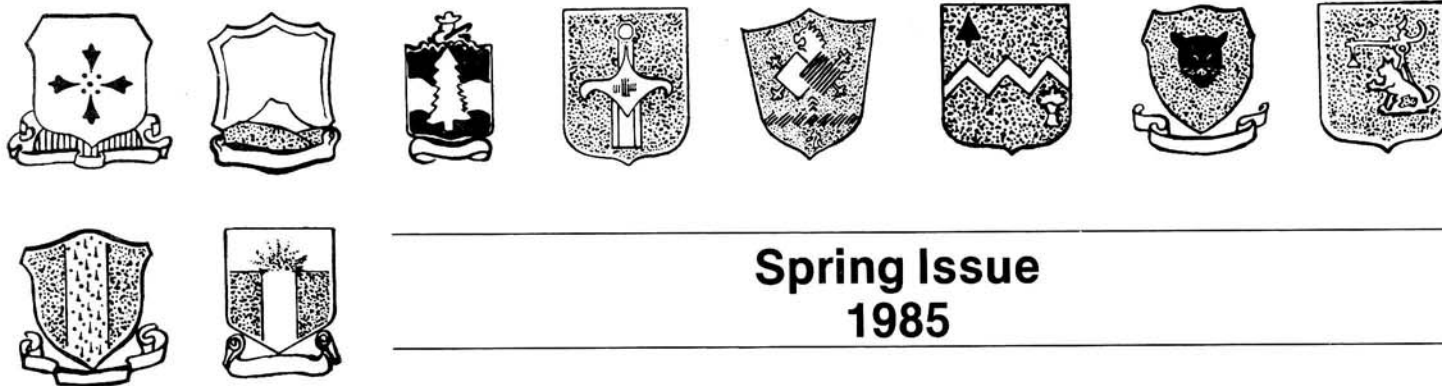
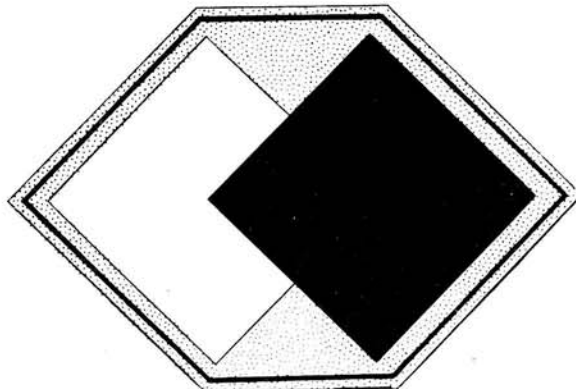


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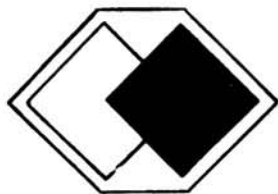
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President's Corner

Greetings to all Deadeyes and their wives, members of the 98th Infantry Division Association and its Ladies Auxiliary:



Hello Deadeyes!

The time seems to fly by, and we will soon be at the Oklahoma City reunion, with a great time in store for each one of you. Be sure to get your registration to Tony Skaronea, our Treasurer, as it will help him very much and will save time for all of you attending by not having to stand in line to register.

I do want to welcome each and everyone of you, as Tyson and Juanita Shelton and their committee have been working very hard to put together a good reunion. Some very good tours have been planned.

Each year we have new buddies attending for the first time, as many keep hearing of our reunions and what a great time we have. Each year we are losing some of our faithful "Deadeyes". Remember fellows it is later than you think!

If your only contact since service has been with Christmas cards or notes. how about contacting some of your buddies and plan to meet

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Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Ladies:

That spirit is beginning to surface again. It will soon be time to be with all our friends of the 96th. Each year seems to go so quickly and we are looking forward to seeing each of you in Oklahoma City.

Have you sent in your hotel reservations? I highly recommend that you do so immediately and also please do pre-register for all the reunion activities which Tyson and Juanita and their committee have been busy planning for everyones enjoyment.

Eagerly looking forward to seeing all of you in July.

Fondly,

Thelma Burton
Auxiliary President

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TO ALL DEADEYES:

Your dues are what pays for the "Deadeye Dispatch". Please mail your dues in today to Tony Skaronea using the following form.

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ATTENTION: Be sure to complete blank for Unit Served.

Here are \$6.00, my annual membership dues for the year.

