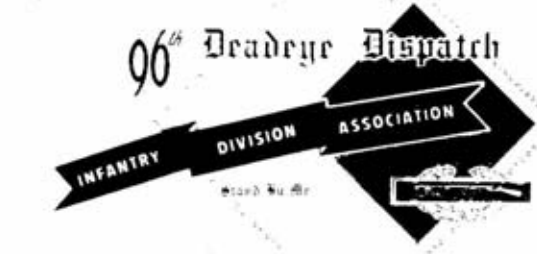


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DEADEYES

## Here's The Schedule!

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July 23, 24, 25, 1981

### THURSDAY - July 23, 1981

8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Executive Committee Meeting	Gilpatrick Room
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Prefunction Area
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Ladies Executive Meeting	Soloman - Juneau
1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Guided Tour	
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Milwaukee International Folk Band	
9:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.	Dave Kennedy Band	Regency Ballroom

### FRIDAY - July 24, 1981

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Prefunction Area
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Business Meeting	Regency Ballroom
9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Gilpatrick Room
11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Ladies Luncheon Etc.	
1:00 P.M.	Baseball Game, if available	
8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.	Beer Bust	Regency Ballroom
	Carl Ratzer Band	

### SATURDAY - July 25, 1981

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Registration	Prefunction Area
9:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.	Business Meeting	Regency Ballroom
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Memorial Service	Regency Ballroom
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Cash Bar	Prefunction Area
7:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.	Dinner - Dance	Regency Ballroom
	Chuck Howard Orchestra	

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MILWAUKEE is a city where people have made the difference, from its beginnings in 1837 with the original Indian name meaning "gathering place of the rivers" to its present rank as the 11th largest city in the nation with a metropolitan population of 1.5 million.

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A people with a keen interest in recreation and sports, they crowd into County Stadium to watch the Green Bay Packers or the Milwaukee Brewers. Thousands visit the city's 108 parks and parkways - a 13,000 acre system - or make use of its 160 lakes within an hours drive and the plentiful opportunities for camping, skiing, hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation. Fans jam the downtown Arena to watch the Milwaukee Bucks play basketball and make possible national tournaments in bowling, golf and auto racing.

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Hi, Girls,

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THE AUXILIARY MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 24TH, FROM 9:30 TO 11:00 A.M. IN THE GILPATRICK ROOM OF THE HYATT REGENCY. PLAN TO BE THERE AND HELP US TOP ALL PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE.

FRAN MARLENGA HAS REALLY EXERTED SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE THE LADIES' LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM AN OUTSTANDING EVENT. THE LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD IN THE BRADLEY PAVILION AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OVERLOOKING THE MILWAUKEE RIVER. IT IS A SHORT WALK FROM THE HOTEL TO THE CENTER. THE PROGRAM WILL BE VERY UNIQUE AND DIFFERENT FROM ANY WE'VE HAD PREVIOUSLY. AS FRAN TELLS ME, IT IS SOMETHING WE WOULD NEVER HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AGAIN.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE LADIES' LUNCHEON AND RETURN TO FRAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART TO SEND ANY MONEY. IT IS SIMPLY REQUESTED TO GIVE FRAN AN IDEA OF APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY LADIES PLAN TO ATTEND. IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME, AND A STAMP. DON'T DELAY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER.

SEE YOU IN MILWAUKEE.  
Y'ALL COME.

FONDLY,

**Van Champion, President**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT!

In the last issue of the Deadeye Dispatch we put in a PLEASE HELP request. We now have people working to make the Houston, Tx. reunion a big success in 1983. Please let these people know that we appreciate their efforts and help them if they ask for your help.

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

**DEADEYES**  
ANNUAL REUNIONS

# Guided Tour Reservation For Milwaukee Reunion

DATE: THURSDAY - July 23, 1981  
TIME: 1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
TOUR: Points of Interest

MITCHELL PARK DOMES The only horticultural structure of its kind in the world, the Mitchell Park Conservatory lets visitors experience nature from all regions of the world. Three massive glass domes, each seven stories high, feature tropical, arid and seasonal displays.

CITY AND LAKE AREA One of the most beautiful in the U.S., offers a 3½ mile drive. Many points of interest along this drive, which starts near the foot of Wisconsin Avenue.

