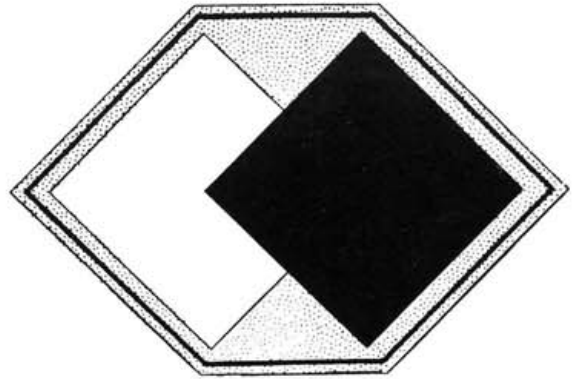


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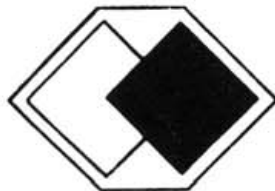
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President's Corner



Greetings to all Deadeyes and their wives, members of the 96th Infantry Division Association and its Ladies Auxiliary:



Greetings Deadeyes,

The weather changes almost everyday or two from Spring like to Winter, still this means it is time to make final plans for our gathering in Peoria, Illinois for our 96th Infantry Div. Association's 31st Reunion, July 28,29,30, 1988.

The Executive Committee met in Peoria, October 30, 1987 for a productive session with the Reunion Chairpersons, Henry and Mary Lou White and Glenn and Rosalie Hamilton. My wife Donna, the Auxiliary President and I returned to Peoria in February to sign contracts and offer any assistance we could give to setting up the schedules of events. They and their committee have arranged a Memorable Reunion for you to meet with your friends and Great entertainment.

The room registrations have been coming in good, keep it up. PLEASE fill out and send in your ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS DISPATCH. Send it in if you think you can make it, if something comes up that you can't, you can contact Tony Skaronea, he will refund your money. This will help our Pre-planning and hopefully eliminate any one being disappointed in not being able to participate in some Activity.

I extend an invitation to all of you Dead-Eyes to come to our Reunion in Peoria. We really have a good time and it is such a Wonderful experience meeting Old and New Friends. To those of you who have never been to a Reunion before, if at all possible plan to attend this year so you can experience the wonderful and fun times we have been having.

The tragic traffic death of Wannetta Skaronea, wife of Tony Skaronea, 96th Division Association Treasurer, on their way home from our planning meeting in Peoria last October saddened us all. Her pleasant smile at the registration table assisting Tony will be missed. We all extend Tony and Family our heartfelt Sympathy.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Reunion in Peoria - July 28,29,30, 1988.
YOU ALL COME.

Sincerely,

Don J. Foster-President

96th Inf. Division Association

EXECUTIVE BOARD PLEASE NOTE: HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT BY 3 P.M. WEDNESDAY JULY 27. I have scheduled an executive board meeting Wednesday July 27th - 3 to 5 P.M. to consider finalizing changes in the "Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules" of the 96th Inf. Division Association. These revisions have been proposed by the By-Laws Committee I appointed last July. Final Changes will be made for presentation to the General Membership for approval. Copies will be made and posted in the Registration Area as information to the Members. THIS IS THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION that there will be a revised "Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules" of the 96th Infantry Division Association, voted on at the Convention in Peoria, Friday July 29, 1988.

Donna and I just returned from Salt Lake City, Ut., where we were invited to the 96th ARCOM (Army Reserve Command) Annual Banquet and Ball. We were Honored Guests as President and Auxiliary President of the 96th Infantry Division Association. Major General Richard O. Christiansen, Commander of the 96th ARCOM and his Staff, really rolled out the Red Carpet for us. It was a Great Week-End! One that will be long remembered.



Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Ladies,

The time has certainly flown by very fast. It is time once again to begin making plans to attend our Reunion in Peoria, Illinois in July.

We had a very productive and constructive Planning Meeting in October in Peoria. The White's and the Hamilton's and their committee have been very hard at work to assure that we will have a very Happy and Memorable time. I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing and meeting with all our friends we have met in the past and to meet new ones.

Hope you all have made your room reservations by now. Also please consider Pre-registration as it certainly saves you time plus assuring you of having tickets for everything you want to attend and not be disappointed. This also helps the Committee to know in advance how many to plan on.

The Ladies Luncheon is going to be quite different this year so please plan to attend as I know you will really enjoy it, so please get your pre-registration in on that.

We were all saddened by the tragic death of Wannetta Skaroena, Wife of Tony Skaronea, 96th Div. Assoc. Treasurer, on the way home from our planning meeting in Peoria in October. I am sure we all extend our Heartfelt Sympathy to Tony and his family. Her pleasant smile will certainly be missed at the Registration Table.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Peoria, Illinois in July.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna J. Foster".

Donna J. Foster-President
96th Inf. Div. Assoc. Auxiliary

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1987-1988



Row 1 left to right: Ed Dunning, Assist. Treasurer; Tony Skaroena, Treasurer; Tom Roby, 1st Vice President; Don Foster, President; James Warren, 2nd Vice President; James Knight, Recording Secretary. Row 2 left to right: Sam Benson, Chaplain; William "Bill" Broschk, Corres. Secretary; Melvin Gill, Historian.

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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 is \$6.00, my annual membership dues for the year:

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(Please print) last first middle

Address _____ Army Serial No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Make Remittance Payable to: 96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary dues are \$2.00 per year.
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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.

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ONCE A DEADEYE
ALWAYS A DEADEYE

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
July 28-30, 1988

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96th Infantry Division Association Reunion

July 28, 29, 30, 1988

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PEORIA, IL

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STREET OR ROUTE _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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_____ Auxiliary Dues----- 2.00 per Year--- _____

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_____ Thurs. Historical City Tour----- 13.50 each-----

_____ Thurs. Evening "WARM-UP" Entertaintainment-----Carl Bopp----- FREE

_____ Friday - Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon----- 12.00 each-----

_____ Friday Evening Beer Bust----- 6.00 each-----

_____ Saturday Evening Dinner Dance----- 18.00 each-----

TOTAL-----\$ _____

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Mundelein, Illinois 60060

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DEADLINE DATE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS JULY 20,1988.

CANCELLATION must be in WRITING two (2) weeks prior to Reunion Time.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION may be made anytime by phoning: 1-312-566-6293

In order to Establish the AVERAGE AGE of Deadeyes, PLEASE FURNISH THE

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notices

Company D -- 383 Infantry will have a reunion in Rogers, Arkansas October 6, 7, and 8, 1988. Contact Ralph Murphy (Chairman) 1302 So. 6th, -- Rogers, Ar. 72756 for details.

The Ohio (Buckeye) Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will meet the 1st Saturday after Mother's Day in May at Marysville, Oh. All members and attached personnel are invited. For further information contact WILLIAM BROSCHEK -- 17819 So. Station Rd., Columbia Station, Oh. 44028.

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. will hold their 9th Annual Reunion June 12, 1988 at the old OFFICER'S CLUB HOUSE at Camp Adair, Or. All 96th Div. Assn. members and attached personnel are invited. It will be "Pot Luck" as usual, and arrival time will be 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. For more information contact DEEVEERE L. HERSHEY -- 191 B St., Veronia, Or., President, or CECIL L. WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Road, Winlock, Wa. 98596 - Corresponding Secretary.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE -- 1988. In order to have adequate time for the committee to function, it is requested that petitions to host our 1991 Reunion be directed to the Committee Chairman by May 1, 1988. Such petitions should be accompanied by the name, address and phone numbers of the ON-SITE Chairman, 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
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- 1988. Anyone interest in becoming involved in committees and/or an office please contact the following persons:

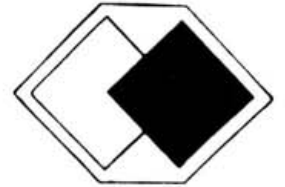
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96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES

ANNUAL REUNIONS



31st Annual Reunion
Continental Regency Hotel
Peoria, Illinois
July 27, 28, 29, 30, 1988

Wednesday - July 27, 1988

3:00pm - 5:00pm Executive Board Meeting - Salon B
3:00pm - 5:00pm Pass out Pre-Registration Packets - Foyer
6:00pm - 11:00pm Conklin Players Dinner Theatre - B.Y.O.B.
7:00pm - 9:00pm Pass out Pre-Registration Packets - Foyer

Thursday - July 28, 1988

7:30am - 10:00am Executive Board Meeting - Salon B
7:30am - 10:00am Ladies Auxiliary Executive Meeting - Salon A
9:00am - 5:00pm Registration - Foyer
10:30am - 3:30pm Historical City Tour
7:00pm - 10:00pm Reunion Kick Off Party - Carl Bopp Combo - Grand Ballroom
(Cash Bar)