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231 Rouse Avenue
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A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER for \$25.00 must accompany the Application for each book ordered, made payable to the 96th Infantry Div. Association.

PAY YOUR DUES - USE SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPE

ONCE A DEADEYE

ALWAYS A DEADEYE

YOU ALL COME TO OKLAHOMA CITY -- July 25, 26, 27, 1985.

Remember to send in your reservations early! Tyson and Juanita Shelton are hard at work to make this reunion the largest and best reunion yet. There is an underground concourse connecting major downtown buildings.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR RESERVATION EARLY.

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 July 24 - 29, 1985

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CONFER CASUALTY OF SAVALAS GOLF SHOT



Ben Confer and Telly Savalas

Ben Confer (796 Ord.), 2530 Bay Vista Lane, Los Osos, California 93402, took a hit on the back of his head when Telly Savalas' tee shot went wild during the Pro-Am golf tournament on January 31, 1985. The actor's ball caromed off of Confer's head as he sat with the gallery at the 3rd hole at the Cypress Point Golf Course.

"It was opening day of tournament play and Joyce and I were seated behind a tree to the right of the green," Ben said. "Telly teed off about 160 yards away. The ball went between two limbs of that tree, conked me on the head, then bounced off and hit a trash barrel with a loud bang. My hat helped a lot, but a big lump raised up on my head.

"Tournament marshalls brought over Savalas who told me how sorry he was. The press and TV cameramen went into action - they had the story on TV that night. Several of my friends sent clippings from various papers including The LA Herald-Examiner and The LA Times."

 Since Ben's retirement a couple of years ago, he and Joyce have been going up to Monterey, California, at tournament time to visit their daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons.

REUNION ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

No.	Year	Location	Official Count
1	1958	St. Louis, MO.	103
2	1959	Chicago, IL.	223
3	1960	Kansas City, MO.	264
4	1961	Detroit, MI.	over 250
5	1962	Dallas, TX.	over 200
6	1963	Little Rock, AR.	about 200
7	1964	Portland, OR.	about 150
8	1965	Minneapolis, MN.	330
9	1966	Indianapolis, IN.	364
10	1967	Omaha, NE.	351
11	1968	Chicago, IL.	551
12	1969	Des Moines, IA.	354
13	1970	Detroit, MI.	434
14	1971	Denver, CO.	376
15	1972	New Orleans, LA.	426
16	1973	Peoria, IL.	528
17	1974	Indianapolis, IN.	433
18	1975	Kansas City, MO.	482
19	1976	Ft. Worth, TX.	462
20	1977	Cincinnati, OH.	449
21	1978	New Orleans, LA.	398
22	1979	Denver, CO.	432
23	1980	Springfield, IL.	533
24	1981	Milwaukee, WI.	487
25	1982	Dearborn, MI.	476
26	1983	Houston, TX.	376
27	1984	St. Paul, MN.	591

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Numbers are inaccurate for some of the early reunions when the future of the Association may have still been in doubt. At least two dozen DEADEYES showed up for their first reunion in St. Paul.

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COME JOIN US for the 28th Annual Reunion in Oklahoma City, OK. July 25, 26, 27, 1985. Let's all strive to make this the biggest one yet.

notices

NORTHWEST CHAPTER -- 96th Inf. Div. Assn.

The 1985 Reunion of Northwest Chapter 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will meet Sunday, June 9, 1985 at the Portland Air Base -- 5501 N.E. Comfoot Rd., Portland, Or. All Deadeyes are welcome. Registration begins at 9:00 A. M. Pot luck lunch.

OHIO "BUCKEYE" CHAPTER -- 96th Inf. Div. Assn.

The Ohio (Buckeye) Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will meet May 4, 1985, at Marysville, Ohio. All Deadeyes are welcome. Contact Secretary Bill Broschk, 17819 So. Station Rd., Columbia Station, Oh. 44028 to receive more information. The Buckeyes will meet at 10:00 A. M. at the American Legion Hall in Marysville, on West 5th St. Potluck dinner at noon.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE -- 1985

In order to have adequate time for the committee to function, it is requested that petitions to host our 1988 Reunion be directed to the Committee Chairman Russell Watts no later than May 1, 1985.

Such petitions should be accompanied by the name, address and phone number of the ON-SITE Chairman and his assistants, together with a program and commitments of the City and/or Convention Center involved.