KAVELAGE SCHLOSS A unique period decorative Victorian mansion, the building houses some of the finest terra cotta and ironwork to be found in the Midwest. The focal point of this National Register property is the collection of mechanical self-playing musical instruments.

PABST THEATRE This historical landmark features regular and theatrical productions including everything from Broadway productions to Country and Western fiddlers.

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Deadline for tour reservations is July 1, 1981. The price is \$10.00 per guest. Your check is your reservation. There will be a limited number of buses available for this Thursday afternoon tour and reservations must be sent to:

ED DAKAN, P.O. BOX 1254, DUBUQUE, IA. 52001

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Please reserve ___ tickets for the Milwaukee tour on Thursday afternoon, July 23, 1981 for:
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I enclose \$ _____ (\$10.00 each guest)





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# From An Early Deadeye Dispatch

## 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.

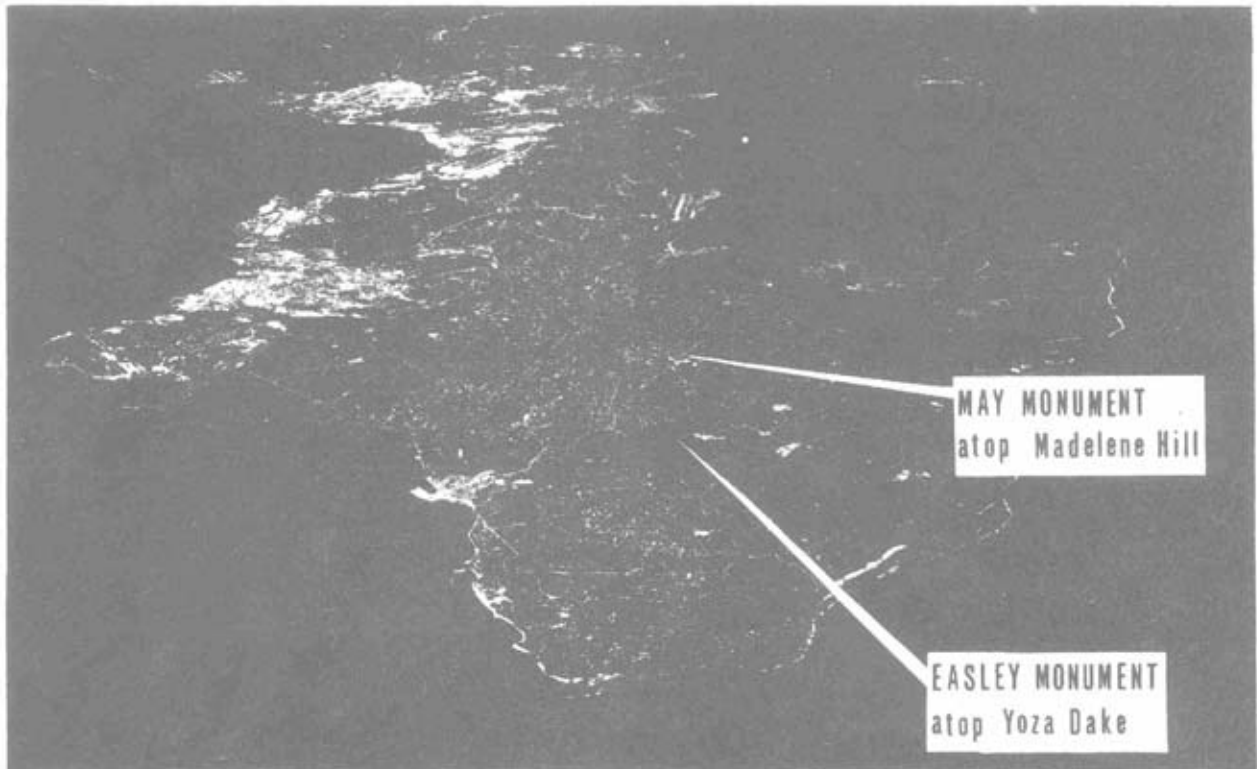
He closes bravely with the enemy, but he carries along a resentful feeling that his struggle is going unappreciated and unnoticed. He decides that he is very much alone and forgotten in his predicament. It never leaves him, even as he forces himself to put one foot in front of the other - the fear of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

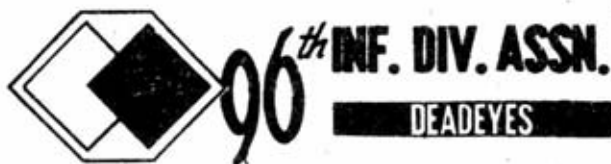
The passage of years and the quirks of international politics give the old infantryman a perspective from which to look back and wonder at the worth of his effort and the enormity of the cost. In a remote part of the world, on the island of Okinawa, he and his buddies will be leaving only two permanent 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.

