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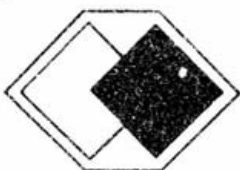
It's Our Silver **ANNIVERSARY**
REUNION

**See Ya in Dearborn,
July 29, 30 and 31, 1982!**

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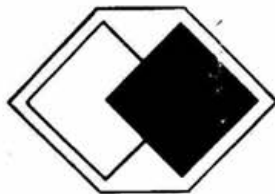
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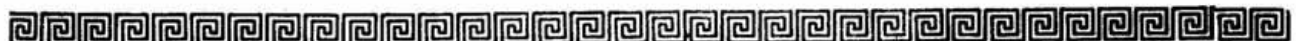
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SORRY FOLKS, WE CAN'T CAMP OUT, BUT

There's An Area At the Hotel Where You May Park

Ted Hanna, Reunion Chairman for the Dearborn Reunion tells us that there is an area adjacent to the Dearborn-Hyatt which is a maximum, at the furthest point, of 200 yards from the main driveway, and he has verified this with his contact at the Hyatt. Ted says that we will have no difficulty ground taping an area reserved for our people, all in one specific area, who might be attending with their motor homes, campers or trailers. **THERE ARE NO ELECTRICAL OUTLETS.** **THE HOTEL DOES NOT WANT ANY ONE TO OCCUPY THEIR R.V.'S OR TRAILERS.**

96th Inf. Div. Assn. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ATTENTION Be sure to complete blank for Unit Served.

HERE ARE \$4.00, my annual membership dues for the year.

NAME _____ Unit Served _____
(please print) last first middle

Address _____ Army Serial No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make Remittance Payable To: _____ Signature _____
Mail to: Anthony V. Skaronea - 231 Rouse Ave.,

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Mundelein, IL 60060

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Auxiliary Corner



Hello Ladies,

With the long, hard winter season behind us, and with spring just a breath away, we are turning our thoughts to our 25th anniversary reunion in Dearborn.

It has come to my attention that there have been many new Deadeyes responding to the Dispatch, expressing an interest in joining us this year. We welcome these newcomers and urge them to attend what promises to be our best reunion ever.

Our ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held Friday, July 30 from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the Hyatt Regency.

After the meeting we will board a shuttle bus and head for the beautiful Dearborn Inn. The luncheon will be preceded by a cash bar, and followed by a most unusual and entertaining program.

Irene Hanna has worked so hard in planning this luncheon and we can do our part by returning the advance registration reservations to her as soon as possible. She needs no money now only an indication of how many of us plan to attend so she may finalize her plans. Remember, there are always a limited number of luncheon tickets available, so to avoid disappointment respond now.

The Detroit Committee has been hard at work and their job won't be finished until the last "Deadeye" heads homeward from Dearborn, Until then their days and nights are kept full of "Reunion Work." We are looking forward to seeing those marvelous center pieces and samplers that have kept so many so busy for so long.

I join you in the final countdown of days until we meet in Dearborn in a joyous "SILVER CELEBRATION."

Sincerely,
Fran Marlenga
Auxiliary President

Ladies, Please Note....

The following note was received by Celia Ellis in a Christmas Card from Ray & Doris Dickinson.

"Dear Friends of the 96th Inf. Division: We are glad to be remembered and wish you all a Merry Christmas. We are as well as can be expected at our ages. I have had two surgeries in the past month. Last one an eye surgery and I don't see too well as yet. Ray gets more feeble every day but he is luckier than I am. He has me to look after him and he can go to the Vets Hospital. Our youngest son came and stayed with us on his ten day vacation, so he looked after his Dad and took him back and forth to hospital while I was there.

Give our regards to everyone who remembers us.

Ray & Doris Dickinson
317 S. Jacobs, Apt. 8C
Grimes, Iowa 50111

HEY GALS:

PLEASE don't forget to send in your reservation for the Ladies Luncheon on Friday July 30. You do not need to send in any money now, but Irene Hanna does need to know how many people will attend the luncheon. Please mail the reservation to Irene Hanna or call her.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY AND STATE _____ ZIP _____

How many tickets needed _____

Mail to Irene Hanna
24836 Hayes

East Detroit, Mi. 48021 or call her

phone: 1-313-777-4367 -- after 5 P. M.



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PRESIDENT'S

★★★★★★ CORNER



Columbus, Oh.

February 28, 1982

Dear Deadeyes:

After several weeks of cold and snow the current sunny days indicate that spring will be arriving in a few weeks. With spring comes warmer weather, golf, fishing, flowers, garden and yard work, together with the knowledge that within a few months we will be gathering in Dearborn, Michigan for our 25th Reunion.

The Executive Committee met in Dearborn on November 7th, 1981, for a very informative session with our 1982 Reunion Chairman Ted Hanna and his lovely wife, Irene. They and their committees have put in a lot of time and effort during the past 30 months planning a really memorable reunion.

Our Auxiliary, headed by Fran Marlenga, has been busy making plans for an eventful occasion.