Friday - July 29, 1988

9:00am - 5:00pm Registration - Foyer
9:00am - 9:30am General Opening Meeting, Combined Men and Women - Salon D
9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Salon A & B
9:30am - 12:00pm 96th Inf. Div. Assoc. Business Meeting - Salon D
11:30am Buses Leaving for Ladies Luncheon
8:00pm - 11:00pm Beer Bust - Dancing to the Originals - Grand Ballroom

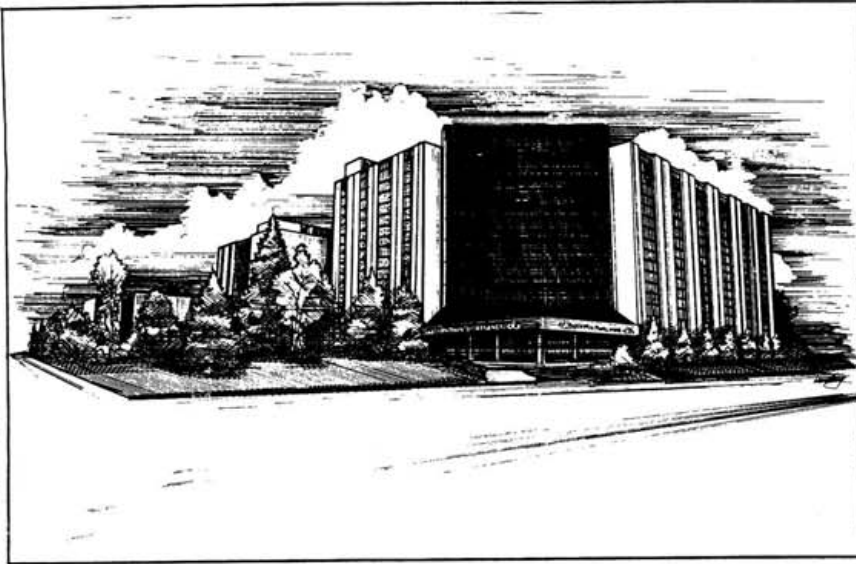
Saturday - July 30, 1988

9:00am - 11:00am Registration - Foyer
9:00am - 11:00am 96th Inf. Div. Assoc. Business Meeting - Salon C & D
11:30am - 12:30pm Memorial Service - Salon C & D
12:45pm Banquet Table Reservations - Registration Area - Foyer
5:30pm - 6:30pm Social Hour (Cash Bar) - Grand Ballroom
6:30pm Banquet - Grand Ballroom
7:30pm Awards & Introduction of Officers
9:00pm - 12:00pm Dancing to the Originals - Grand Ballroom

Pre-Registration packets may be pick-up at registration area - when open
History Display - Conference Room - 1

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A Warm Welcome
from
The Staff!

Dear Deadeyes:

Greetings from Peoria - a city that prides itself in its friendliness and warm hospitality! We're sure you've all heard the expression, "Come See How It Plays In Peoria". Well, your 1988 reunion committee is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to show you what that's all about.

We plan to kick off the convention activities Wednesday, July 27th, with a visit to Conklin Players Dinner Theatre where "Love Rides the Rails...", a tongue in cheek version of a real melodrama, is entering its 12th consecutive year. (IT'S A CENTRAL ILLINOIS TRADITION!!) The price of the evening includes a buffet dinner, the play, set-ups (it's a BYOB kind of place), ice, tax, tip, and transportation. Seating is limited to 135, so make your reservations early.

The Peoria Historical Society will open for you the rich treasure chest of Peoria History when we board the bus on Thursday, July 28th, for a tour of the city. The tour includes a smorgasbord luncheon, tips, fees, and transportation. Highlighting this tour will be stops at the Flanagan House, Peoria's oldest standing residence constructed only eighteen years after the first American settlement of Peoria; the Pettengill-Morrison House on Moss Avenue, considered the finest example of Victorian splendor between Illinois and Georgia; and a drive down Grandview Drive, a road filled with beautiful castle-style mansions overlooking the Illinois River. During a visit to this same drive, Theodore Roosevelt is reported to have remarked that this is the "world's most beautiful drive". The initials of his remark became the call letters of Peoria's first full-time radio and now radio/television station, WMBD. (Just thought we'd throw in some Peoria trivia!)

Thursday night, we will enjoy the customary "kick-off party" with entertainment and a cash bar for your convenience.

After the ladies attend the business meetings on Friday, they will be enjoying a special luncheon at Mignon's In The Park, located in Wildlife Prairie Park, where they will also be able to visit the gift shops around the park. A stop is planned on the return home to the Village Plantation Country Store located in the Sheridan Village Shopping Center.

Our traditional Friday night "Beer Bust" will feature the "Originals", the band everyone enjoyed in Springfield, Illinois in 1980.

We'll conclude our reunion on Saturday night with a dinner dance, again featuring the "Originals" for our dancing pleasure.

In addition to the scheduled activities, downtown Peoria offers a wide variety of entertainment options. Sidewalk food vendors surround the Courthouse Plaza at lunch time for your convenience; or you can cruise up the Illinois river on "The Spirit of Peoria", a custom-built paddlewheel, and then dine at "The Katie Hooper" on Peoria's riverfront. Evening carriage rides through downtown are available on the weekends.

Some added notes to keep in mind are:

- A.S.T.P. men that attended Bradley - this will be a good time to renew acquaintances and visit your old alma mater

- The Amvets have extended an invitation to all members and their wives to visit their lounge.

- Group pictures will be \$5 each and mailed to your home

- Vans with racks will not go into parking deck of hotel - parking in public lots at your own expense.

- People staying at outlying hotels should check with the hotel concerning transportation to and from headquarter hotel.

- Please use the courtesy phones at the airport for transportation from the airport to the hotel.

- Buses will be loading promptly at 11:30 am for the ladies luncheon on Friday. If you are staying at a different hotel please make arrangements to be at the headquarter hotel on time.

See you in July!!

Sincerely, Co-Chairman

Henry and Mary White
Glenn and Rosalie Hamilton

FROM PAST PRESIDENT, A. L. (TONY) PAVELL: To all that attended the 30th Annual Reunion of the 96th Inf. Div. Assn., I wish to extend my sincere THANKS. To all that attended an Annual Reunion for the first time, I extend a warm personal welcome and I hope that you will continue to attend future Reunions.

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP, I wish to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Glyn Hollingsworth and Bettie and the Committee Members: George and Katharine Cale; Jim and Jean Owen and Elmer and Kathryn Chapman for all the hard work and hours devoted to making it a very memorable Reunion.

Again the Pre-Registration plan of our Treasurer Tony Skaronea, has proven to be a "Great Success." Now we must make plans for Peoria, Il. and another great Reunion. THANKS TO ALL!

Tony Pavell -- 382-K
R.R. 3 Box 403
Monticello, In. 47960

GLORY DAYS GONE

The tired Statler - Hilton awaits trashing

By Ed Dakan (B-381)

Till now, 30 years after its founding the 96th Infantry Division Association has outlasted seven of the host hotels. The actual count is only six with the seventh ready to bite the dust any day.

It is a pretty safe bet the next one to go down will be the Statler-Hilton Hotel in St. Louis, a casualty of inner city rot.

The roots of the Association are in St. Louis, Missouri, where Minor Butler (B-381) called to order the first meeting in the summer of 1958. He assembled his group at the elegant Statler-Hilton Hotel "located in the heart of the theatre, shopping and business district on Washington Avenue at St. Charles and Ninth Streets". This description is the management's very own words printed on the back of their picture postcard.

Judging by accounts of those who were there, everybody enjoyed the reunion that was carried on with a shoestring budget - Butler's pocket change and pass the hat collections financing much of the lash-up. Their group activities - boat ride, beer bust and banquet - were pay-as-you-go. Otherwise, though, the DEADEYES winged it, for who among them had the foggiest notion about what was supposed to happen at a reunion anyway?

REUNION RELICS

Memorabilia from the St. Louis reunion is short. A few items are in the possession of Val Heinrich (Serv.-361 FA), 1001 Rhodes Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 33577. Besides this (full-color) postcard, the shirtpocket nametag and a brochure touting the boat trip on the Mississippi River, he is still holding onto a copy of the three-day program and a receipt that shows a double bed room cost \$10.92.