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



In Memorium...



## "Taps"

God, in his infinite Wisdom, has summoned more "DEAD-EYES" who served their country faithfully and well in war and peace. The 96th Infantry Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families.

### MEMORIAL MEMORIES

*It Only Seems Like Yesterday,  
That We Were Radiant Soldiers.  
With An Eager Ambition For Victory,  
With Each Day Growing Older.*

*Being Here Side By Side,  
And Looking Back Across The Years.  
On A Very Sad Day Like This,  
Brings Back Memories But,  
No Cheers.  
As We Fondly Reminesce, We Had A  
Few Arguments, A Lot Of Beefing,  
It Is True,  
And Countless, Useless Problems,*

*To Vex And Worry You.  
For Many Hurts And Headaches,  
Perhaps At Times Some Tears.*

*We Shared A World of Bitterness,  
Throughout Our War Time Years.  
Looking Back On This Day I Find,  
No More Words To Rhyme,  
Except, "We  
Came Home, Without  
The Boys We Had  
To Leave Behind.*

*That's Memorial Day*

**Charles R. Krizek,  
May - 1979**

# Taps....

Charles C. George  
7-18-80 per letter Wife

Joseph Kilman  
1979 per letter Sister

Fred Gardner  
7-23-80 per letter Sister

Lynn "Buck" Martin  
1979 per letter Wife

Lawrence Cramer, Sr.  
4-10-80 per note

Lawrence Blanchette  
11-19-80 per letter wife

Frank Huggins  
1979 per letter Art Nemechek

Stanley Pruchniewski  
per letter Wife

Larry Hardgrave  
2-26-79 per letter Calvin Stevens

Hugh S. Young  
10-30-78 per letter Byron F. King

George B. Dienhart  
3-18-81 per letter wife

John Gualtieri  
8-24-80 per letter sister

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per returned Deadeye Dispatch

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11-8-80 per letter wife

E. G. Mehrmann  
per returned Deadeye Dispatch

Joseph S. Szwandrok  
per letter from wife

William A. Tague  
per letter Minor Butler 4-6-80

Loyal Tuggle  
per letter wife

Col. James H. Stell  
4-81 per letter Col.  
Joseph Solomonow

John Bakus  
10-31-77 per letter Wife

Edmund Biggs  
11-1-80 per phone call Wife

Louis Salverson  
7-1980 per letter Gerald Peterson

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5-2-80 per letter from a "buddy"

Tony Oakley  
per letter Clarence F. Hauber

LeRoy F. Mayer  
9-25-77 per letter Wife

Willard Johnson  
1979 per letter Art Nemechek

William Lewis Burnett  
per information from Brother

Calvin Cooper  
11-11-78 per letter Wife

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7-14-80 per letter Robert M. Bartlett

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8-3-80 per call Glenn Hamilton

Adrian H. Lindsey  
10-2-80 per letter wife

# Taps....

William E. Maher  
9-7-79 per letter wife

William J. Rakoczy  
5-16-80 per letter wife

Leonard W. Hanson  
8-22-79 per letter Wife

Edwin C. Buchheit  
8-25-78 per letter Wife

Unah Berryhill  
6-18-80 per letter Mother

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John Harris  
9-15-70 per letter Wife

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1979 per letter Wife

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3-21-80 per letter Bert Nathan

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11-20-79 per letter Wife

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per returned Dispatch

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2-21-80 per letter J. R. Mapes

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# Strike Up The Band!