To enable everyone to participate in the many activities, please complete and submit the ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM. This will help our pre-planning and hopefully eliminate any persons disappointment in not being able to participate in **some** activity.

We have great plans and hopes that our 25th "SILVER" Reunion will be one of the finest, and one of the largest. What we need is "YOU and YOURS" -- so let's all make a special effort to contact our comrades and all meet in Dearborn on July 29, 30 and 31st.

Sincerely,

Russ

Russell W. Watts, President

96th Infantry Division Association Reunion

July 29, 30 & 31, 1982

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ WIFE _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OUTFIT _____
Company - Battery _____ Regt., Art., Eng., etc. _____

NO.

_____ Assoc. Dues \$4.00 per Year-----\$ _____

_____ Auxiliary Dues \$2.00 per Year-----\$ _____

_____ Thursday Night Entertainment --- FREE-----\$000.00 _____

_____ Thursday Tour \$10.00 per person -----\$ _____

_____ Friday Auxiliary Luncheon \$10.00 per person -----\$ _____

_____ Friday Tour \$11.00 per person -----\$ _____

_____ Friday Night Beer Bust \$6.00 per person -----\$ _____

_____ Saturday Dinner-Dance Banquet \$22.00 per person --\$ _____

TOTAL-----\$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 96th Inf. Div. Assoc.

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: Anthony Skaronea, Treas.
231 Rouse Avenue
Mundelein, Il. 60060

DO YOU NEED NAME TAGS? YES _____ NO _____

Tickets, Dues Cards and Name Tags may be picked up at the Registration Desk in Dearborn, Mi.

Cancellation must be in writing two weeks before Reunion Date --
this will be JULY 15, 1982

DON'T FORGET



TO PRE-REGISTER

**Fill in the blanks on the
back of this page, and Mail
to Tony Skaronea,**

RIGHT AWAY!

notices

N. W. CHAPTER 96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

The N. W. Chapter 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will hold its Annual Potluck Meeting at the Old Camp Adair Officers Club. The meeting will be held on the Sunday preceding Father's Day in June 1982. For more information contact:

DeeVeere L. Hershey
Pres. NW Chapter
191 B Street
Vernonia, Or. 97064

OR

Rollin Nelson
17365 Brown Rd.
Dallas, Or. 97338

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 1982

Robert Huff - 6320 Woodwind Dr., Indianapolis, In. 46217, Chairman
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Elmer Stuckemeyer - 2440 Southwest 16th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.
33312

Anyone interest in becoming involved in committees and/or office please contact the above.

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS

REGISTRATION HOURS:

Thursday - July 29, 1982

9:00 A. M. -- 12:00 Noon
1:00 P. M. -- 5:00 P. M.

Friday - July 30, 1982

9:00 A. M. -- 12:00 Noon
1:00 P. M. -- 5:00 P. M.

Saturday -- July 31, 1982

9:00 A. M. -- 12:00 Noon
1:00 P. M. -- 2:00 P.M.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER



Dear Deadeyes:

As I approach the completion of my second year as Treasurer, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the many "Deadeyes" that have made my task a pleasurable one. The many notes and pieces of correspondence that I receive with the membership dues are very heart-warming and an expression of appreciation is reflected.

Remember the many long lines we had to stand in and also the "Hurry up and wait" attitude we had to cope with? After thirty-five years the Dearborn committee is coming up with a solution that will give you more convention time to spend with your buddies rather than stand in long slow registration lines.

For the first time -- we are going to experiment with pre-registration for the convention. The process is very simple by just completing the form in this issue of the Dispatch, attach a check for the total functions designated and mail directly to my residence.

A pre-registration station will be set up at the convention separate from the regular registration tables. Your pre-registration packets including tickets for your designated activities, membership cards, etc., will be waiting for you. A station will be established if additional tickets are needed or cancellations are made.

The more pre-registrations we have the easier it will be for the workers on the regular registration tables. I can't over-emphasize the importance of pre-registration for the convention. Mail your pre-registration form and check in early.