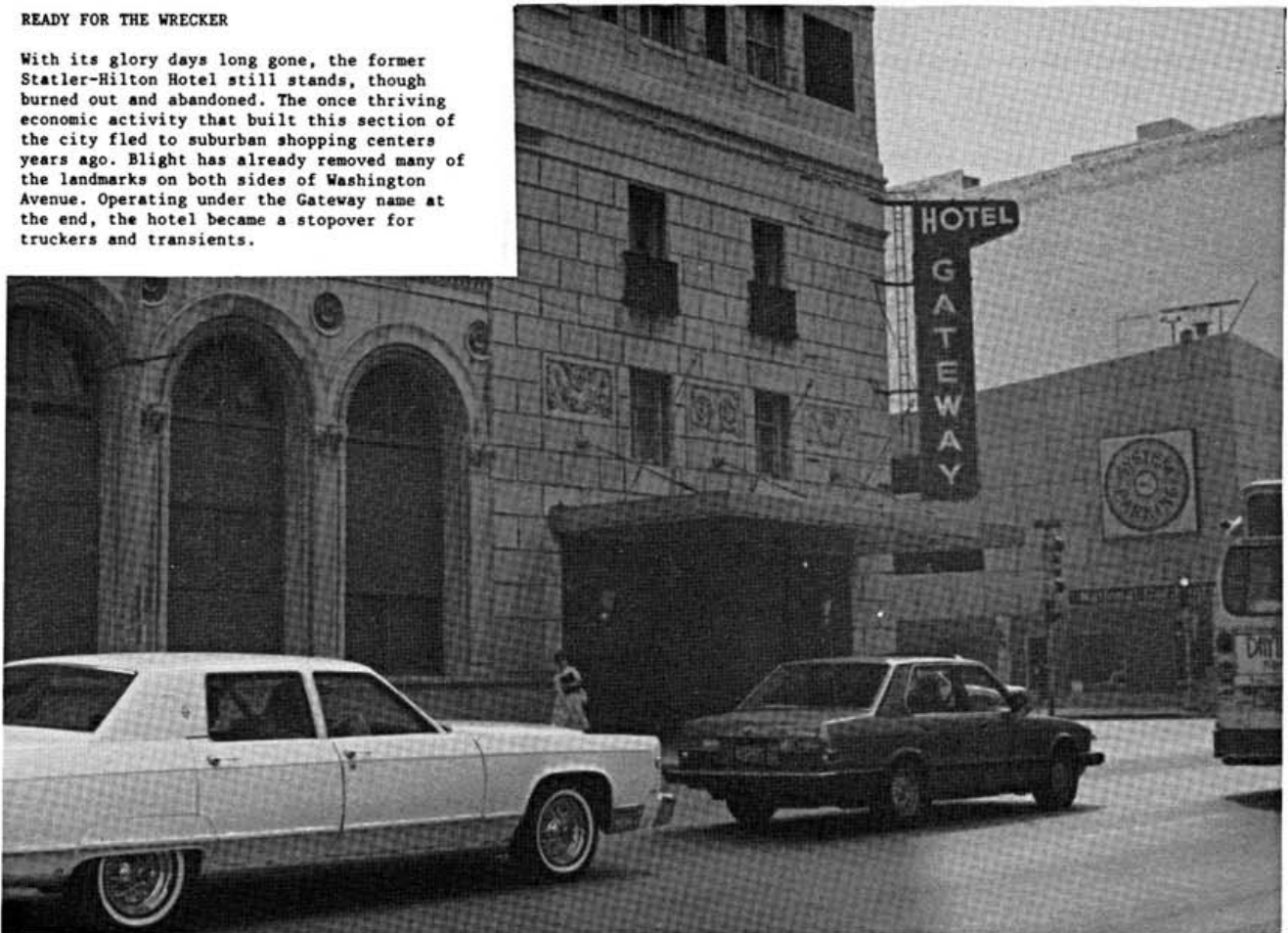
SHE WILL GO SAILING NO MORE

The Saturday afternoon program was a ride on the S.S. Admiral. Subsequent years robbed the old girl of her pride. That giant art deco excursion boat has survived a rusted hull, a Pittsburgh wheeler-dealer and a plenthora of legal wrangling to float again. Although now missing its engine, the 378-foot boat opened in mid-March 1987 as a permanently moored entertainment complex on the St. Louis riverfront. In the background is the Eads Bridge.



READY FOR THE WRECKER

With its glory days long gone, the former Statler-Hilton Hotel still stands, though burned out and abandoned. The once thriving economic activity that built this section of the city fled to suburban shopping centers years ago. Blight has already removed many of the landmarks on both sides of Washington Avenue. Operating under the Gateway name at the end, the hotel became a stopover for truckers and transients.



RETROSPECT -

"I had known Minor in the field. After (Wife) Helen told me why we were in St. Louis and staying at that particular hotel, I went up to Minor's room. He opened the door just half-shaved and with lather on the other side of his face. Tears came to his eyes. He said he did not think anybody would show up."

-John Rader (Serv.-381)

"When I went over to St. Louis, the first man I saw was Dick Klassen. He and I were acquainted before going to the 96th - we were in ASTP together. He became instrumental in the operation. The first reunion was pretty amateurish when compared with what we have today."

-Robert Huff (A-383)

"Of course Minor did all of the work for the first reunion. I was supposed to be co-chairman, along with John Cook and Larry Anderson, for the next reunion in Chicago. Anderson never came to any more reunions."

-Mel Coobs (I-383)

"Mel Coobs and I were in the same company and kept in contact after discharge. He and I drove down to St. Louis. On the way there, we wondered if the plan might have fallen through, since Minor had not answered my card. Then I found out he did not have money for stamps."

-Lee Wright (Medics-383)

"I was in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1958. I said, 'Gee whiz! I have an Army buddy here - Daniel Hart.' When I called him up, he said, 'You know there is a reunion in St. Louis.' I said, 'No.' Then he gave me the dates. I told Mary when I got home. When the time came, we got on the train and went down on Friday night."

-Henry White (I-383)

"I read about it (the reunion) in the American Legion Magazine. We called the hotel and got reservations. Teresa and I drove over on Thursday night and parked our car about nine blocks from the hotel. We thought we might lose the car, but it was still there on Sunday."

-Hubert Hoffman (96-Sig.)

DEADEYE REUNIONS DRAW CROWDS

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
28	1985	OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok.	549
29	1986	FRESNO, CA.	428
30	1987	MEMPHIS, TN.	607

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REUNION TIME IN PEORIA, IL. - July 28, 29 & 30, 1988.

Once again the time is going by fast and we hope everyone will be heading for the Reunion in Peoria. Your Committee members having been working hard to make this another one of those GREAT reunions. Our Thanks to Glyn and Bettie Hollingsworth and their helpers for making Memphis one reunion to remember. I wish to THANK all the nice people who have so generously contributed money to the Association. I also wish to THANK all of you who have contributed articles and pictures for the DEADEYE DISPATCH. Thanks so much for the many notes, letters and phone calls for bits of information about your buddies. I hope to see all of you in Peoria, IL.

Lorraine Strand, Editor
Deadeye Dispatch

Your Treasurer and family wishes to thank the many 96th Division "Deadeyes" and the Auxiliary members for their calls, visits, acts of kindness, and expressions of sympathy shown during our time of bereavement. On November 1, 1987, my wife, Wannetta, lost her life in a pedestrian-auto accident. For the last years she worked at Station #1 on the Registration line greeting the many "Deadeyes" -- old and new. She contributed much dedicated time in the Registration procedure and will be greatly missed. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

Anthony V. "Tony" Skaronea
631 Rouse Ave.
Mundelien, Il. 60060

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.