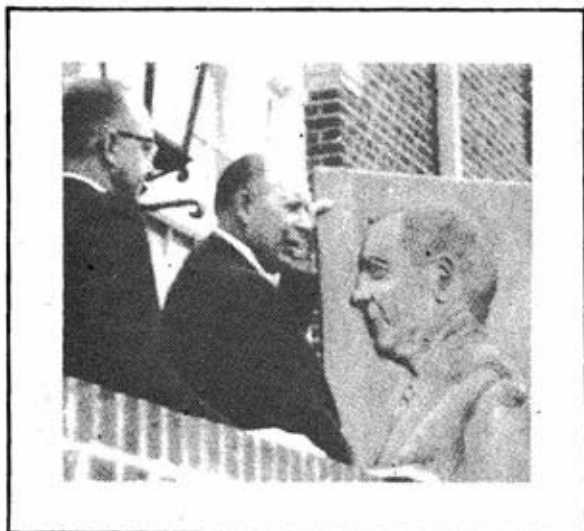
## Presenting.. The Contemporary Stylings of Chuck Howard & His Orchestra

Here it is...Saturday night, July 25, 1981, the speeches are over, the lights dim a bit and Tommy Dorsey's timeless theme song, "Gettin' Sentimental Over You" is heard.

The band goes into "Opus #1", followed by the famous hits of Benny Goodman, Harry James, Glenn Miller and all of the other great bands that made the years just before and during WW II memorable.

This is one reunion you will not quickly forget.

# Kurt Litzkuhn: PRIVATE WHO CHISELED GENERALS



JOE FRITZ, President, observes as HAROLD STRAND, Historian of the 96th presents the plaque in memory of Maj. Gen. JAMES LESTER BRADLEY, former Rolla resident. (Reprinted from DEADEYE DISPATCH, Winter Issue, 1971)

## FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY

The Association came into ownership of the Bradley plaque and it was transported to our annual reunions for several years. We tried to locate the person who was responsible for carving the work of art, but our clues were scant. For one thing, we incorrectly made out the name scratched on the front lower right hand corner of the plaque "K.E. Lihkuhn - 1942". We failed to find Kurt Litzkuhn at that time.

Officers of the Association decided that the plaque deserved to be preserved in a permanent home, so arrangements were made for the City of Rolla, Missouri, hometown of Gen. Bradley, to be the recipient.

The plaque has remained on prominent display in the public library since October 23, 1971.

Whereabouts of the other plaques have not been discovered.

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## THE REST OF THE STORY

By Ed Dakan (381-B)

Armed with mallet and chisel Pvt. Kurt Litzkuhn did quite a bit of his soldiering in a sideroom of the unfinished officers club at Camp Adair. That was during the basic training days of the 96th. While other rookies were learning skills with infantry weapons and pulling guard and KP, one private was permanently detailed to chisel the generals. Yes sir! He had been assigned to turn pieces of mahogany plank into beautiful plaques.

His subjects were Maj. Gen. James Bradley, Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Paul Kane, Division Artillery Commander and Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley, Asst. Division Commander. The hustle and bustle of training routine of the new division did not stop the generals from looking in on the private, giving him a chance to observe facial expressions and take measurements.

First, Pvt. Litzkuhn completed the larger-than-life portrait of Gen. Bradley. Kurt worked from a greatly enlarged snapshot (Bradley was pleased with the final result). The plaque of Gen. Kane was second to be done (Mrs. Kane complained about his large ears). Kurt's main reference for the Gen. Easley plaque was a picture of him making a speech (how to close his mouth was a problem).

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## Private Who Chiseled Generals, Continued

Each plaque required about two weeks time from start to finish. Day after day, through weekends and late at night - tap...tap...tap. The second looie who was supposed to have an office in the same room with Pvt. Litzkuhn was going crazy.

At last! No more tap...tap...tap. The job was done. There was an unveiling and presentation ceremony. Gen. Bradley asked for his picture to be taken with Pvt. Litzkuhn.

Kurt re-joined his buddies and stayed with Division Artillery HQ until after the Yakima maneuvers. Then his time came for leaving. The Division was getting in shape for a fight and Litzkuhn was 44 years old when younger hotbloods were needed.

The generals went off to war and the private left the Army and went back to Chicago. And that was that.

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### In Conclusion

For Harold Strand and myself this is the end of a search that started about 30 years ago. Now is the time to give credit to a DEADEYE who noticed an article in his local newspaper, The Berwyn Life, and recalled our item in the Dispatch. Except for Rudolph Wallinger (383-B), 6501 W. 18th St., Berwyn, IL. 60402, we doubt that the mystery would have been solved. Incidentally, Rudy, who is without legs, has attended several reunions, always aided by wife Mary.