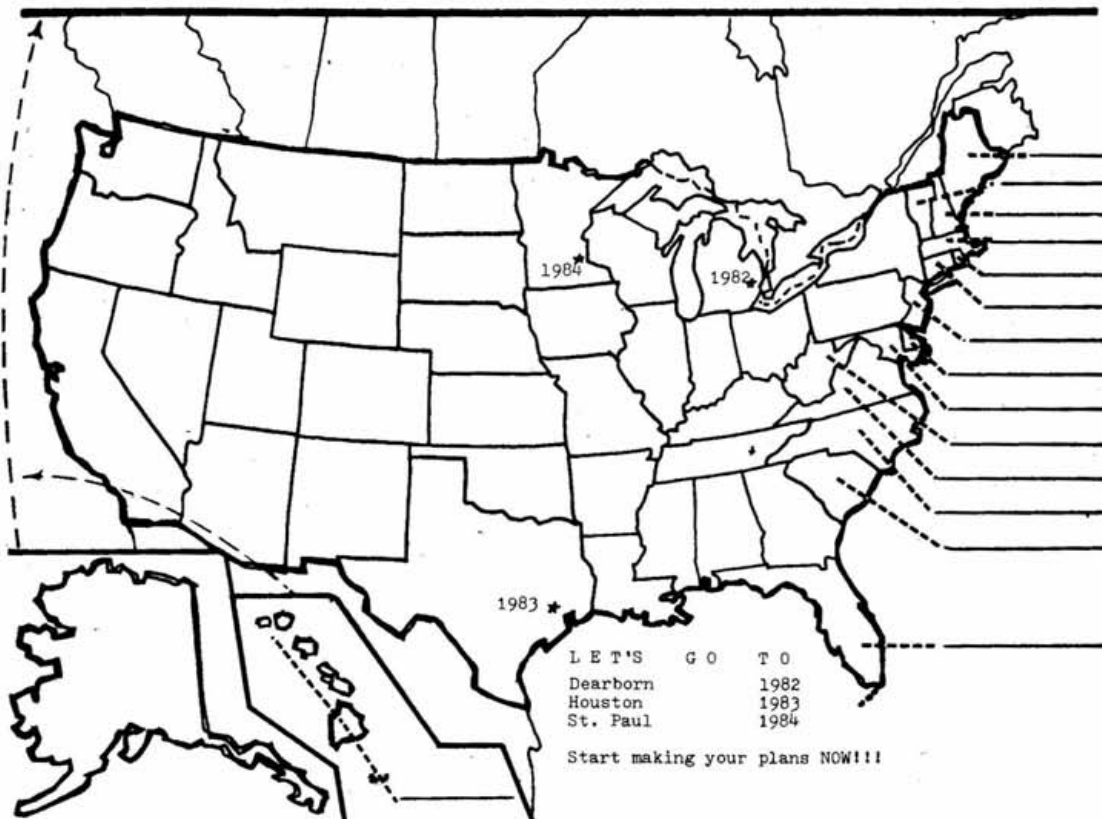
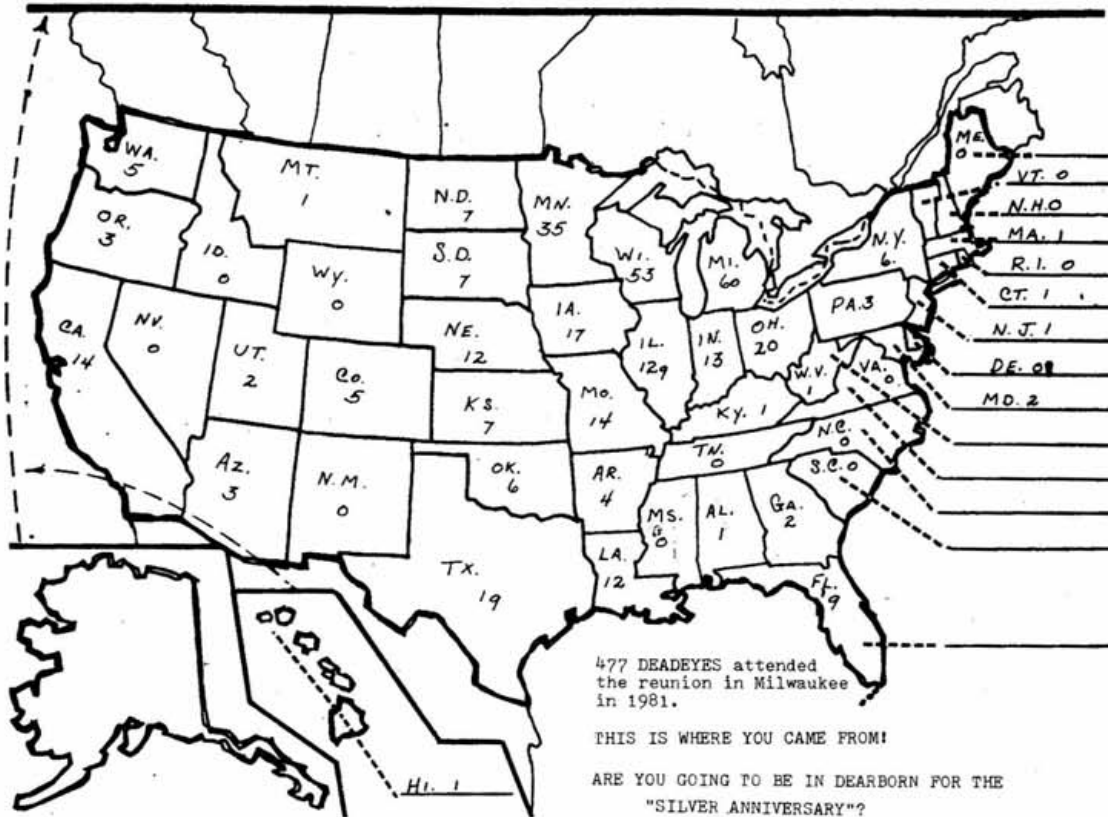
I wish to take a moment to comment on the Dearborn Convention Committee. They are working very hard to make our 25th Reunion a tremendous success and an experience that will stay with you for a long time.

