't get to the reunion this year as our daughter and her family were visiting us then. First reunion we have missed since 1967. See you next year.

Frank Matheny
Co. A -- 381
R.R. 2 Box 194
Decatur, Ill. 62521

It is so good to remember, think and talk about the good times and try to forget the bad times. Can't be at the reunion in 1977 or 1978, but I'm going to move h--- and high water to be in Denver in 1979.

Harvey L. Viether
Co. I--382
16921 Minorn Apt. B.
Huntington Beach, Cal. 92647

I was both pleased and surprised to receive my FIRST EVER "Deadeye Dispatch." After 33 years it was difficult for me to conceive someone remembering me. Thanks.

Anthony Lovsin
Co. F. -- 382
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Have wanted to do this for a long time. Please send my membership. The rest is for the paper.

William E. Beverly
Btry. C - 361 F.A.
7230 N. Oakley
Lincolnwood, Ill. 60645

I sold my home in Michigan in 1971, bought a travel trailer and pickup and then went looking for some of my long lost 96th buddies, and a new home site. After five continuous years of travel, I found many new addresses of old friends and a beautiful building site overlooking Beaver Lake on Route 1 near Rogers, Ark. I hope to surprise you in New Orleans with a sizeable contingent of H Company men.

Norman H. Schram
Rt. 1 - Monte NE
Rogers, Ark. 72756

I'm sending in my dues for 1978 and then some. I've been wanting to mail a check for some time now, but never seem to have the time. Since today is the 35th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, I just had to find time.

Tell Vic Barth that was a darn good puzzle, but I was lucky enough to figure it out. I've lost contact with most of my old buddies, from the 96th Cav. Recon. Tr. I would like to

MAIL CALL...

reunion next year, but if the good Lord lets me live till 1980 I'll be in Springfield, as we only live 45 miles from there. Hope all have a good time in New Orleans.

Still have my old uniform, but it won't fit anymore.

Forrest E. Crabtree
Co. E - 382
Litchfield, Ill.

I was thrilled to receive a copy of Deadeye Dispatch in the mail today. Enclosed please find check for dues for 1976-77 and to 7-31-78 for myself and wife Lenora.

We attended the reunion (our first) when they met in Kansas City, Mo. and we had a great time there.

We were unable to attend this time as our oldest son was home on leave from the Air Force. He has been in the service for 12 years -- three years in the Philippines.

Keep up the good work.

Howard S. Miller
921 F.A. Bn.
Curryville, Mo. 63339

Enclosed find check for dues for the Dispatch. Always enjoy reading it, and occasionally see a familiar name. Made a couple of the reunions and hope to make more in the future. Will soon retire after 35 years with the same company. Like to hear from some of the 381 Medics that I've lost track of.

Harold E. Halter
381 Medics
407 W. 10 St. N.
Newton, Iowa 50208

Dear Deadeyes: Thanks a lot for the Dispatch again. I enjoy reading it so much. Once in a while I see a familiar name. I hope to make the 1979 reunion in Denver.

Gordon B. Engebretson
Brty B - 362 F.A. Bn.
Spearfish, S. Dak. 57783

Here is my check for dues. Last membership card I received has 31 July 1978, so the attached check should put me in good standing. Received the "Deadeye Dispatch" yesterday and sure enjoy reading it.

Oliver H. Ratcliff Jr.
339 Tammy Dr.
San Antonio, Tex. 78216

Sorry to be so late with dues. Have been in the hospital, but back at work now. Both of us enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch.

Earl Giff
362 F.A. - Bn. Hq. Btry
2220 N. Lowell
Chicago, Ill. 60639

Enclosed is a check for my dues. It's always a pleasure to receive the "Deadeye Dispatch." I made landings on Leyte and Okinawa. There were times when I thought I would never see the good ole U.S.A. again.

It seems like things happened to me after I arrived home. I've been in the hospital at least 21 times -- nevertheless it's good to be alive and I'm always grateful to wake up to another day.

Louis Visi
Co. C. - 321 Medics

424 No. Wheeling St.
Toledo, Ohio 43605

Enclosed is my check for dues and past dues. I can't remember when I paid dues last but seem to continue to receive the Dispatch. My only convention was in Denver and then it was only the last day.

I have contracted cancer and am unable to write in long hand at the present so use the typewriter and it doesn't seem to spell too well.

I was a member of Unit Personnel Section of the 383 being the Company Clerk from M Company.

I hope to make it to the Denver Convention.

Bernard H. Taylor
907 University
Hastings, Neb. 68901

If my health permits I will be in New Orleans. Have been pretty well under the weather but am getting better.

Rocky Dunn
Co. F - 381
Box 694
Conway, Ar. 72032

I have not attended a single reunion, but hope to do so in the near future. Nice to hear that the division is having these reunions yearly. Once in a while a name will creep up that is familiar and then memories of days gone by, pop in my head of how army life was.

I would like to say hello to all the medics from the 381st Inf. Med. Det. and also to members of Co. D to which I

MAIL CALL...

was attached on Leyte and Okinawa.

Keep up the good work and God Bless You All.

Edmund A. Gregorczyk
381st Inf. Med. Det.
1440 Meadow Dr.
Merrillville, Ind. 46410

Hello Deadeyes: I am finally getting around to sending a check for membership in the Association. I am sorry I have been out of touch with so many of you for so long. I have often thought of so many of you, especially the men of my platoon and have wondered just how you have fared. I have fared real well, retired from the Army in 1962 and have since been employed by Johns Manville Corp in their Joliet plant as purchasing agent. I certainly hope I will be able to attend the reunion in New Orleans next year and once again renew acquaintances with many of you. Thanks for the Deadeye Dispatch. It is so interesting.