Joseph DeVito -- 382-I
per Anthony Skaronea

John H. Donze
per Post Office

Frec Lockman -- 361-FA
per wife- 2-1987

Carl D. Selvog
per -- Post Office

Oscar Amandio -- 383-- 1st BH
Per Post Office

Luther Dortch
per -- Post Office

Jess L. Horner
per -- Post Office

Nelson J. Verrerr -- 383-1st BH
per wife -- 2-4-87

John J. Rudell -- 382-L
per wife -- 3-14-87

Roy R. Jarvis -- 383-M
per William Broschk

Donald R. Harrison -- 382-I
per wife -- 9-15-86

Charlew Holselaw, Jr.
per Post Office Office

Kenneth A. Peterson -- 921-FA
per sister --- 2-8-87

Arthur Chamberlain
per Post Office

William F. Ferguson
per -- Post Office

John Koller -- 383-c
per wife -- 3 -8-87

Burton C. Boesser -- 796-Ord.
per Post Office

Clifford L. Kaufman
per Post Office

LeRoy U. Knudsen -- 382-G
per Post Office

Lawrence Monnier -- 796-Ord.
per wife -- 5-23-87

Arthur Silverstadt
per wife

Kenneth Clelland
per wife -- 11-17-80

Fichard S. Weisfield
per Greg Chappars -- 5-11-87

Ed Taberski -- 383-AT
per John Nasser -- 5-31-87

Chester Gazinski -- 381-M
per Emerson Gage

Ralph Abbott
per wife -- 2-13-87

Welson Hetter
per wife -- 12-25-85

John H. Christner
per wife -- 3-25-82

Harry M. Covell
per Post Office

Samuel L. Gall
per wife -- 2-14-87

Fred H. Hein -- 383-3rd BH
per wife -- 3-13-87

Joseph A. Kapler -- 381-F
per Post Office

John W. Fry -- Div. HQ
-- 1-1-84

Chester F. Person -- 383-B
per wife -- 5-16-87

Floyd L. Potter -- 728-AMT
per wife -- 11-1985

Theodore C. Kutschinski -- 381-3rd-BH
per wife -- 3-8-87

Orville Trabbold
per wife -- 7-1986

James Moore
per Harm Alberts -- 6-20-87

Leland Trammell -- 381-AT
per wife -- 7-14-84

Robert M. Drennan
per wife -- 5-31-86

Herschel Gruver -- 383-D
per Earl Zinc

James E. Smith -- 382-E
per Post Office-- 3-2587

A. R. Sorbel
per Post Office

Phillip J. Whitman
per William Broschke -- 7-31-87

John Yednock
per wife -- 8-8-87

Stephen C. Hirt -- 321-Eng.
per wife -- 6-14-85

Francis H. Thompson
per wife -- 4-25-87

Albert H. Dochow -- 361-FA
per Post Office

Eugene Center -- MP
Per William Broschk

Paul Weidan -- 383-AT
per William Broschk

John Hannon -- 382-Cannon
per John Kastle -- 7-26-87

Roland Spence -- 381-M
per J. E. Bookout -- 9-18-87

Langley G. Beecher -- 382-H
per Florence Moore -- 9-20-86

Graham W. Carter
per Cloyce Rucker -- 9-26-87

Robert J. Antonelli -- 921-FA
per Edward Stare -- 11-18-87

Kenneth Brown -- 383-1st-BH
per Iden Johnson -- 2-1987

Adrian Pasternik -- 381-H&H
per Edward Grebick -- 8-3-87

O. A. Pratt, Jr.
per wife -- 2-17-87

Gordon Lindahl -- 381-BH
per Fred Sears -- 4-14-87

Charles C. Carston -- 383-BH
per Post Office

Paul T. Elliott
per sister -- 7-11-87

Don Magee -- 728-AMT
per William Broschk

Paul Seaman -- 383-D
per Earl Zinc -- 8-22-87

Hugh Butler
per Douglas Burton

Theodore W. Lee -- 362-FA
per Bill Broschk

Elden Wilker -- 363-FA
per Ed Dakan -- 8-18-87

Kenneth Robinson -- Signal
per Harold Somers -- 8-17-87

Edward Glueck
per wife -- 12-1986

John J. Howard
per son -- 8-14-87

Adolph Noska
per wife -- 7-10-86

Onni R. Hakala
per Post Office

Salvadore Pittari
per sister

Joel J. Clement
per Post Office

Shirley R. Martin
per Post Office

Monroe J. Wesch

Fussell Potts-- 383-K
per J. F. Govednik -- 12-83

William Lambrakis
per wife -- 6-11 87

Oliver Riechmann
per wife -- 6-20-87

Irvin Juran
per Post Office

William Tapp -- 383-AT
per John Nasser -- 2-5-87

Robert J. Cook, Jr. -- 381-I
per wife -- 3-10-87

Neva Nelson
per Post Office

Irving Trainer
per Post Office

William I. Butscher -- 321-Eng.
per William Broschke

C. R. Hage -- 381-H
per Post Post Office

Albred E. Green
per Post Office

John W. Edge
per brother -- 8-8-87

Hardin A. Wilson
per Post Office

Jerry Paul Cruse
1976

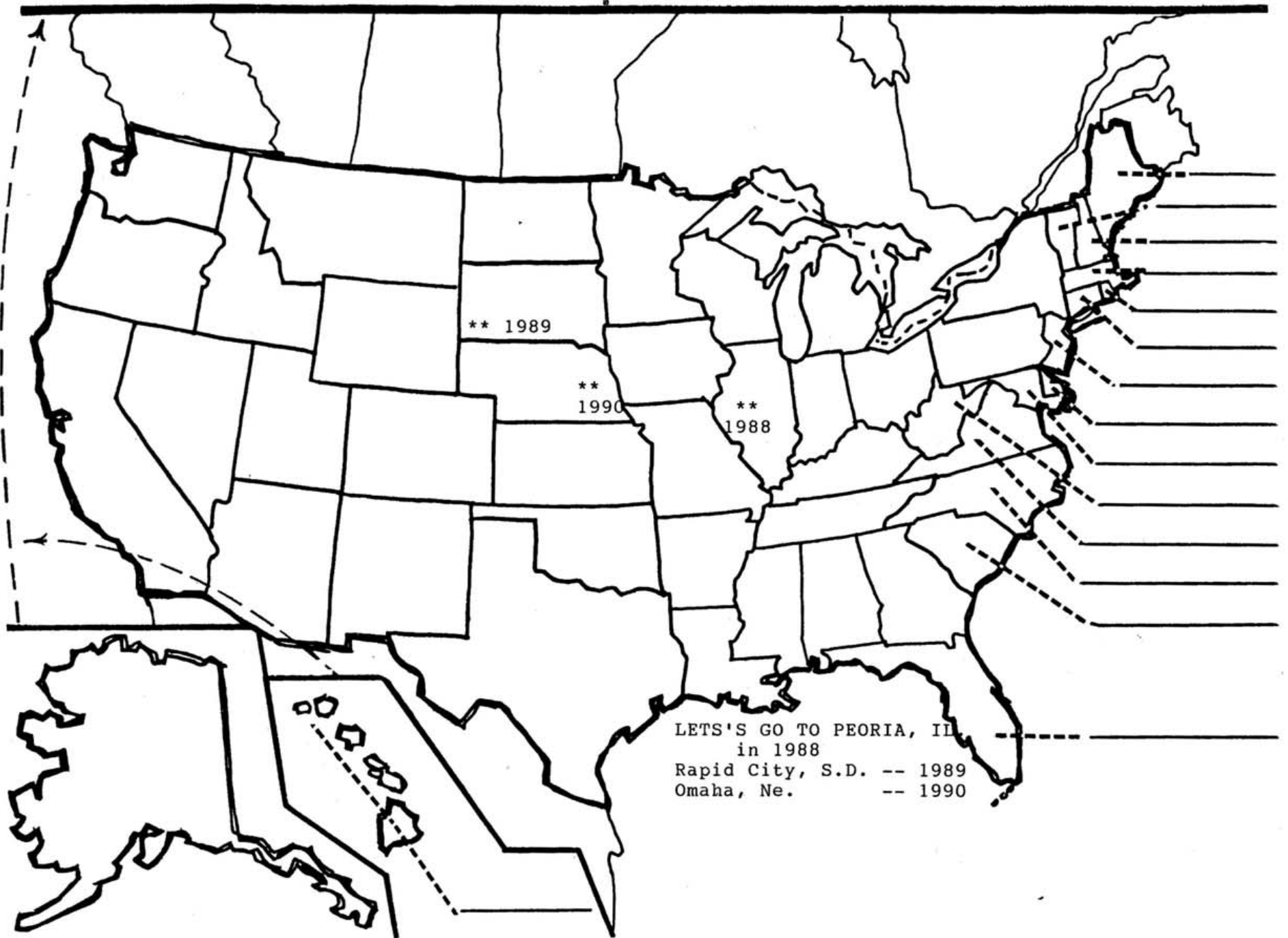
Irving T. Paley -- 382-G
per Anthony Skaronea