Please direct correspondence to:

Russell Watts	66 W. Norwich Ave., Columbus, Oh. 43201
James Moore	2462 Newland St., Denver, Co. 80214
Leslie Calhoun	7106 Quail Circle W., Brooklyn Center, Mi. 55429

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- 1985

Anyone interested in becoming involved in committees and/or office please contact the following persons:

Iden Johnson	P.O. Box 651, Grinnell, Ia. 50112
Robert Huff	6320 Woodwind Dr., Indianapolis, In. 46217
Hubert Hoffman	500 E 56 St. So., Wichita, Ks. 67216

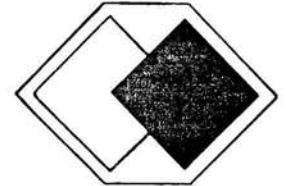
PLAN YOUR VACATION NOW!

The Reunion will be held July 25, 26 & 27, 1985 at the Sheraton-Century Center, in Oklahoma City, Ok. There were 591 DEADEYES in St. Paul, Mn. Let's have more in Oklahoma City.



96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



TREASURER'S REPORT

As the "Great Record Breaking" St. Paul Reunion is but a lasting memory all efforts are now being turned toward Oklahoma City. Mr. Shelton, Reunion Chairman, and his Committee are enthusiastically working to make the Oklahoma City Reunion the greatest Reunion of them all.

The committee has agreed to have Pre-Registration again this year. Over 300 members Pre-Registered at the last Reunion which represents approximately 51% of the total registrants.

We will again maintain the one line for Registration which worked quite well in St. Paul. This will cut Registration costs in half even though it will result in a slower Registration procedure. I heartily encourage all member to take the Pre-Registration Route and eliminate standing and "Sweating Out" the single slow Registration line.

A brief overview of the Financial Results of the St. Paul Reunion closed out at a profit. The financial picture of the Organization will remain favorable as long as our Reunions keep operating at a break even position.

I wish to encourage more communication between members by using our postcards. Try to locate a long lost buddy and encourage him to attend the Oklahoma City Reunion.

In closing I wish to reiterate - make plans to attend the Reunion - Pre-Register early - and encourage a Buddy to meet you at the Reunion in Oklahoma City.

ALWAYS A DEADEYE -- TONY SKARONEA -- TREASURER

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA -- July 25, 26 & 27, 1985

It was with a great deal of pleasure that the John Witherspoon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was able to announce at the opening meeting of the 27th reunion of the 96th Infantry Division the donation of a Lawn Swing to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis. On this Swing has been placed a plaque which reads:

DONATED BY THE JOHN WITHERSPOON CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

JULY 27, 1984

IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION OF THE 96TH (DEADEYES) INFANTRY
DIVISIONS SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

The John Witherspoon Chapter is proud to be able to honor the Veterans of the 96th Infantry with the donation of this Swing and wishes to thank all the Veterans of the 96th for the part they have played in helping preserve the freedom and democracy we so much enjoy today in the United States.

Judy Moynihan
Chairman of the John Witherspoon
Chapter Committee for Veteran-
Patients and Daughter of
Charles Moynihan, Headquarters
361st Field Artillery
96th Division

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Fall In For....

Mail Call!

I'm writing to let you know that the Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association Reunion is to be held on June 9, 1985 at the Portland Air National Guard (PANG) Club House -- which is along side of the Portland, Or. Air Port.

We won't be able to make Oklahoma City this year, but the Lord be willing, we will be in Fresno, Ca. in 1986.

George Ashford -- 381-M
8200 SW 87th Av.
Portland, Or. 97223

Enclosed is my check for 1985 dues. Really enjoy getting the "Deadeye Dispatch". Haven't made a reunion yet, but plan to make it this year in Oklahoma City. Last June we visited with some old buddies in Yorkville, Il. We enjoyed a fine get together talking about old times. Many thanks and keep up the good work. I would enjoy hearing from some of my old buddies.

Frank M. Wilkinson -- 383-H
4128 Weaver Rd.
Lake Charles, La. 70605

Through Virgil Below (President 96th Div. Assoc.) I learned of the 96th Association. I was so pleased to learn that I have the possibility of replacing my 96th History Book. I served with the 96th throughout the entire Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. I am one of the very fortunate to make it without a scratch. I am very much interested in becoming an active member of the Association.