A final note about your dues-- Pay them as soon as possible. It is your dues that make it possible for the printing of two issues of the DEADEYE DISPATCH every year.

All roads lead to Dearborn, Michigan.

Hope to see you there.

A. V. (Tony) Skaronea
Treasurer



Honors Memory of Gen. Easley



March 29, 1982

Mr. Harold Strand, Editor
The Deadeye Dispatch
604 South Hazel Street
Glenwood, Iowa 51534

Dear Mr. Strand:

Back in 1972, I was an alderman for a district of an outlying area in the City of Madison, Wisconsin. The area was being developed and I insisted that one street be named Easley Lane in memory of General Easley.

The area is presently developed and the street is an actuality as the photos so reflect.

In some small way, this is in memory of a fine person and a fine soldier.

Very truly yours,

Thomas T. George
905 Inwood Way
Madison, WI 53714

363-FA-BN

DEADEYE MEMORIES

Troop trains from all over the States,
Converged on the Oregon terrain,
Bringing recruits to the big Ninety-Six,
To do their basic in mud and the rain.
Troops were toughened, readied, screened,
Were trained to shoot by the Easley eye.
They were filled with Ninety-Six pride,
Each man proud to be a Deadeye.

The Division engaged in combat maneuvers,
In the mountains and deserts of Bend.
To sleep on the ground four long months,
With snow in the boots, where would it end?
Then came the time for boarding the ships,
To sail the Pacific, wild and wide,
Naval duties and sea sickness time,
A convoy of ships and a zig zag ride.

Next was the taste of real combat war,
As the Ninety-Six invaded the Leyte Shore,
Along with other combat divisions,
Rookies were Veterans when it was o'er.
Secure became the island of Leyte,
The veteran division now in its prime,
Made the invasion on the Ryukyu group,
The Okinawa battle just a matter of time.

The rats and mosquitoes, enormously large,
Made life a misery with survival a goal,
With caves and Japanese artillery,
Every man became a tired, lonesome soul.
Memory brings back a few other things,
Like rice paddies and snipers in trees,
Okinawa Island on Easter Sunday morn,
Tropical storms, rations - K's and C's.

Allegiance to God as the great leader,
Ninety-Six was the choir, "Deadeyes", the song,
Taking the challenge of service to country,
A molding of character which was made strong.
Now in review, that marvelous experience,
From plus thirty-five years, we sigh
From rookie to veteran, victory in war,
Still proud to carry the name, DEADEYE.

Wayne M. Shurley
115 W. Jackson
Pittsburg, KS
66762
February, 1982
96 Div. Hq. Co.

Do You Remember?

As the time approaches for the 25th "Silver" Reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association in Dearborn, Mi., July 29, 30 & 31st, 1982, how many of you remember:

1958	St. Louis, Mo.	President Minor Butler
1959	Chicago, Il.	President Minor Butler
1960	Kansas City, Mo.	President Hubert Hoffman
1961	Detroit, Mi.	President Morris Roberts
1962	Dallas, Tx.	President Willard "Hoss" Mitchell
1963	Little Rock, Ar.	President Jake Fisher
1964	Portland, Or.	President Patrick McDermott
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.	President Alex Markus
1966	Indianapolis, In.	President Robert Huff
1967	Omaha, Ne.	President Peter Pohl
1978	Chicago, Il.	President Paul Bauer
1969	Des Moines, Ia.	President Robert Fitzpatrick
1970	Detroit, Mi.	President Henry White
1971	Denver, Co.	President Edward Dunning
1972	New Orleans, La.	President Joe Fritz
1973	Peoria, Il.	President Iden Johnson
1974	Indianapolis, In.	President James Breece
1975	Kansas City, Mo.	President Edmund Biggs
1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.	President Col. C. D. Sterner
1977	Cincinnati, Oh.	President Tyson Shelton
1978	New Orleans, La.	President Douglas Burton
1979	Denver, Co.	President Atwell Champion
1980	Springfield, Il.	President Fred Weeks
1981	Milwaukee, Wi.	President Glenn Hamilton
1982	Dearborn, Mi.	President Russell Watts

At the Reunion in Milwaukee, Wi., in 1981 six of the Charter Members were present and had attended all 24 reunions -- Howard Carrico, Joe Fritz, Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder, Richard VanEtten and Henry White. CONGRATULATIONS to all of you.

The following "Deadeyes" received 20 Year Attendance Certificates: Edward Dunning, Sr., Roland S. McClurg, Charles, J. Rhodes and Lee Wright.

The following "Deadeyes" received 15 year Attendance Certificates: Virgil Below, Sam Benson, Kenneth F. Boeldt, Loren J. Brinkmeyer, Donald Brown, George Caswell, Cecil D. Collier, Edward W. Funk, George Hatfield, Iden Johnson, Percy P. Jones, John Obal, Stanley P. Smith, Billy Stubbe, James B. Warren and Russell Watts.