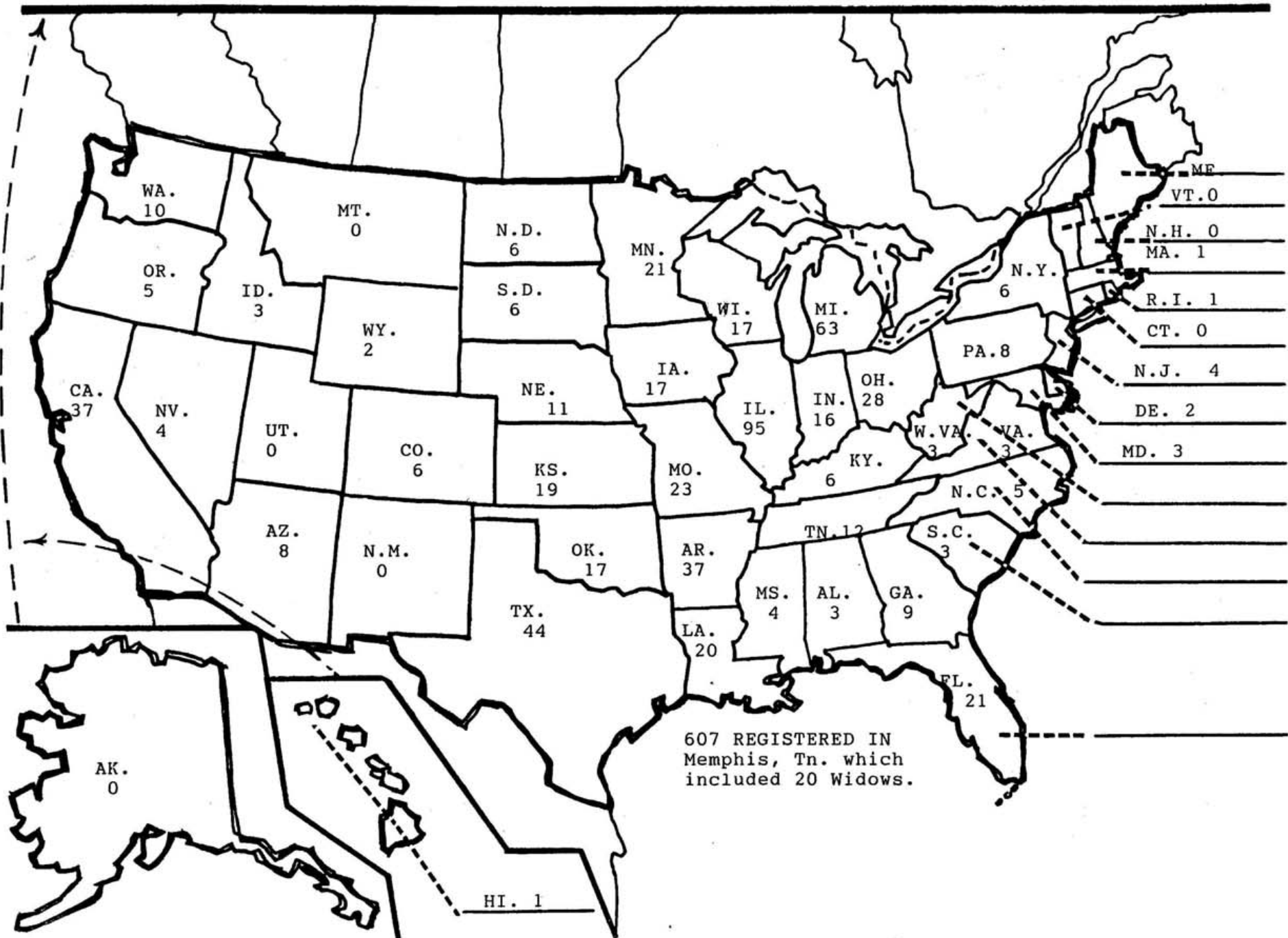
Clyde McClintock
per Bob Nathan -- 8-15-87

Philip J. Fagan
11-1986

Tony Laurit
per wife -- 7-1-87

Jasper Drew -- 383-AT
per John Nasser -- 1973







I received the Fall Issue of the Deadeye Dispatch, which reminded me that I had not paid 1987-88 dues. My check is attached for same plus a small extra amount to help the publication. I reported for duty with the Division on July 22, 1942 as a new 2nd Lt. just out of the Infantry School and was with the Division until I was wounded on Okinawa on April 8, 1945 -- Captain of Company H 383.

W. H. Linderlinden, Jr.
657 20th Ave. Dr. N.W.
Hickory, N. C. 28601

I have not made a reunion, but hope to do so this year. I have enjoyed the "Deadeye Dispatch" for several years. I think the people publishing it deserve a round of applause for a great job as well as the officers of the Division Association.

Alan I. Kadet -- 382-I
3425 Chalet Lane
Crete, Il. 60417

Enclosed find my Dues and enough for payments I have missed. I always receive the Deadeye on time. I hope to make Peoria this year.

Adolph Rabbermann -- 383-1st BH
125 Jefferson Brks. Dr.
Lemay, Mo. 63121

Enclosed find my dues and dues for Lydia for 1988. -- Also enclosed is a little extra for Postage. We are both well and hope we can make it to the next reunion. We are retired now and do some travelling.

Glen Mitchell -- 382-B
Bridgeport, Ne.

**Your Editor received the following letter plus a copy of an article which appeared in the NEW YORK TIMES on July 19, 1987. I found it very interesting and decided to share it with the "DEADEYE FAMILY".

Thought you might like to have the enclosed as a possibility for a future edition of the DEADEYE DISPATCH. As you can see I took some umbrage at William Manchester's article and wrote to THE NEW YORK TIMES. I got quite a few phone calls from friends, other Army vets, and another Deadeye who materialized out of Scardale, N.Y. Incidentally, I wrote my letter on the morning of June 15 (day after the article appeared) and then checked into the hospital. The next morning had a five part by-pass coronary surgery-- have recuperated very nicely.

FYI: I was with the 321st Medics and took part in all the invasion landings from Leyte to Okinawa. Some of my fellow Deadeyes might remember me as one of the original editors of the DEADEYE DISPATCH and the fellow who wrote the daily column "As Chic Sees It".....

Nazaret (Chic) Cherkezian
7416 Hallcrest Drive
McLean, N.Y. 2201

Except for your editors' use of a picture of buddies from the 96th Infantry Division, William Manchester would have us to believe that the Marines were the entire show on Okinawa. The truth is that Okinawa was that rare -- perhaps only -- time that the Marines and the Army invaded an island together and fought and died together throughout the campaign. For the record, four divisions went ashore that April 1 morning: 1st Marine and 6th Marine and the 7th and 96th Army Divisions.

Mr. Manchester has done disservice to my gallant comrades of the 96th. As one who landed on "H" hour that April morning and who fought to the bitter end, I write this more in sorrow than in anger.

Nazaret Cherkezian

Enclosed is a check for 87-88 dues. Sorry to be late but have been in the V.A. Hospital here in Dallas, Tx. for the past several months. I really enjoy the Dispatch so please keep it coming. I haven't been able to attend any of the reunions lately but, hope to recover soon. Would enjoy hearing from any of my buddies.

Paul Edwards -- 381-Serv.
221 Meadow Creek
DeSoto, Tx. 75115

Sorry we missed Memphis. Had to change plans at the last minute. Sure enjoyed meeting some old friends and new ones at Fresno. Keep up the good work. Enclosed dues for both of us.

Myror & Inez Ista -- 383-H
26625 Nicklaus Dr.
Sun Lakes., Az. 85248

Here are my dues and a trifle extra -- never seem to be able to make the reunions, but wish you all well. Still keep in touch with a few of the boys from 383-H. Hear regularly via the Christmas card route. Just like to take the opportunity to wish all those out there my best, and if you're ever in N.Y.'s metropolitan area, please give me a call. I live in a suburb in Nassau County.

Jerry Connolly -- 383 H Medic.
6 Tremont St.
Garden City, N. Y. 11535

My check for dues and the 96th History enclosed. It has been a special pleasure keeping track of a few of my 321 Eng. buddies by letter these 42 years. Also our Deadeye Dispatch is our valuable asset. Hope to make the 1988 convention. I have retired this year (2nd time) after spending a lifetime in the automotive field -- the past 25 years in operating the Antique Auto Ranch in Spokane.

Grant Lundin
No. 2225 Dollar Rd.
Spokane, Wa. 99212

I do enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch and had hoped to attend the reunion in Memphis this past year. However, I am active in the American Legion, and had a meeting here in Little Rock on the same date. Enclosed is my check for my dues and my wife Faye. I am also enclosing a donation for the 96th Inf. Division Association and a donation for the Auxiliary. Trust that the 30th Annual Reunion was a great success.

Lawrence E. Fisher -- 381-1st BH
700 East 9th Street Apt. 2-A
Little Rock, Ar. 72202

Enclosed are my dues and also dues for my wife. We enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. We enjoyed the Memphis reunion -- it seems like the reunions and the friendships get better every year. I belong to 382-C and in Memphis, we had the honor of being the largest company in attendance. I want to thank you and all the rest of officers for an outstanding job well done. Keep up the good work. We are looking forward to Peoria and will see you there, God willing.

Frank Sotelo
462 E. McKinley Ave.
Sunnyvale, Ca. 94086

Enclosed please find check for membership dues for myself and my wife. We both enjoy reading the "Dispatch" and remember quite a few of the names of those who attended the reunion in Memphis.