Terrence W. (Bill) Dohl -- 382-D
RR 6 Box 317
Warsaw, In. 46580

After attending my FIRST reunion last year in St. Paul, and the Good Lord is willing, I will be in Oklahoma City in July for the next reunion.

Harold A. Lovas -- 921-FA
2211 So. 92nd St.
West Allis, Wi. 53227

Enclosed is my check for my 1985 dues to the 96th Div. Assoc. I was an original cadre member of the 921 FA and was with them until I was rotated on points. I retired from the Army in December 1968 and from Civil Service at Ft. Knox, Ky. in 1983. I only recently received a copy of the Deadeye Dispatch and would enjoy receiving future copies. I would also enjoy communicating with former members.

John LaRue -- 921-FA
1493 Elm Road
Radcliff, Ky. 40160

I just recently learned of our Div. Assoc. after looking up my old Platoon Sgt. after many years. We had a lot to talk about -- Good times, bad times, Happy times and sad times. Now that I am retired and have free time, I am looking forward to trying to find and visit old buddies. I will be at the reunion in Oklahoma City in July.

Edwin E. Wright -- 382-K
Rt. 1 Box 287
Rogersville, Mo. 65742

Enclosed is a check for my 1985 dues and for the Original 96th Div. History Book. Enjoy very much reading the "Deadeye Dispatch", and I hope the opportunity to get to a 96th Div. Assoc. Reunion may one day be possible.

Howard Brierley
49 Dogwood Dr.
Southington, Ct. 06489

Enclosed is my check for my 1985 dues. I think of the outfit many times when driving past Camp Adair, -- especially when it's raining.

Marsh Hoffman -- 382-BH (?)
5500 Blue Heron Lane
Seaside, Or. 97138

I have no idea how my dues stand, so here is my check for at least 2 years. I don't know when, if ever I'll get to a reunion so please keep the Dispatch coming.

C. Freeman Reynolds -- 381-H
303 South Road
Farmington, Ct. 06032

I'm a fellow member of the former 96th Division Co. M -- 381 Inf. I joined the 96th at Camp Adair, Or. Nov. 2, 1942. Stayed with them until end of the war, left them in Phillipines and was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Jan 18, 1946. I have had no contact with any members of the 96th until I contacted Walter Kleinschmidt who lives here in Jacksonville.

He told me about the up coming convention and reunion to be held at Oklahoma City in July. He also gave me a form to fill out to join the 96th Assoc. and also a form for hotel reservation. If the good Lord is good to me until July, my wife and I are planning on attending the convention this year.

I am 50 lbs heavier and 39 years older than when I left the 96th Div., and like all older people have a few health problems.

James Hendricks -- 381-M
104 Sycamore
Jacksonville, Il. 62650

Here are my dues for the Auxiliary. I enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch, although my husband passed away four years ago. Thank God he belonged to the 96th.

Julia Barnett
1324 West N St.
Mt. Pleasant, Tx. 75450

I will see you in Oklahoma City in July and would like to see all my buddies in 381-C.

Kenton J. Weaver
P.O. Box 2247
McAlester, Ok. 74501

We want to, once again, thank all the Deadeyes who have contributed articles and letters for the Deadeye Dispatch. The list of NEW members continues to grow. It is great to add new members to the mailing list. The list of Taps seems to have added names each year. We send our sincere sympathy to those who have lost a dear one. A lot of those Deadeyes were close friends and it makes you realize it is getting later than we think.

We especially wish to thank those Deadeyes who sent cards, letters, notes and phoned us while Harold was in the hospital and since his return home. We are sure that with all the concern and prayers of

you Deadeyes, he is on the mend. "Deadeyes" are the truly the greatest people we know. God Bless each and every one of you.

Harold & Lorraine Strand -- 381-M
Editors "Deadeye Dispatch"
604 So. Hazel St.
Glenwood, Ia. 51534

Enclosed is a check for my membership dues, and the Auxiliary dues for my wife, Evelyn. We expect to attend the annual reunion in Oklahoma City this year, but we surely will miss our good friends, H. M. and Cindy Cosnahan, who lost their lives in that tragic fire in the Philippines last fall.

Lloyd Zenk -- 361-FA
4401 Parklawn Ave. - Apt. 201
Edina, Mn. 55435

How nice it is to have the reunion come to my home state! This will be the first I will have attended, and I'm looking forward to it. I hope lots of the fellows from Regt. Hdqts. Co., 381, will be able to attend. Looking forward to July.