Marvin C. Lehde
Co. C. -382
Box 788
Braidwood, Ill. 60408

We are planning on attending the reunion in New Orleans. This will be our first.

Bret West 796 Ord. Co.
1925 Lower State
Doylestown, Pa. 18901

Enclosed you will find a check for my dues for the last two years plus a little extra for being so late with them. I

missed the last two reunions -- my job has taken me out of the country. In 1976 I spent July in Russia and this year in Italy, but as things stand now, I will be working in good old U.S.A. for the next eight or ten months, so will see everyone in New Orleans in July of 78.

I have attended eleven of the reunions and sure have missed the last two years.

Charles A. Kunkle
Btry C. 362 F.A. Bn.
7040 Williams Dr.
Waterford, Mi. 48095

I am sending you my last years dues and dues for 1978. Sorry about being so slow. I do really enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch and THANKS to all who help make it so.

Valdimir Hladky
Co. H. 382
Malmo, Neb. 68040

TIME
FOR A
CHANGE?



Your Editors are asking you for HELP. In order for us to correctly make a change of address, we **must** have your OLD address along with the NEW address. We have found that there are many similar names on the mailing list, and we do not want to omit anyone who is interested in receiving the Deadeye Dispatch.



I'm sending my dues for my wife and I. I like reading the Deadeye Dispatch and couldn't do without it.

My wife and I are planning on going to the 21st Anniversary of the 96th Association, so I'm hoping to see some of Co. B 381 buddies and the rest of the 96th Div. As we have never been to that part of the country I think we will enjoy the trip. My reservations for the hotel have been mailed.

Rosenda G. Jimenez
7971 Olive
Commerce City, Colo. 80022



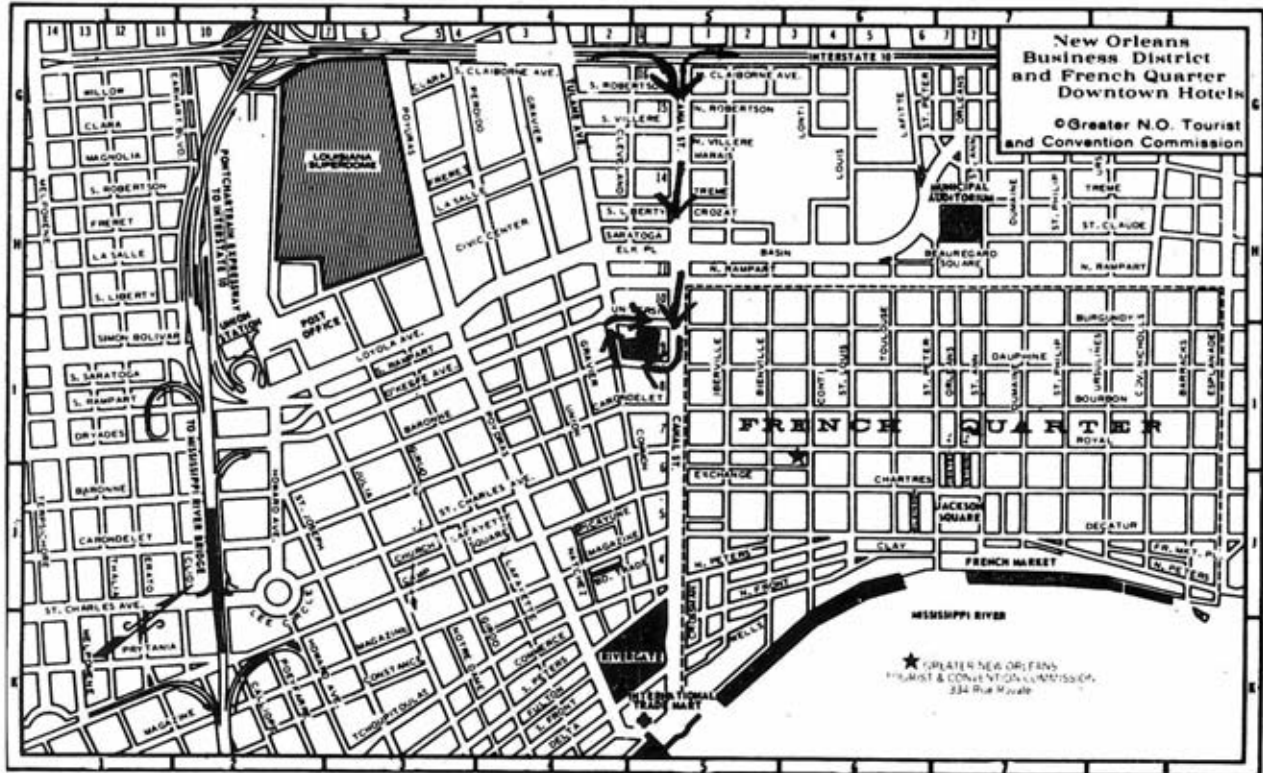
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Glenn Hamilton, Atwell Champion, Douglas Burton, Fred Weeks and Russell Watts.



Standing left to right: Lois Qualls, Mariam Deckrow, Thelma Burton, Ruth Below and Mary Lou White. Seated left to right:

Imogene Smith, Dorothy Benson and Virginia Alberts.