Norman F. Snyder -- 383-K
1538 Parrish Pl.
Jacksonville, Fl. 32205-9248

Enclosed is a check for our 1988 dues. We enjoy the Dispatch. Got injured April 8, 1945 on Okinawa, had colon cancer surgery 6½ years ago, but I feel great at this time. LONG LIVE THE DEADEYES!

Ralph H. Ruff -- 382-D
Box 98
Frankenmuth, Mi. 48734

Enclosed is a check for my dues, and also dues for my wife. We haven't made a reunion but have sent in our reservation for this one in Peoria in July. I am also a member of the 70th, 43rd and 25th Divisions, so I am kept busy. I was only with the 96th for a month at Camp White, and a couple more as an Instructor (Japanese Warfare) at Camp San Luis Osispo.

Norman L. Ivers -- 381-G
P. O. Box 1303
Raton, N.M. 87740

Just received my Deadeye Dispatch and checked my membership card. It expired 7-31-87. I am enclosing dues until July 89 and a little extra to use for the Distapch

James Jorgenson, Jr. -- 796 Ord
4066 Havenhurst Ave.
Riverside, Ca. 92507

I'm enclosing a check for this years dues, plus the four years I have been in arrears. Thanks for the Deadeye Dispatch. I enjoy it very much. In the last one, I found out one of my friends has passed on. Hope you had a good reunion in Memphis. I hope some day to be able to attend one. I retire in three more years. My summers are busy, as I work 7 days a week for 4 months straight.

Stanley D. Blum -- 383-G
P. O. Box 119
Wawarsing, N. Y. 12489

Enclosed are 1986 and 87 dues for myself and my wife. We regret that we were unable to attend the Memphis reunion. We hope to make the one this year.

Laurence J. Wilson -- 362-FA
405 E. Nebraska
St. Paul, Mn. 55101

We had planned on attending the reunion in Memphis, but on the 4th of July, our 9 year old grandson, Jeramee was killed in an accident in Woodstock, Il. He attended the Oklahoma City reunion with us. Hope we can make the next reunion in Peoria. Enclosed are our dues.

Alvin Nelson -- 381-Serv.
Rte. 2 Box 54B
Fairfield Bay, Ar. 72088

Enclosed is a check for my dues and dues for my wife in the Auxiliary and a bit extra. Keep the Dispatch coming. I enjoy reading it, expecially "Mail Call." I like to keep up with my buddies. Had a couple of "old" Signal Co. buddies visit me the past year.

Lynn Bowlin -- 96-Signal
4504 N. Donald
Bethany, Ok. 73008

I failed to send in my dues for last year. So here are my dues for two years. We hope to make the reunion this year.

Russell Black
40 W Vine St.
Charleston, Il. 61920

Delighted to note in The American Legion Magazine that once again the Deadeyes are holding their reunion in July this year in Peoria, Il. Please accept my check to help with the expenses of this reunion, in memory of my brother, Charles (Buddy) Jones, of Edna, Tx., -- 382-K. He was wounded 5 May, 1945, died in the VA Hospital, San Antonio, Tx., on 23 December 1976. I am very proud of the 96th Deadeyes. Good Luck with your upcoming reunion and I will be thinking of all of you.

Mrs. Vera J. McDonald
Route 1 Box 344a
Edna, Tx. 77957

Enclosed is my check to cover my 1988 dues in the Association and for my wife in the Auxillary. We have sent our reservation form to the Hotel in Peoria, Il. for the 1988 Reunion there. We attended the Fresno, Ca., reunion but just couldn't make it to Memphis. I am hoping to see quite a few buddies at Peoria from 383-F. I enjoy the Dispatch and I appreciate the hard work it takes to get the job done twice a year.

Charles H. Molek
770 Leisuretown Rd.
Vacaville, Ca. 95688

My wife and I attended the reunion in Memphis, Tn. My name was missing on the attendance roster in the Deadeye Dispatch. Would you please correct this oversight.

Floyd N. Fernandes -- 321-Eng.
908 W. Chambers
Jackson ville, Il. 62650

***Your Editor apologies for the omission.

It was a great pleasure to receive and to read the "Deadeye Dispatch". I am enclosing a check to cover annual dues and then some. Although I didn't go overseas with my outfit, I did spend an awful lot of my army life with them, -- that is why I look forward to receiving the Deadeye Dispatch and I look for the names of the men I served with. I still have the Company picture that was taken while we were in Ft. Lewis, Wa. The reason for not going overseas with the guys was that I was hospitalized from a serious accident on maneuvers.

Rubin Garfinkel
509 Cedarwood Drive
Cedarhurst, N.Y. 11516

It was with great enjoyment that I had the opportunity to review the most recent Deadeye Dispatch. During the Okinawa fight, friendship was made with many fellow infantryman, particularly of Company F 383 Infantry. During 1945 I was a replacement infantry officer and fought with Company F throughout the major fighting on Okinawa. My wife JoAnn and I would like very much to attend the coming reunion meeting that will be held in Peoria. A check is enclosed for the annual membership.

Robert C. Muehrcke
9 Windsor Dr.
Oak Brook, Il. 60521

Enclosed is my check for my dues and also for my wife. I could not make the reunion in Memphis, but sure would have liked to have made it because I was raised in Memphis. Hope to get to the next one. I didn't have to much time with the outfit. I was a replacement on Okinawa and was wounded on May 12. I am proud to say that I was a Deadeye in the service.

Howard J. Ferguson
4018 28th Ct. Vet. Village
New Port Richey, Fl. 33552

Just a few lines to let you know my new address and also that I'm hoping we will see you in Peoria this July. Memphis was great! Of course I must say that all of the reunions I've made since the first one I went to in Houston, Tx. have been just great.

John A. Chuba -- 382-C
12361 4th St. Sp. 112
Yucaipa, Ca. 92399

Enclosed is a check for dues for myself and for my wife. I did not know of the existance of the 96th Division Association, until I happened to see a notice in the retired officers magazine of your reunion in Memphis. I joined the 383 Company E as a replacement, and waived goodbye when they left Mindoro. I did not get home till May 1946. I hope to see you in Peoria next July.

Charles F. Jones
1539 Elm Grove
Akron, Oh. 44312

I have to print as I can hardly see. I have cataracts which I have to have removed. I have changed my address. I want you to know how much I enjoy the Disptach -- very well put together, informative and just great.

Walter W. Train -- 382-F

Box 76

Bohemia, N.Y. 11716

Enclosed please find my check for my dues for 1988. I would like to say Hello to all my former buddies of 382-I, and if God is willing I will see you all in Peoria in 1988.

Thomas J. Farina -- 382-I

1340 W. Diversey

Chicago, Il. 60614

I'm sending a check for dues for myself and for my wife. We attended our first reunion at Fresno, Ca. and enjoyed it very much. We missed the last one in Memphis due to illness, but sure plan to make the next one in Peoria. I enjoy reading the Dispatch and always see names of old buddies. God bless each and everyone of you.

Hubert Rich -- 382-Serv.

1209 Sheffield Way

Roseville, Ca. 95661

Enclosed is a check to cover my Auxiliary dues and to pay towardng publishing the Deadeye Dispatch. My late husband, Gerald C. (Bill) Harris and I attended a few 96th reunions. He enjoyed them so much and I had the opportunity to get acquainted. I have appreciated the cards and letters I have received from those dear friends during the past 8½ years since Bill's death. I have been encouraged to attend the reunion at Peoria. I understand several widows do attend. I will send my reservations today and if the Good Lord is willing, I will be there.

Juanita M. Harris -- 381-3rd BH

111 S. Charles St.

W. Salem, Il. 62476

Enclosed is my check for 1988 dues and the '96th Infantry Division History Book. I do enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch. Keep up the good work. Would enjoy enjoy hearing from any of the guys that was in my company.

Wesley Brown -- 381-D
902½ Tennessee Blvd.
Dalhart, Tx. 79022

Please use the enclosed check as payment for dues for myself and for my wife. I also wish to thank you all for your dedication to the "96th" over the years and for your efforts in keeping the organization going.

Irving Morris -- 383-3rd BH
3460 Keene Lake Dr.
Largo, Fl. 34641

Enclosed is a check for our dues. We enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch, and appreciate the job you are doing. Please continue your good work. We have never been to any of the Reunions, but sure enjoy reading about them in the Dispatch. We visited an old army buddy last summer and enjoyed it so very much. Good luck to all of you and may the Good Lord bless all. You really are doing a wonderful job.