The following "Deadeyes" received 10 Year Attendance Certificates: Walter R. Abbott, Donald A. Bloom, Kenneth Brown, Orville R. Casper, Herman H. Claborn, Arnold R. Clemens, Louis E. DeLuca, Don Fritz, Neil O. Grostefon, Daniel B. Hart, Williard D. Knight, Charles E. Lynch, Jack Nice, Ronald Nieman, William Procknow and Harold J. Rabine.

CONGRATULATIONS "DEADEYES".

In Memorium...



"Taps"



God has seen fit to summon more "Deadeyes." Among them were two charter members of the Association -- Howard Carrico and Richard Klassen.

Howard Carrico passed away on October 14, 1981 at his home in Fort Worth, Tx. He had attended his 24th reunion in July in Milwaukee. Howard also hosted the reunion in Fort Worth and then went on to host a trip to Mexico after the reunion.

Richard Klassen was also a charter member, and passed away April 18, 1982 in Denver. Dick was the first corresponding secretary -- a post he held for many years. He also sent out the very first newsletters.

The 96th Infantry Division Association and the Ladies Auxiliary extend our sympathy and prayers to all the families of our departed comrades.

George Christensen
4-6-81 per letter Henry White

Leon Trahan
6-11-81 per letter wife

Arthur C. McLaughlin
10-17-79 per letter wife

Elmer D. Anderson
12-31-79 per letter wife

Alvin F. Bushman
per returned Dispatch

Col. Macy Dill
6-7-80 per call Col. C. D. Sterner

Harold D. Hoehn
per returned Dispatch

Rolland C. Lockett
per returned Dispatch

Joseph B. O'Brien
6-8-81 letter Leonard Robertson

Robert W. Pratt
per returned Dispatch

Donald B. Perry
10-12-76 per letter wife

James H. Ashlock
10-8-80 per letter wife

George Voorhees
11-1977 per letter daughter

Mart M. Barnett
1-7-81 per letter wife

Fred W. Booth
11-21-56 per letter sister

Aloysuis Buchheit
9-13-81 per letter John E. Gossman

Leslie Coy
5-23-81 per letter wife

George H. Bates
1-11-82 per phone call Col. C.D. Sterner

Anthony A. Abbott
11-30-81 per letter wife

Joe Rozmus
12-1961 per letter brother

Charles A. Siebert
per returned Dispatch

Bernard H. Taylor
per returned Dispatch

Robert B. Tillotson
5-12-81 per letter wife

Leslie White
per returned Dispatch

William C. Stone
10-21-80 per letter wife

William N. Watson
3-1968 per letter wife

Conrad A. Wald
10-31-80 per letter wife

Lester Pohill
per returned Dispatch

Oren D. Pendergrass
per returned Dispatch

David W. Fierke
7-8-81 per letter

Joseph M. Drake
4-9-81 per letter Ed Albritton

Earl C. Nye
7-9-81 per letter son

Eugene B. Kanabay
7-19-81 per letter wife

Howard Carrico
10-14-81 per phone call Peter Pol

Paul Weber
4-17-78 per letter wife

Thomas R. Roach
12-25-79 per letter wife

Taps....

Earl Zebell
12-8-81 per letter wife

e Valdez
12-1980 per phone call Harold Williams

Marion Robb
per returned Dispatch

Joe J. Salerno
per letter Mrs. Alvin L. Doerr, Jr.

Hjalmar V. Bergquist
per notice Post Office

Josef Kunzle
6-20-81 per letter wife

Edgar H. Dole
11-10-81 per letter wife

Pete Marble
per notice Pose Office

Gale H. Hanson
per returned Dispatch

Wallace E. Schaefer
5-15-81 per returned Dispatch

George E. Ogden
5-14-81 per note wife

Maurice Hogle
9-28-81 per letterwife

Richard Klassen
4-18-1982 Per phone call Florence Moore

Kenneth F. Boeldt
2-12-82 per letter wife

David J. Hines
8-16-81 per letter mother

Ernest T. Hertz
9-14-81 per letter wife

M. E. Socks
1-17-81 per letter Tony Skaronea

Don E. Enright
per notice Post Office

Capt. L. H. Bixby, Jr.
7-22-81 per letter wife

Anthony J. Manney
per returned Dispatch

Garold Temperley
per notice Post Office

Orval A. Linde
8-6-81 per returned Dispatch

Edgar Guidry
3-16-82 per note Russell Watts

**God, in his infinite Wisdom,
has summoned more "DEAD-
EYES" who served their
country faithfully and well in
war and peace. The 96th Infan-
try Division Association
mourns their passing and ex-
tends sympathy to their sur-
viving families.**

HEY FELLAS & GALS:

Are you interested in a 96th Deadeye Shirt or a Snap down front -- flannel lined jacket? Here is your chance. Jackets are Navy Blue with White print on back. The shirts are white knit Golf Shirts with pocket with "96th Inf. Div. Assn." on the back. The Ladies shirts are the same without a pocket.

Sizes are small, medium, large and extra large.

Price for Shirt
\$12.00 Price
2.00 Postage and Handling
\$14.00 TOTAL

Price for Jacket
\$19.95 Price
2.00 Postage and Handling
\$21.95 TOTAL

DEADLINE FOR THIS ORDER IS JULY 1st, 1982

If you are ordering PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ORDERS. Sorry no C. O. D.orders.