Kurt Litzkuhn and Frances live in an apartment at 1906 South Euclid Av., Berwyn, IL. 60402 where I enjoyed visiting earlier this year. The pride in his workmanship with a chisel still shows. With only 2% vision, he spends some time at his bench almost every day, carving slowly now, at his hobby.

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VA EMBLEM handcarved and dedicated to John D. Malamazian, Chief, Central Rehabilitation Section for the Visually Impaired and Blinded Veterans, V.A. Hospital, Hines, IL., on December 17, 1980 by Kurt Litzkuhn, World War II veteran, legally blinded and patient at Blind Center VAH, Hines, IL, in 1974. From left to right: Frances Litzkuhn (wife); John Malamazian; Kurt Litzkuhn and Assistant Director Anthony Branch, V.A. Hospital, Hines, IL.

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## Private Who Chiseled Generals, Continued

Kurt was born in what is now called East Germany on April 12, 1899, and learned to carve when he was six or seven years old. Practically born with a chisel in his hand, he excelled in the art of wood carving. He carved dolls for his sister and toys for himself, yet wood carving did not become his profession. It remained just a pastime as did leather and copper embossing, etching, engraving and wooden jewelry.

He came to America in 1927. Later, within a span of 20 years, beginning in 1948, he was employed as an inhalation therapist at the Presbyterian, Michael Reese, Edgewater, McNeal and St. Francis Hospitals in the Chicago area. Out of generosity, during his spare moments he would carve profile and emblem plaques for organizations without remuneration. To mention a few of his carvings - emblem plaques for the National and Illinois Association of Inhalation Therapists, a profile carving of Florence Nightengale

for the nurses' quarters at the old Presbyterian Hospital, an emblem plaque for the Czechoslovakian Society, an emblem plaque for the National Blinded Veterans Association, and finally, his masterpiece for John Malamazian, a man whom the blinded veterans claim as their own.

Besides being visually impaired, Kurt suffers from emphysema. Several times a day he gives himself pulmo-sonic nebul therapy. It took him almost a whole year to carve the Malamazian plaque - which would have required only a week with a good pair of eyes. Nevertheless, he persevered and with his skill produced another fine piece of art.

When asked why he made a plaque for Malamazian, Litzkuhn replied, "In gratitude to Mr. Malamazian himself, because he is a great man and has helped so many blind people. Also, my work would serve as encouragement to others who have the same visual problems as I have."



We had our first gathering of N.W. Deadeyes at Silver Creek Falls outside of Silverton, Or. We have another reunion set for June 14, 1981 at the same place. For details write to: Virgil N. Thompson, 805 So. 12 st., Coeur D'Alene, Id. 83814.

Rollin R. Nelson

Congratulations to those who do so much to keep this great 96th Inf. Division alive. Good Luck

Ruth & Keith Brown  
3637 Bouton Dr.  
Lakewood, Ca. 90712

## MAIL CALL....

Our thanks go to Sid Manwaring for sending us a list of the members of 593rd Jasco who were close to us during the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. The names have been added to the mailing list and we hope that each and every one of you will join us in our annual reunions. Sid has extended an invitation for all 96th Deadeyes to attend their reunion which is scheduled for August 1981 in Monroeville, Pa. If any one is interested in attending please contact John Ulrich, 574 Hudak Dr., Brunswick, Oh. 44212 or Milt Siesky, 3505 Troutman St., Munhall, Pa. 15120.

Harold R. Strand - Co. M 381  
Editor Deadeye Dispatch  
604 So. Hazel St.  
Glenwood, Iowa 51534

Would love to go to one of the reunions, but am afraid I would get lost in those big cities. I do love to read the Deadeye Dispatch -- read it from cover to cover, so keep up the good work.

Walter Frederickson  
1706 W. 4th Street  
Williston, N. D. 58801

I regret that I will be unable to attend the reunion in Milwaukee but will make every effort to be in Dearborn. I shall miss seeing the members of the 921 who regularly attend the reunions.