Calvin "Doc" Bergdall
12304 Southgate
Yukon, Ok. 73099

Just a word of praise on the wonderful job you good people are doing with the Deadeye Dispatch, plus everything else that's being one as far as the 96th is concerned. My wife and I certainly did enjoy ourselves in St. Paul last July. We are going to try to make Oklahoma City this coming July.

Helmuth Voegele -- 381-B
112 No. Lloyd St.
Aberdeen, S.D. 57401

It's a pleasure to pay these dues! Always enjoy hearing about the conventions even tho it has not been possible to attend. I will be retiring next year and will then have an opportunity to attend, and I look forward to renewing old friendships in the 381st.

William H. Hewes, M.D. -- 381-Medic
3501 Willis Rd.
Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Enclosed is my check for my dues and dues for the Auxiliary for my wife. We attended the Convention in St. Paul, Mn., and had a wonderful time. Our thanks to the Officers and Committees for making it a huge success. We plan on being in Oklahoma City in July.

Paul J. Nicholson -- 381-H
206 Monroe
Abilene, Ks. 67410

Enclosed are dues to renew our membership for myself and my wife, Elvira. We were at the reunion in St. Paul -- our first time. We did not know a soul when we arrived, but met a lot of nice people after we got there. Hope to go to the next one in Oklahoma City.

Donald Andersen -- 321-Eng.
1621 Patterson Lane
Cedar Falls, Ia. 50613

I have enclosed a check for my dues and Auxiliary dues for my wife, Lenora. I have not been able to attend any of the reunions for several years because of ill health. I enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch and keeping up with what you are doing. Please extend our Thanks and appreciation to the Officers of the Association for the job they are doing.

Howard S. Miller -- 921-FA
Curryville, Mo. 63339

Enclosed is a check for my yearly dues. Sure hope this year I can make the Reunion in Oklahoma City. It would be nice to see some fellows from the 321 Medics.

Will Morrison
18400 Cherry Creek Dr. Apt. 301
Homewood, Il. 60430

Here are my dues and a bit more to help with expenses. After 30 years in the army, I finally retired. I found out about the reunions too late to get to St. Paul. Incidentally I spent 3 years there as an R.O.T.C. Instructor in the 50's. Plan on being in Oklahoma City for the reunion.

William C. (Cliff) Luehrs, Col. (Ret.)
2840 Chatsworth Road 383-Med.
Columbia, S.C. 29223

Enclosed you will find a check for my dues and dues for my wife for the Auxiliary and a little extra. I received my Deadeye Dispatch,

which I enjoy very much. We had a great time in St. Paul last year. We will be in Oklahoma City in 1985 -- God willing. I had open heart surgery on Sept. 24, 1985 -- had to have a quadruple by-pass. I am progressing just fine and hope to be in good shape by reunion time.

Frank Sotelo -- 382-C
462 E. McKinley Ave.
Sunnyvale, Ca. 94086

Enclosed find a small sum to use as needed by the Association. I joined the 96th upon landing on Okinawa on May 6, 1945 -- 382-G. I was wounded on "Hen Hill" on May 21, 1945.

Victor B. Pack
Rt. 1
Carbon, Tx. 76435

Just recently discovered the 96th Division Association is alive and well. I visited an old buddy when travelling through Louisiana. He gave me a copy of the Deadeye Dispatch and here I am. The enclosed check is for membership, a roster and a copy of the History Book. I used to have the book, but lost it somewhere in my travels over the last forty years. It's a good feeling to be in contact again.