Orders and check or money may be sent to:

Sherman Deckrow
201 W. Hanley St.
Brook, In. 47922



MAIL CALL



Write The Dispatch!

WE GOOFED! We are sorry! Guess in trying to get the Deadeye Dispatch ready for the printer and into the mail, we neglected to put the dates for the reunion in the Dispatch.

The reunions are always the last THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY in July .

We enjoy very much the notes and letters that we receive.

Harold and Lorraine Strand
604 South Hazel St.
Glenwood, Ia. 51534

Enjoyed the latest Dispatch. Sorry to have missed the reunion, but was visiting Sam Jr. who is stationed in Germany.

Lt. Col. Samuel S. Wood, Sr.
2352 Bruce Avenue
Spartanburg, S.C. 29302

Enclosed is my dues. Enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. I was in the 383rd, Company I -- joined them at Camp White, Or. We have a 96th outfit here in Kalispell and enjoy seeing the patch around.

Dr. Peter C. Pisk
178 2nd Avenue E.N.
Kalispell, Mt. 59901

Am sending in dues for the "Deadeye Dispatch" and a little more, as I know I have been negligent in keeping up with my dues and hope to correct this in the future. My wife and I enjoy getting the Dispatch very much and hearing news of some of our friends of yesteryear. I am now retired and have moved back to my old home. We were in Illinois for sixteen years where I was employed by the Johns-Mansfield Corp. as purchasing agent. Before that I had retired from the military. Since being retired and having more time to travel and do things my wife and I hope to make the reunion in Dearborn this year and see a lot of our old friends and especially those who were in Co. C - 382.

Marvin C. Lehde
Box 42
Riesel, Tx. 76682

Have fond memories of my association with my buddies of G Co. 381, and the 96th Recon. Troop. So many good men. Best wishes for a great reunion. Sorry I can't make it.

Robert J. Buck
12500 SW 80th Ave.
Miami, Fl. 33156

Due to a heart attack in April 1981 and heart surgery in July, I was unable to attend the 1981 reunion. If it's the Lord's will, my wife and I will attend the 1982 reunion. Enclosed is money for our membership dues.

Harold Heinrich
Route 1
Merrill, Ne. 69358

Enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch very much. I have not been able to attend a reunion as yet, maybe I will be able to next year in Houston. I was in Hqs. Co. 381 with the first group that went overseas. I would like to hear from some of my old buddies.

R. C. (Andy) Andrews
Gen. Del.
Milam, Tx. 75959

MAIL CALL.....

Received the Deadeye Dispatch, and enjoy reading it. I enjoyed the Reunion in Milwaukee, last July. Had a good time seeing some of the old buddies from Co. I and also getting to know other men in the 96th. Hope to see you all in Dearborn in July.

Otto Lenich
Orient, Il. 62874

Received my 96 Div. History not too long ago and tho' I was only with the Division from May 1945 - June 1945, I still recognize several names. I'm embarrassed at having missed the Springfield Reunion, but it went right by. I was on "Conical Hill" and wounded as we started up Yarge-Dake escarpment. I enjoy the news and I'm glad some one is "Doing the Work" in a small town, as ours is. I realize there are a few who keep things going.

Herbert S. Bliler
109 Louisa
Illioopolis, Il. 62539

Glad to get the Deadeye Dispatch. I've been disabled for 14 years. I can't travel anymore and would like to hear from anyone.

Charles C. Wilkins
2721 Cordova Circle
Denton, Tx. 76201

Have received the Deadeye Dispatch after the Milwaukee reunion. Enjoy it very much. I appreciate the Editors and thank them for an excellent job and the same to all of the Officers of the Association.

I counted 476 from the "These Attended" list. Congratulations to "C" Company - 382 for being #1 in attendance, with 20 men there. (They have a better mouse trap). No.2 place was a tie, between 921 F.A. and "I" Company 383 with 16 men each - #3 was a two way tie with my Company Regt. Hq 382 and "D" Company 383 with each having 14 men attending.

I will be sending cards and/or letters to the men of Regt. Hq. Co. 382 agazines this year inviting them to Dearborn. No one will get the "RED LINE" this year.

Lewis W. Taylor
432 S W 53
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73109

(The following letter was received by Glenn Hamilton.)
Here is my check for membership in the 96th In. Div. Assn. Better late than never.

I had lost all touch with the Deadeye Association until I ran into Hank Schwager recently and found that he was a member and fought at Leyte and Okinawa, too. So I am sending my check in the hope that it will reach the proper office and that the Association is still going strong.

I am aware that offices have been rotated since the 1978 date of the application blank which I am using. But I hope that if you are not at present serving as treasurer this application will be passed along to the incumbent.

I served as Division Engineer and CO of the 321st Eng. Bn. from 1942 to 1945 and since that time have served at many different locations. I retired in 1964 and then served on the NATO International staff for nearly nine years, mostly in Paris and Brussels. After retiring from NATO I moved back to Portland (which is my Home) and hung out my shingle as a consulting engineer. Am still at it but am trying to really retire soon so that my wife and I can travel and visit some of the sites where we fought.