I often think of the fine men in the 96th, and was proud to be a part of a group that was able to do a good job. The past and present officers of the 96th Division Association are to be commended for their successful efforts toward keeping the members of the division together as well as for planning and promoting an annual convention.

My wife and I look forward to seeing you in Dearborn.

Lawrence Forney - 921 FA  
14390 E. Marina Dr. Apt. 507  
Aurora, Co. 80014

**MAIL CALL....**

Thru the efforts of of some buddies, I am proudly receiving the Dea  
Dispatch again. I have great admiration for those who are responsi  
for its production and value highly the honor of being a DEADEYE.  
God Bless and keep you all.

Frank Gunn - Hdq. Co. 382  
Rte. 1  
Green Forest, Ar. 72638

My sincere thanks for the faithfulness of all the officers of  
the 96th Division Association for carrying on the work of the  
association and for sending out the Deadeye Dispatch.

Sam Watkins - Co. A - 381

A little late getting dues in for myself and for my wife, Hazel.  
Have been unable to attend any reunions but enjoy the Deadeye  
Dispatch to at least keep in touch. We were all prepared to attend  
the first reunion and I came down with malaria. Since then July  
seems to my "Ides of March" -- Achilles Heel, etc. Two years ago,  
I fell out of a tree and was hospitalized.

Bryon F. King  
RR 1, Box 355  
New Salem, Pa. 15468

Just received my first issue of the Deadeye Dispatch. Many thanks  
to all who make it possible. Sorry I didn't know of the 96th  
Division Association until last July, but hope to keep in touch in  
the future.

Archie J. Babcock - Co. B 383  
3634 W. 90 Pl.  
Westminister, Co. 80030

I received the Deadeye Dispatch today and as usual I enjoyed every  
word and name. I served with Co. C - 382 and would like to hear from  
some of my old friends. The entire staff of the Deadeye Dispatch are  
to be congratulated for a job well done.

Carroll W. Culpepper  
6002 Lance St.  
Panama City, Fl. 32401

**MAIL CALL....**

Enclosed are my dues for 1980. Enjoy every page of the Deadeye Dispatch. Have found a few Buddies that served at Camp Adair. I was in the HDQ Co. and was the company barber. If any of you get to Houston, Tx., give me a call (673-7466). I'm listed as Cowboy Lonesome, as I have a county and western band. I play for DAV and VFW dances.

Myron H. Blake  
8218 Fillmore  
Houston, Tx. 77029

Enjoy receiving the Dispatch and hope that someday we may be able to attend one of the reunions. We are enjoying our retirement, but have so many hobbies that we don't find time to do all the things we thought we would get to do.

Ivan H. Cashman Sr. - Co. F - 382  
1229 Arter  
Topeka, Ks. 66616

Comrades, thank you for sending the Dispatch to me. It is greatly appreciated. I came to one reunion since their existence, however, was called home on business after a few brief hours. Hopefully I will make one of the reunions in the near future. Sincere thanks to Deadeye Dispatch committee for a super job that is will done. Their time and efforts are appreciated.

Harold E. Lappeus - 383 Med. Tech.  
Sharon Springs, N.Y. 13459



**Write To The Dispatch!**  
**Let Your Buddies Hear From Ya**

**MAIL CALL.....**

As I sit here this spring evening, March 1981, in a reminicing state , my mind, automaticly goes back to October 20th, 1944 - 45, Leyte and Okinwa.

We fought our wars with unsurpassed fortitude and won, and the price of Victory was not cheap by any means. It was paid for by many, many thousands of dedicated young men (The Cream of the Crop).

It would seem that the tenacales of Flanders Field reached out across the South Pacific and goured herself on the fighting forces of the 96th Division (Deadeyes).

Those of us in the 96th Division that was fortunate enough to come home from foreign soil, came with the Freedom Banner Waving to it's ultimate heights, and we (Deadeyes) were the remnant of the price of Victory. The price of war's won is only the down payment for Freedom. To preserve our Freedom, we must continue fighting to stifle the forces that are ever present to under - mine our Freedom.

The 96th Division had surperb and determined Leadership and for that we are all grateful and we thank you, And we can find this same type of Leadership in the Annual Renunions and the Deadeyes dispatch, it is a very deep part of every one of us and we all are very grateful and we thank you all so very much.