William H. Bass -- 382-1st BH
P. O. Box 275
Heidelberg, Ms. 39439

Enclosed is a check for my dues. I enjoy reading the Dispatch very much. I remember the times we had in the 96th Infantry Division band. We had one of the best bands going. I was wounded on Leyte and was in various hospitals. I've entertained as a singer in many U.S.O. Clubs and Officers Clubs before I was released from the service. Would like to hear from some of my band buddies.

Carmen M. Monda
715 Marlboro Rd.
Glenburnie, Md. 21061

Enclosed is my check for my dues. The difference I wish to donate to the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. in memory of Platoon Sgt. George Swain who passed Nov. 20, 1987.

Peter A. Caserta-- 382-E
5227 Edgewood Dr.
Lorain, Oh. 44053

I was delighted that I was sent the Deadeye Dispatch. I joined the 96th Division May 8, 1945. I was assigned to 383-B. As I joined the company, the Squad Leader told me that we would be leaving for the front lines the next morning. As a scared barely nineteen year old replacement, they took me in and treated me like a brother, for which I am very thankful. I stayed on the front line until June 17, 1945. The 96th Division was the finest group of men that any man would be proud to serve with. I will try to attend one of the reunions, for I know it will be a great event. I am sending you my 1988 dues and a little more to use for the Deadeye Dispatch.

Arvin Bowman
Rt. 2 Box 65
Shelbyville, Ky. 40065

Enclosed is my check for the 87-88 dues. I had to miss the Memphis reunion because of an ice accident, but we will be trying for Peoria. I would like to say HI to all the guys from 381-3rd BH.

Robert J. Richter
4779 Highridge Ave.
Cincinnati, Oh. 45238

Enclosed is a check for my dues and for my wife in the Auxiliary. I do enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch. Haven't made any of the reunions yet, but hope to now that I am retired.

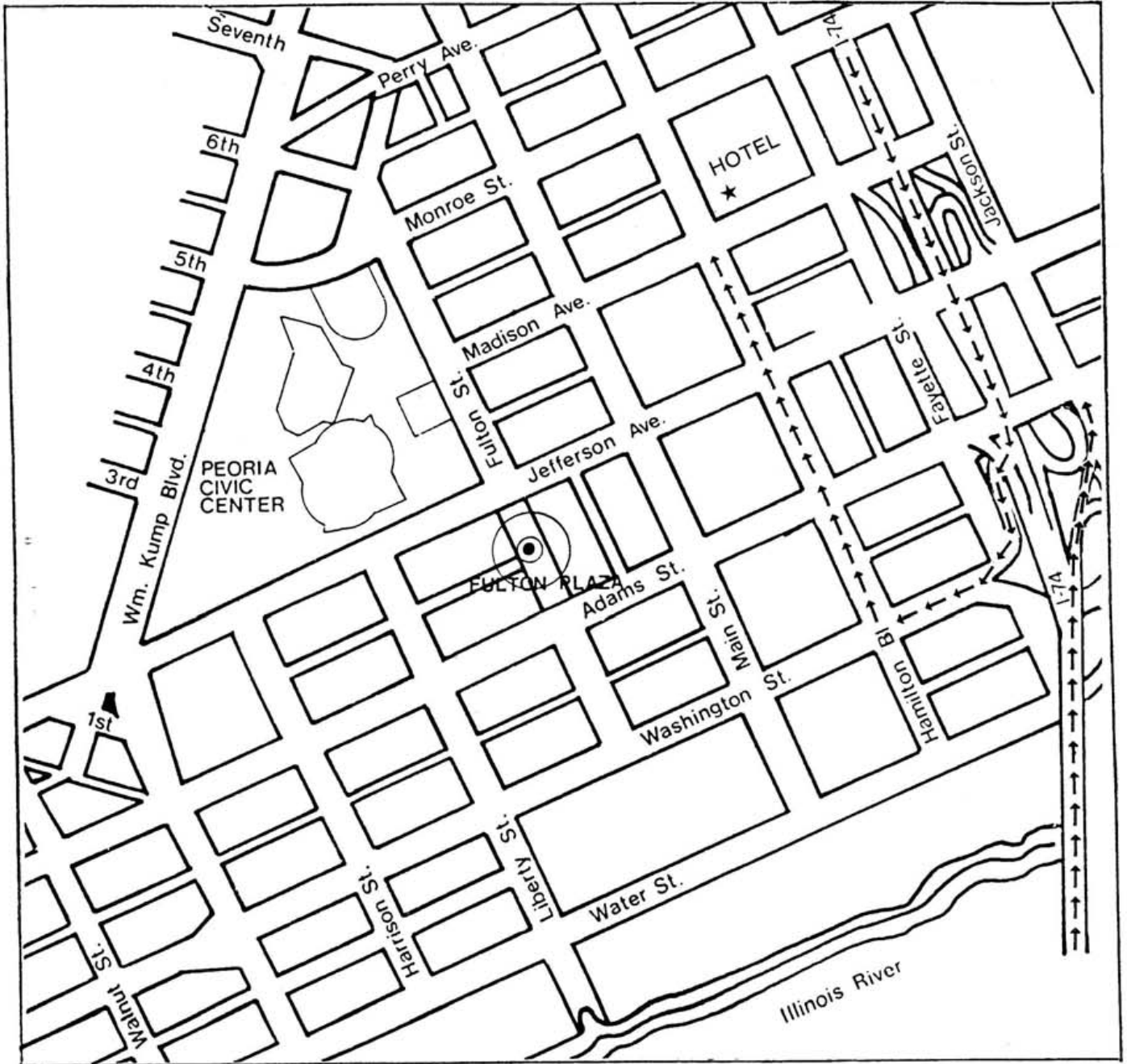
LeEarl McCaman -- 361-FA
20 Rollingwood Dr. Sp. 22
Jackson, Ca. 95642

While I was unable to attend the reunion in Memphis this past summer, I did attend the N.W. Chapter Reunion in June at the old Camp Adair site, near Corvallis, Or. It was my first N.W. Chapter Reunion and we had a good time. I am still working on my Okinawa Book and would appreciate hearing from any members of the 96th Division Band for information concerning an incident covered in the book.

Ted Navratil -- 382-3rd BH
6630 Hwy. 2 W.
Sandpoint, Id. 83864

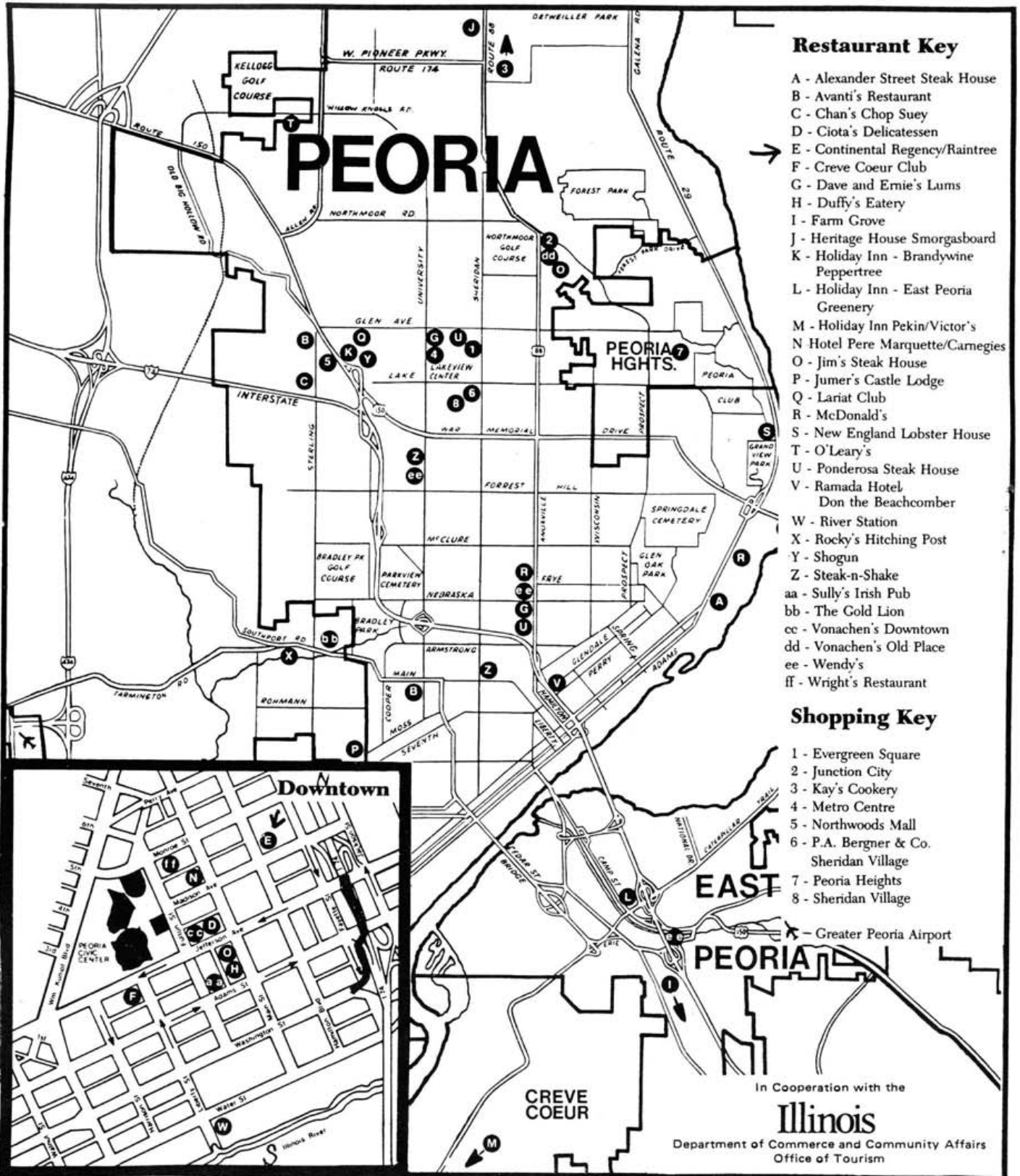
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Restaurants & Shopping