I would appreciate any information you can send regarding addresses of the Deadeyes, particularly those in the 321st Eng. Bn. and Division Headquarters.

With kindest personal regards,

Col. (Ret.) Stanley R. Kelley
3601 SW Wren Street
Lake Oswego, Or. 97034

As I am writing, this brings back memories of 39 years ago when I was on my way west to end up at Camp Adair, Or.

Am planning on making the next reunion. The Deadeye Dispatch makes me

MAIL CALL....

feel like I'm still close to everyone. Keep up the good work with the paper.

Edward Karpenia
17 Lake Tahoe Rt. 2
New Era, Mi. 49446

Just a note to tell you that I was sorry to miss the reunion in Milwaukee. We were looking forward to it after we left Springfield. Two weeks after we got home, I had a stroke which has changed our plans. Recovery is being very slow.

Frank S. Karpinski
716 SE 2nd St.
Little Falls, Mn. 56345

Received the Newsletter and appreciate it very much. I'm sending my dues for the year.

Really enjoyed the article on the Dog tag key to Mystery, as I was there for that training and feel that I am a "significant person."

I lost both legs on Okinawa. I am retired and am enjoying helping my son-in-law build a race car.

Dennis O. Duniphin
P. O. Box 877
Quincy, Ca. 95971

I am writing this for my husband, John Siprak, as he is blind now and has been since 1964. He would like very much to attend the reunion in July but I don't know if it will be at all possible since it's so hard for him to travel because of medication he must take as well as being blind. He misses the fellows he served with in the 381st anti-tank Company. He would like to visit and talk with them. He would be so glad to get in touch with them and hear from them.

Mrs. Viola Siprak
269 Wildwood St.
Star City, W. V. 26505

We are sending our dues and plan on being to the Dearborn Reunion this year. We enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch.

Steve O'Connell
15205 Charluene Dr.
Fenton, Mi. 48430

Received my Deadeye Dispatch and sure was good reading. Sorry I could not make it last year. Hope to this year, and I am going to make it to Houston, Tx. for sure.

The best of wishes on a good convention in 1982.

Paul Martin
10858 Crosby Dr.
Sun City, Az. 85351

Enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch as it is always interesting to read. I will attend the reunion in Dearborn.

Jerry Regentik
6060 Oakmar
Dearborn, Mi. 48126

Enclosed are our membership dues for the 96th Division, for myself and wife. Although we have been unable to attend any of the Conventions we sincerely appreciate receiving the Deadeye news. From time to time I see names of men I served with in the 96th. Keep the news coming.

Max & Marian Warner
American Fork, Ut.

Enclosed is a check for my annual dues. Sure wish I could make the reunion in July but can't due to recent surgery. Sure hope all of you have a great reunion and pray for us who can't make it.

The good Lord willing, I'll make the next one. Have fun with all of my best wishes and fond memories.

Wilson Revere
Covington, La.

MAIL CALL....

The response to my appeal in the Feb. '82 issue of the DISPATCH was tremendous. Even though I intend to answer each reply with an individual letter, I missed getting addresses for some who phoned.. I'm taking this means to publically thank all the DEADEYES and others (attached troops all the way up to 10th Army) who responded.

I received so much information and leads, including a lot of details not previously published, centered around Gen. Easley's death, that I intend to write a scholarly paper for inclusion in an appropriate Historical Journal and will send a summary for inclusion in the Dispatch. This will be done after I have had a chance to check out all the leads and get coroboration for a few of the eye witness statements. There appears to be a consensus that one detail in the published reports is definitely in error.

Those that responded concerning the question of 37mm vs. 57 mm AT guns on Okinawa, are either "Fuzzy" on the matter or in disagreement. Anyone that can furnish other information as to when various units had their 37's replaced with 57's and if the replacement was total or partial, please contact me.

I thought that the DEADEYES might enjoy the enclosed Memo (copy) that I found in the XXIV Corps G-2 file at the National Archives. In my old outfit (3 Bn. Hqs., 382) we were permitted to mention Okinawa in letters to Stateside, for the first week on Okinawa. Then we were forbidden to mention Okinawa again until the end of April. In searching the records I have never found an explanation for the special censorship aimed at the 96th Div. Guess we were considered to be the 10th Army's "Secret Weapon." Everyboy knows that we were its BEST.

Ted Navratil
2982 N. 150 W.
No. Ogden, Ut. 84404

HEADQUARTERS XXIV CORPS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 235

7 April 1945

MEMORANDUM:

FOR: Colonel Ely, AC of S, G-2, Tenth Army.

1. The unfortunate circumstance of the 7th Division being put on the record so far as the press is concerned is doing a real injustice to the 96th Division. The latter is doing about 80% of the fighting, is doing a swell job, with the 7th getting all of the credit. The troops down in the 96th are "burned up" no end, for which I cannot blame them.