Wendell B. McCartney - Co. B-382  
1056 S. Lake Pleasant Rd.  
Apopka, Fl. 32703

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**WE NEED MORE NOTES FOR "MAIL CALL". YOUR BUDDIES ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU.**

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## MAIL CALL....

I have been making an effort to contact members of Co. "F" 383 to try to stimulate attendance at the annual reunions. I have been provided with a roster and out of 53 person on the roster, I received 15 responses by telephone or letter and 2 attending the reunions said that they received my letter.

Clarence F. Hauber --  
5514 Towers St.  
Torrance, Ca. 90503

I would like to contact anyone who remembers seeing the grave of an American sailor near the Division CP at Futema. He was buried in the 19th century. I've been in contact with Japanese historians on Okinawa and they are interest in learning more about the grave which was apparently destroyed during the campaign. I am in the process of writing a book about the battle of Okinawa. Although it's written as a novel, I spent 3½ years doing research in the National Archives and drew heavily on personal notes, letters and recollections for historical accuracy, to capture the feeling of what it was like on Okinawa during those fateful days during the Spring and Summer of 1945. Hope that when its published, you fellow Deadeys will want to read it. Look forward to getting the DEADEYE DISPATCH.

Ted Navratil -- 3rd Bn. Hqs 382  
2982 N. 150 W.  
North Ogdn, Ut. 84404

Iwas in the 796 Ord. Co. C. I have never been able to attend a reunion. My health is not good -- had to have my right leg taken off in July. If there are any Deadeyes in Tennessee close, maybe I could correspond with them or even go see sometime. I enjoy the Dispatch and everyone is doing a good job. I am proud to have been a member of the 96th Infantry Division.

Edwin P. Taylor  
300 Vermont Ave.  
Oak Ridge, Tn. 37830

*Hey Guys!  
The Deadeye  
Who Keeps  
Up His Mem-  
bership is the  
Backbone of  
the Outfit!*



*Your Buddies Need You*

**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 want to personally thank all of you 96th Infantry Division Officers and also all the other lovely people who put in a lot of hard work on their own time to make this association one of the best in this wonderful country of ours. "HATS OFF TO ALL OF YOU".

I am one of the original members who started from the beginning of the 96th Infantry Division. I was transferred from the 53rd Inf. 7th Div. on a cadre.

Louis Elmasion-Serv. Co. 383  
2520 - 37th Ave.  
Sacramento, Ca. 95822

Just received my 1981 copy of the Dispatch. Although I have never attended a reunion I enjoy receiving news via your paper about the people I served with. Since all reunions are held in east I doubt if I will ever be able to attend, but that doesn't mean that I don't think about the old 96th and all the guys. So keep the Dispatch coming and thanks for your efforts.

L. T. Altig - 2nd Bn.Hq. - 381  
11730 Whittier Blvd. Sp 38  
Whittier, Ca. 90601





### **There Is An Eyeful Inside The Hyatt**

Imagine yourself perched on an interior balcony about 12 stories up and looking down. You will be viewing the atrium as it is shown here - a sight that has to be seen to be believed.

There are four glass-enclosed elevator cars, two of which are shown rising through the center of the picture.

The atrium rises from the tiled and carpeted first floor through the mezzanine level and on to a steel-supported skylight 17 floors up.

The restaurant, a striking exterior characteristic, seats 160 guests around its revolving perimeter. Food and drinks are prepared in the center. View of the city is unobstructed.

There are several other cafes, restaurants and bars scattered handily throughout the hotel.

The 96th Infantry Division Association has a block of 400 rooms for the reunion.

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### **Just For Fun**

How many people can you see in this picture? A good reading glass will help you count.