Restaurant Key

- A - Alexander Street Steak House
- B - Avanti's Restaurant
- C - Chan's Chop Suey
- D - Ciota's Delicatessen
- E - Continental Regency/Raintree
- F - Creve Coeur Club
- G - Dave and Ernie's Lums
- H - Duffy's Eatery
- I - Farm Grove
- J - Heritage House Smorgasboard
- K - Holiday Inn - Brandywine Peppertree
- L - Holiday Inn - East Peoria Greenery
- M - Holiday Inn Pekin/Victor's
- N - Hotel Pere Marquette/Carnegies
- O - Jim's Steak House
- P - Jumer's Castle Lodge
- Q - Lariat Club
- R - McDonald's
- S - New England Lobster House
- T - O'Leary's
- U - Ponderosa Steak House
- V - Ramada Hotel Don the Beachcomber
- W - River Station
- X - Rocky's Hitching Post
- Y - Shogun
- Z - Steak-n-Shake
- aa - Sully's Irish Pub
- bb - The Gold Lion
- cc - Vonachen's Downtown
- dd - Vonachen's Old Place
- ee - Wendy's
- ff - Wright's Restaurant

Shopping Key

- 1 - Evergreen Square
- 2 - Junction City
- 3 - Kay's Cookery
- 4 - Metro Centre
- 5 - Northwoods Mall
- 6 - P.A. Bergner & Co. Sheridan Village
- 7 - Peoria Heights
- 8 - Sheridan Village

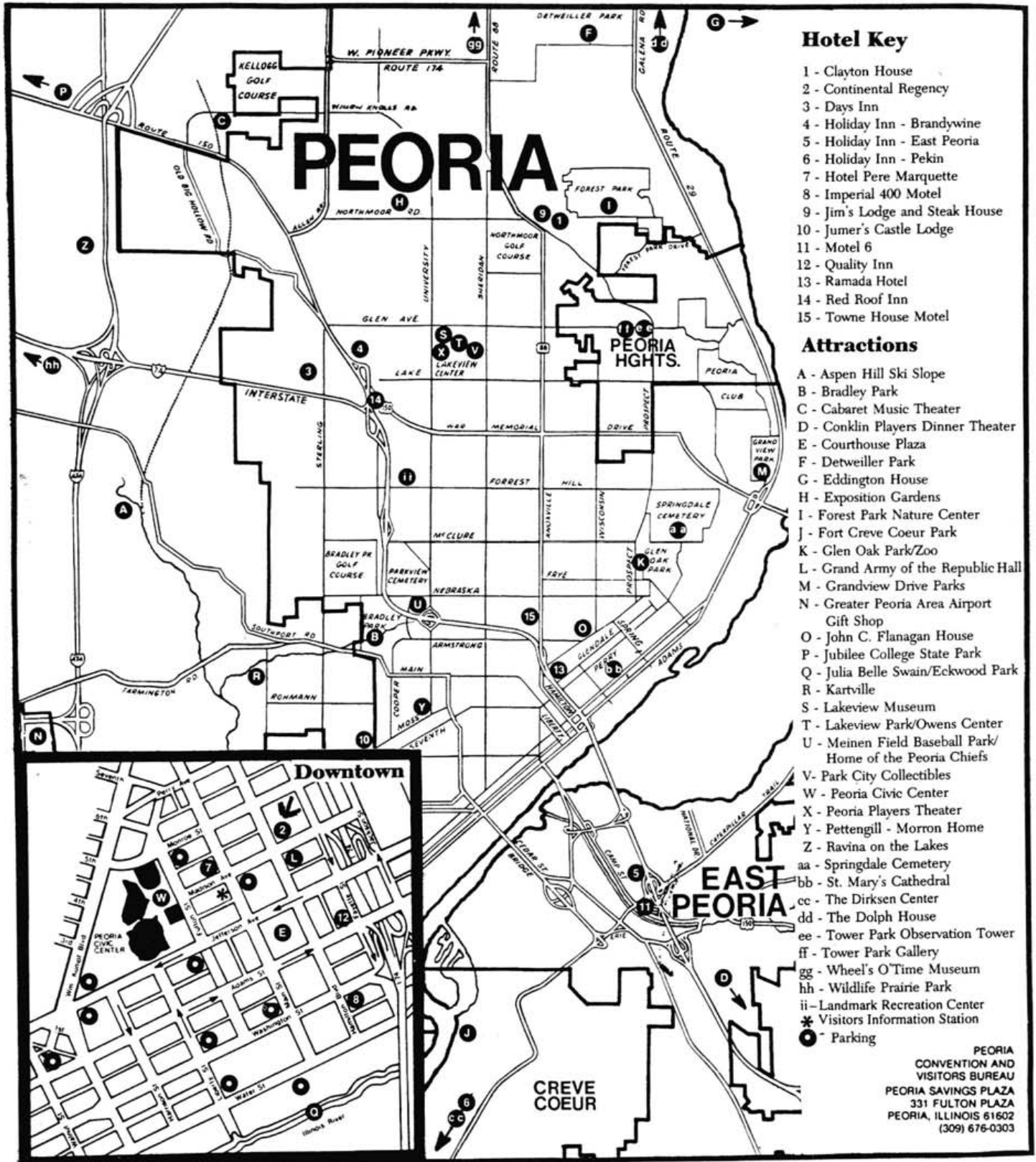
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Hotels & Attractions



Hotel Key

- 1 - Clayton House
- 2 - Continental Regency
- 3 - Days Inn
- 4 - Holiday Inn - Brandywine
- 5 - Holiday Inn - East Peoria
- 6 - Holiday Inn - Pekin
- 7 - Hotel Pere Marquette
- 8 - Imperial 400 Motel
- 9 - Jim's Lodge and Steak House
- 10 - Jumer's Castle Lodge
- 11 - Motel 6
- 12 - Quality Inn
- 13 - Ramada Hotel
- 14 - Red Roof Inn
- 15 - Towne House Motel

Attractions

- A - Aspen Hill Ski Slope
- B - Bradley Park
- C - Cabaret Music Theater
- D - Conklin Players Dinner Theater
- E - Courthouse Plaza
- F - Detweiller Park
- G - Eddington House
- H - Exposition Gardens
- I - Forest Park Nature Center
- J - Fort Creve Coeur Park
- K - Glen Oak Park/Zoo
- L - Grand Army of the Republic Hall
- M - Grandview Drive Parks
- N - Greater Peoria Area Airport
- O - John C. Flanagan House
- P - Jubilee College State Park
- Q - Julia Belle Swain/Eckwood Park
- R - Kartville
- S - Lakeview Museum
- T - Lakeview Park/Owens Center
- U - Meinen Field Baseball Park/ Home of the Peoria Chiefs
- V - Park City Collectibles
- W - Peoria Civic Center
- X - Peoria Players Theater
- Y - Pettengill - Morron Home
- Z - Ravina on the Lakes
- aa - Springdale Cemetery
- bb - St. Mary's Cathedral
- cc - The Dirksen Center
- dd - The Dolph House
- ee - Tower Park Observation Tower
- ff - Tower Park Gallery
- gg - Wheel's O'Time Museum
- hh - Wildlife Prairie Park
- ii - Landmark Recreation Center
- * - Visitors Information Station
- - Parking

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