2. While I have no desire to hand the Japs information they should not have, it is believed they have a pretty fair idea of what we have on the island, including the units. I base this on the fact that they knew the presence of the XXIV Corps and 7th, 77th and 96th Divs on Leyte. With the identification of the Corps and the 7th and 77th Divs. they have every right to expect that the 96th is also here. Radio Tokyo estimated the troops ashore on L plus 1 at 60,000, which was pretty darned near to being correct.

3. Would appreciate any breaks you can give the 96th, including a good word to the correspondents with Army when the Division is put on the record.

CECIL W. NIST,
Colonel, GSC,
AC of S, G-2

(Thanks Ted, for sharing the above Memorandum with us.)

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

*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.

WANT A UNIT ROSTER?

If anyone wishes a Roster of your old outfit PLEASE REMIT

\$2.00 to; William (Bill) Broschk
17819 So. Station Rd.
Columbia Station, Oh. 44028

NAME _____ Unit _____
Co. - Regt.

NEW ADDRESS _____

OLD ADDRESS _____

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25TH Annual Reunion Dearborn, Michigan

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COMMAND POST
(313) 593-1234
(Ask for: "DEADEYES")

If in transit you need help or directions or whatever, call the Hot Line we have set up (313) 593-1234, ask for "DEADEYES."

This year we are trying something new to permit attendees to take advantage of their time. A pre-registration has been set up. Details and forms are printed elsewhere in edition.

Your Dearborn Committee is still making arrangements and anxiously awaiting a gala 25th Annual Reunion.

Starting early Thursday morning, July 29, an all-day outing at the world famed Greenfield Village. The Henry Ford Museum is an alternate or backup in case of inclement weather. Your tour will also include credit for luncheon at your discretion in any of four eating areas. Buses will run on a round trip schedule to permit you to stay as long or short as you desire.

Friday following the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon you are offered a bus ride downtown Detroit, including a trolley ride on the only double deck trolley in America, through the business district to the new Renaissance Center (a self-contained city in itself), thence to fabulous Greektown with its bakeries, shops, etc.

The balance of the convention will follow the historic past of the last 24 Reunions; meetings, entertainment, Beer Bust, memorial service, all culminated by a glorious Silver Anniversary Dinner and Dance.

If you are undecided or hesitant, pack those thoughts in your cases, come, take part and enjoy a Deadeye Annual Reunion like so many have done in past years.

HYATT REGENCY DEARBORN - FAIRLANE TOWN CENTER DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48126
July 29, 30, 31, 1982.

Here's The Schedule

THURSDAY JULY 29, 1982.

8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Ladies Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	All day (inc. lunch) Greenfield Village
8:00 P.M. -	Warm up party & Entertainment

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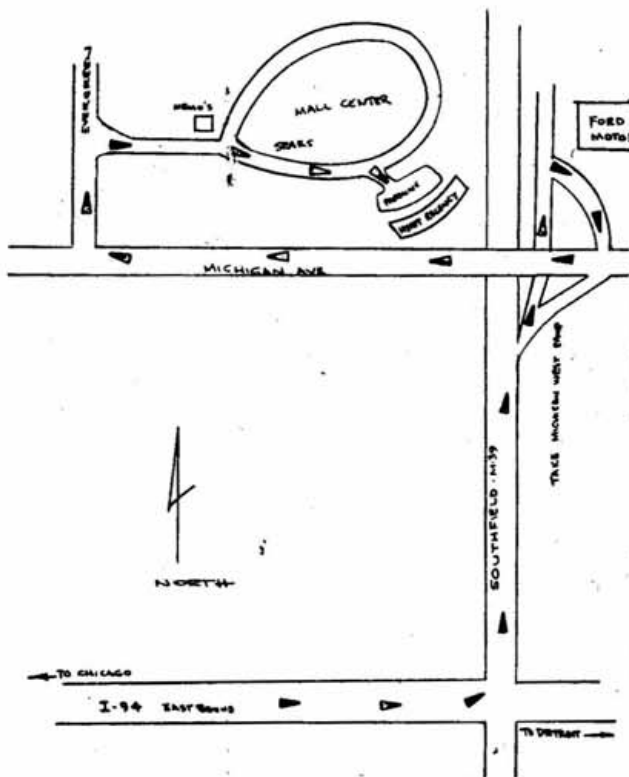
FRIDAY JULY 30, 1982.
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
1:30 P.M. -- 5:30 P.M.

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.
SATURDAY JULY 31, 1982.
9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
9:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.

Registration
Business Meeting
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Ladies Luncheon - Dearborn Inn.
Downtown Bus Tour, including a ride on an old double decked trolley, visit Detroit's new Renaissance Center, and fabulous Greek Town.
Beer Bust

Registration
Business Meeting
Memorial Service
Cash Bar Reception
Gala 25th Reunion, Dinner & Dance.

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96TH Inf. Div. Assn.
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Dearborn, Michigan
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July 29, 30 & 31

GREETINGS DEADEYES

Your Dearborn Reunion Committee continues to make plans for a most festive 25th Reunion in 1982.

An excellent program can be expected by all. In addition to the gaiety, comradeship, achievements and solemnity, we have all come to enjoy, many extras are planned befitting the occasion of a silver anniversary.