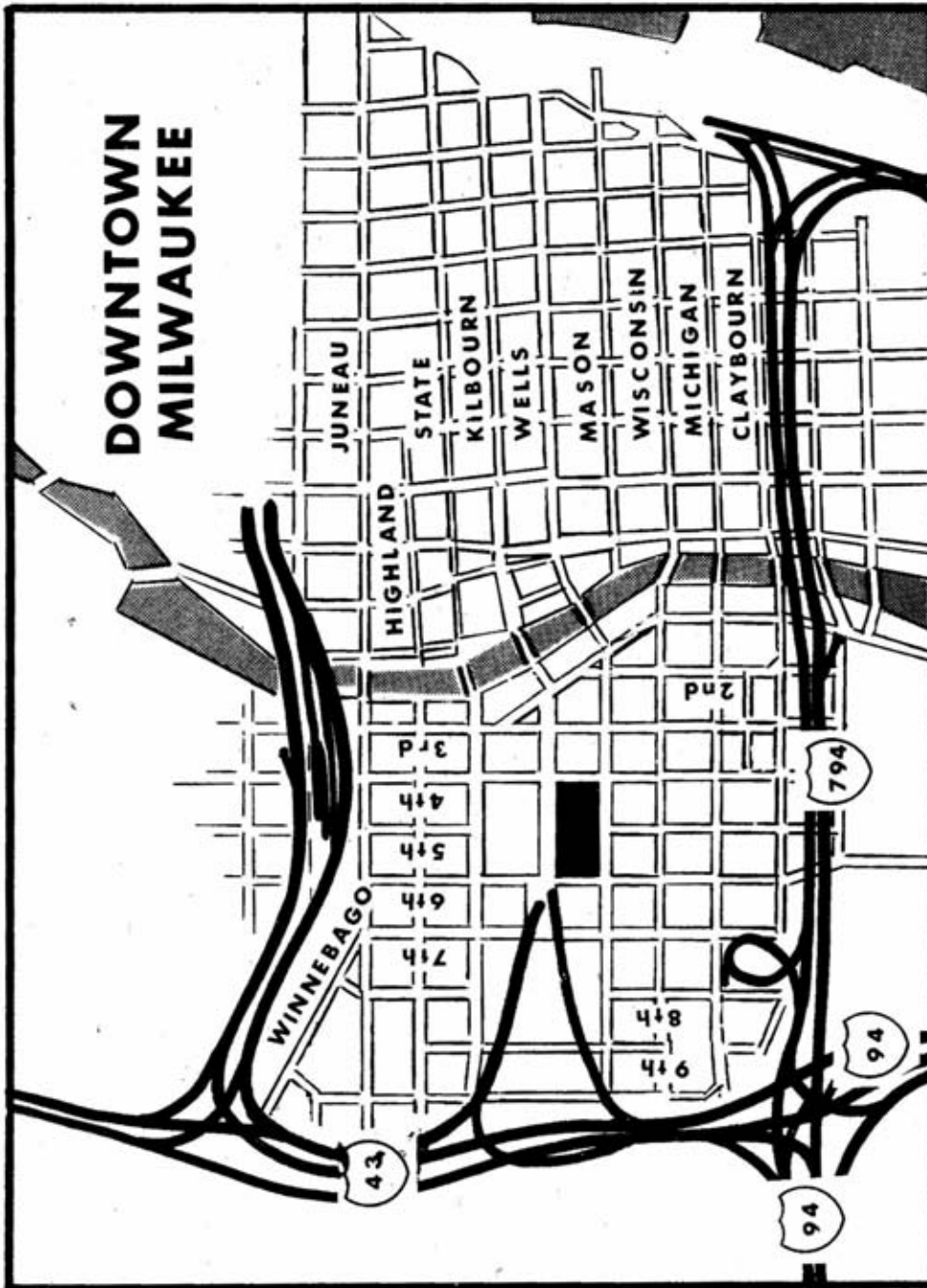
Look carefully - people, people, everywhere.

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# Here's How To Get To The Reunion Headquarters

**333 West Kilbourn Avenue**



# 96th Infantry Division Association Officers Etc. 1980 - 1981



Front Row: Tony Skaronea

Ernest Qualls  
Glenn Hamilton  
Russell Watts  
Virgil Below

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Harold Strand  
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**MILWAUKEE REUNION COMMITTEE - JULY 23, 24, 25, 1981**

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AT-382, Leonard Dereszynski, Greater Milwaukee Convention  
Bureau, Joe Marlenga, Program and Activities, A-383  
Fran Marlenga, Co-Chairman in Charge of Ladies Activities.**

**BOTTOM: The window in this picture was important - out there the new hotel was going up. It was opened  
in May, 1980. Tom Kenny, Director of Sales for Hyatt Regency, reviewed proposed contracts  
with the committee.**

**Alton Berger I-382 and Don Bloom C & D-382 were absent when these pictures were taken in  
October, 1979.**