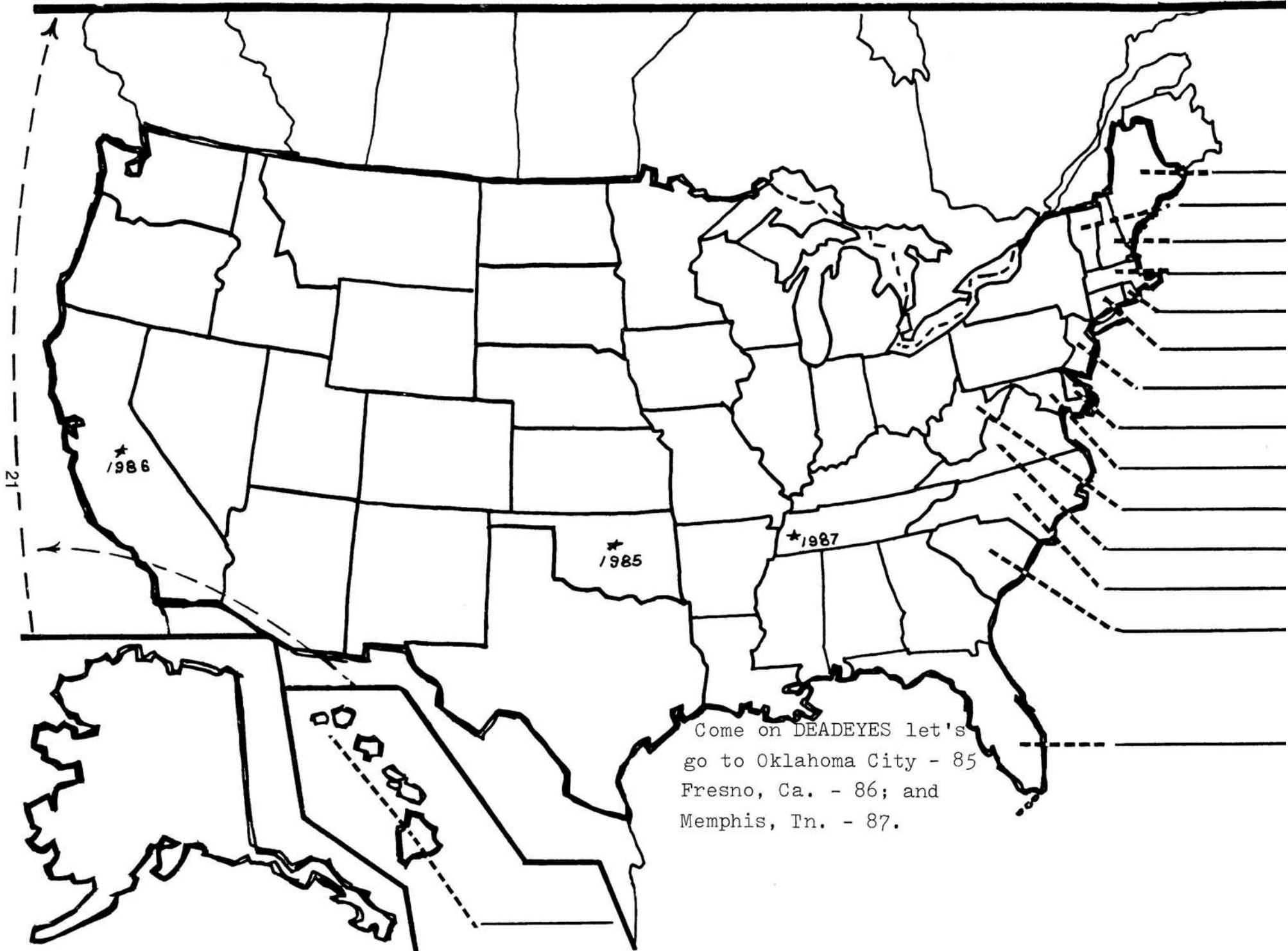
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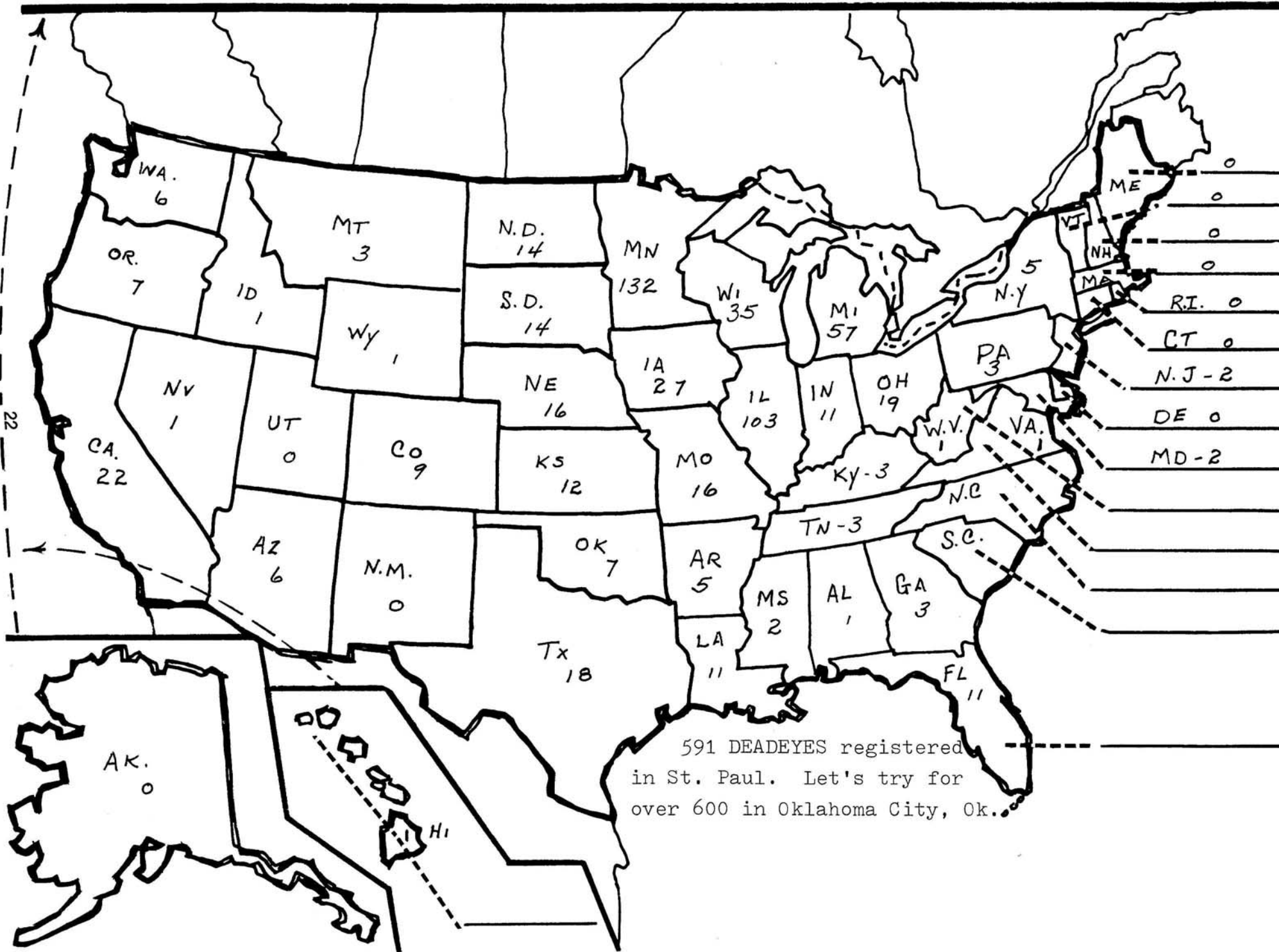
Your dues are what pays for the "Deadeye Dispatch". Each Reunion pays for itself, so we must rely on all Deadeyes to send in dues to pay for the Dispatch.

Send \$6.00 to Anthony V. Skaronea, Treasurer
231 Rouse Avenue
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Ya' all come join us in Oklahoma City, Ok. July 25, 26 & 27, 1985.



Come on DEADEYES let's
go to Oklahoma City - 85
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WHO IS A DEADEYE?

Reunion time has come and old soldiers will meet together again to recall times many years ago when their comradeship began.

Today a DEADEYE is middle-aged, but his memories are as real as yesterday. Maybe he wears a blue and white pin in the lapel of his business suit. Not much else sets him apart from other citizens except:

He performs his daily activities with the same honor and persistence that made him stick it out 20 years ago and 10,000 miles from home with green replacements, with non-coms in charge of companies, with privates commanding platoons.

He never knew defeat, but winning often meant losing his friends and seeing his outfit bleed to death.

He belonged to the 96th Infantry Division that was described as "the perfect infantry division", or "the best bunch of fighters since the Alamo".

He secured a place in history, although he alone might never know fame.

He remembers good days and bad. He can tell about a Saturday night at the PX in Camp Adair, or re-live night guard in a foxhole in Okinawa.

He thinks once more of the men on his company roster who were left in hastily dug graves on Pacific islands and of others who will answer the roll call at the reunion.

Then the DEADEYE decides to renew his membership in the largest and most active Association of its kind by signing in at the headquarters hotel.

He and his buddies carry on, pressing forward yet holding onto memories.

But in the fullness of time farewells are said. The outcome of the last battle has been foretold by the lengthening TAPS columns and thinning ranks; there will not be any replacements coming. With the passing of its last veteran someday, the men of the 96th Infantry Division will have gone for good to one more reunion.

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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.



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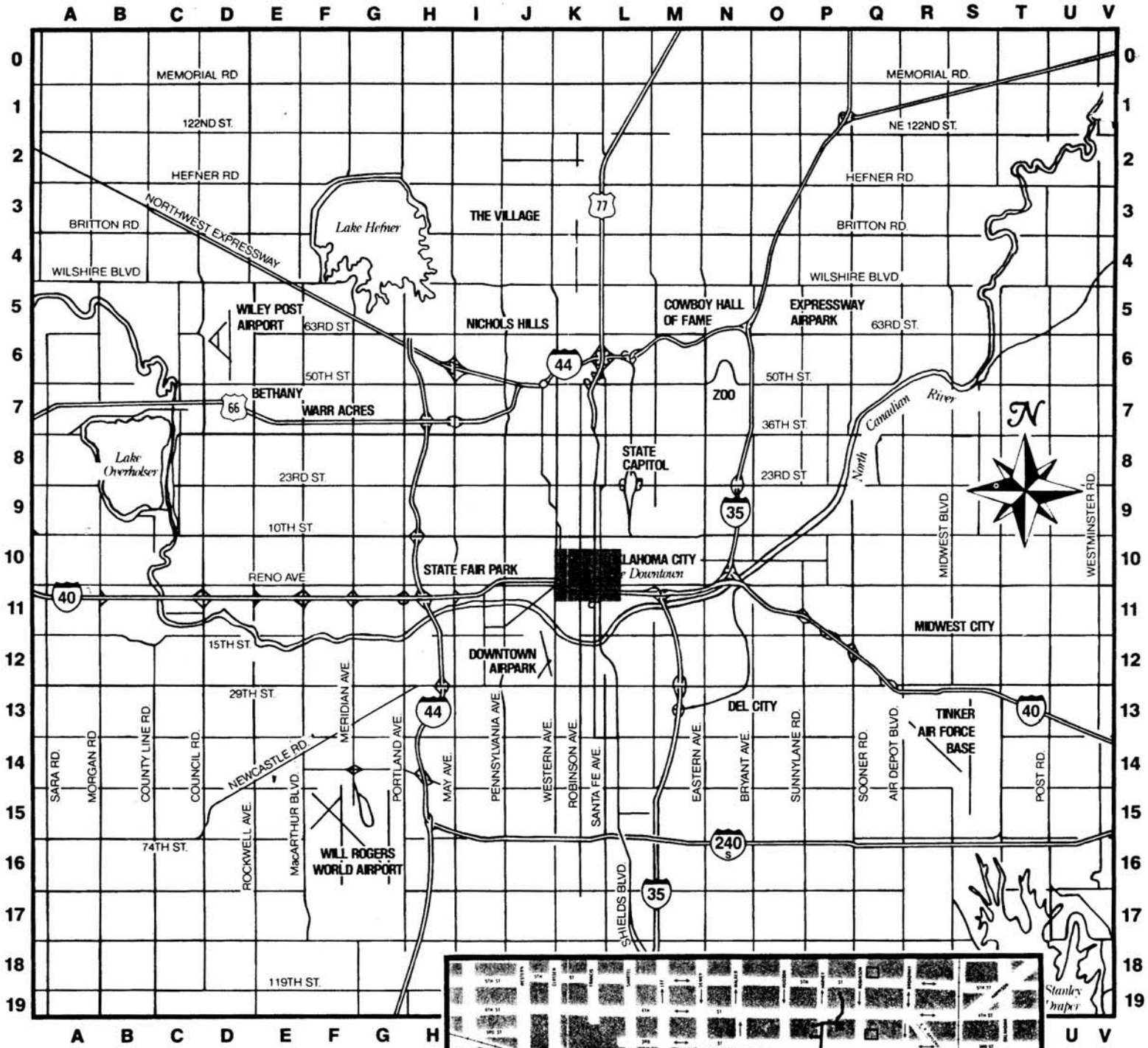
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