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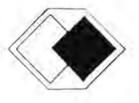
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Standing left to right - Raymond Boykin, E. Jay Thompson, Marvin Margoshes, Donald Dencker, seated are George McMahan, Edwin Wright, Steve Melnyk and George Rastall. Not pictured is Robert Schmidt, Treasurer. 2004 AUXILIARY OFFICERS



Standing left to right - Dorothy Daniels, Pat Causey, Ruth Siefert, Glendoris Cole seated are Ann Moroz, Dorothy Jacobson and Patricia McMillan.





Dear Deadeyes, Auxiliary members, and all other interested in the 96th Infantry Division Association.

How fast the time rolls by and we find ourselves once again preparing for another reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association. 1 hope circumstances will enable as many of you as possible to attend and enjoy the great camaraderie we have enjoyed for so many years.

I know there are many, including some of our children and grandchildren, who wonder why such a close relationship between a group of men still exists after so many years. I believe it came about because of the reliance we had to put on the men who were next to us on Leyte and or Okinawa. You had to depend on his actions for your survival day after day after day. How well he handled his duties, whether as a rifleman, BAR man, machine gunner, mortar man, etc. had a very direct bearing on whether you survived or not. Many did not survive but by their actions many more did and to those who did not survive we owe the utmost respect and honor. Time does not erase those experiences and memories.

When I reported to the commanding officer of a Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop for duty just after finishing training he advised me that he wanted me to treat everyone in a fair and just manner and to instigate no trouble but if it became necessary for action to be taken by me for inappropriate action of others, when it was over he wanted some evidence that I had been there. I tried to follow his advice for my 30 plus years on duty. This somewhat relates to the history of the 96th Infantry Division in World War II. We did not instigate trouble but when others acted in an inappropriate manner and it was necessary to take action the 96th did its part and left plenty of evidence on Leyte and Okinawa that we had been there.

I am sure that almost everyone who was a member of the 96th would like to see its history recorded, preserved, and displayed for public viewing. Action in this respect has already been taken with the exhibit at Fort Douglas, Utah of the Divisions actions on Okinawa and work is in progress for a similar Leyte exhibit. When our organization is dissolved with the last meeting in 2005, I hope all of us in some manner will be able to support the new organization being formed to continue to promote the history and legacy of the 96th Infantry Division.

Our reunion chairman, Bob Siefert, and everyone involved are working hard to make the reunion in Salt Lake City this year as enjoyable as possible.

I'LL SEE YOU THERE!

Very Sincerely Yours

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Edwin Wright, President 96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

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ANNUAL REUNIONS

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful prospects of spring coming if it has not already arrived in your area of the country. I have noticed Robins in the yard and daffodils starting to bloom. For me, after the winter, it gives me a new breath of energy and excitement for flowers and warm weather.

I'm hoping that you have begun to make your reservations for the trip to the Salt Lake City Reunion. The entertainment for the luncheon this year will be the young, Four Crocker Sisters singing selections from the 40's and 50's, and patriotic songs. Some of these songs will be sing-alongs. So ladies, limber up your vocal cords.

Also, this year we will do as we have done in the past, we will have contributed items for prizes at the drawing. So be sure to bring an item from your vicinity that would be a wonderful prize for someone else to receive.

If you would like to help decorate for the luncheon, please drop me a card or an e-mail. I will make sure you know the time we are decorating and will leave that information on the room message service for you. We will also need people to help with the banquet decorating. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible.

AnnMoroz is counting on many of you to help in the sales room during the conference. So please sign up to help if you can.

When we were in Salt Lake City before, we were treated very royally by all the workers in the hotel and restaurant, as well as the citizens around town. They made us all feel really "special".

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you again this year. Take care and make your reservations in advance!!

In Sisterly love,

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NOTICES

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 2004 Reunion Saturday, May 15th, 2004 at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, OH. All Deadeyes and attachment units are welcome. For information contact Russell Watts - 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, OH 43229-5259 or James Knight - 6023 Landing Pond Place, Grove City, OH 43123, telephone 1-614-801-1775.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their meeting June 6, 2004 at the Monmouth, Oregon Senior Center, 180 So. Warren St. Monmouth, OR. Arrival time will be 9:00 - 10:00 AM. A Saturday afternoon (June 5th) special activity will be held for early arrivals. (details in the Spring Newsletter and Deadeye Dispatch) Following the activity will be a no-host dinner at Jay's Restaurant from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Then a strawberry shortcake social will be held at the Senior Center at 7:00. The regular Sunday meeting planning is in progress, your input is welcome. For more information please contact Richard (Dick) Haglund, 1504 Euclid, Steilacoom, WA 98388-3310 or John Pfaff, 20 S. 4th, Independence, OR, 97531. Haglund phone: (253) 588-8310 Pfaff phone (503) 838-1854.

ASTP REUNION LUNCHEON

WHERE: Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

WHEN: Friday, July 30, 2004

TIME: 11:30AM - 1:00 PM

WHAT: Soup, Sandwich and cookies (Including rehashing old memories).

PRICE: \$15.00 - Send your check made payable to: Jerry Connolly, 365 E. Stewart Ave., Apt. B14, Garden City, NY 11530, telephone 1-516-741-4906.

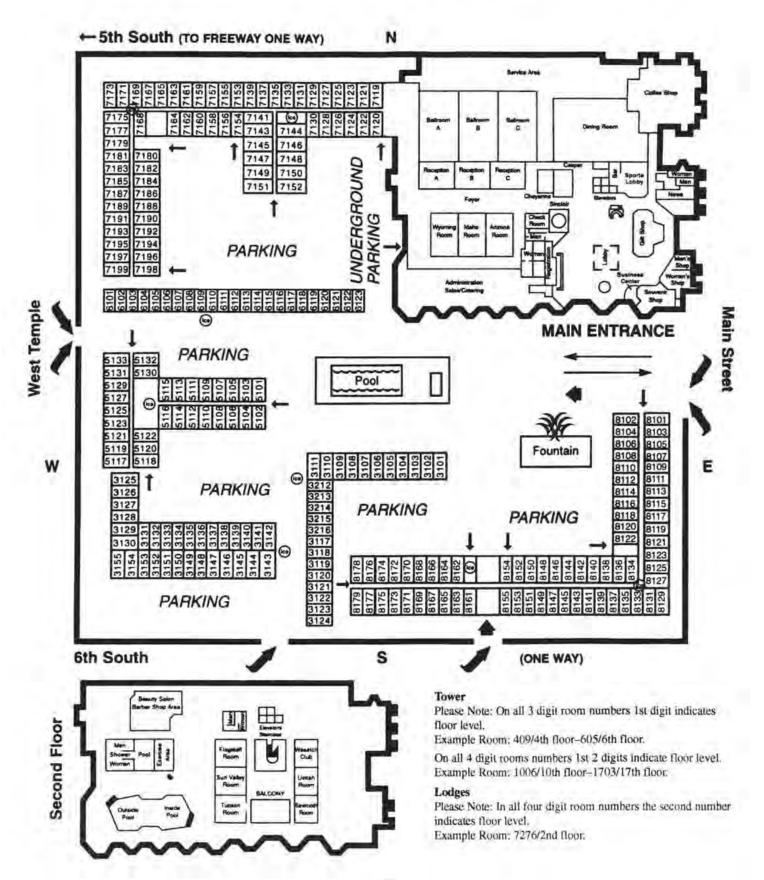
Attention: We have to give advance notice to guarantee the number of plates. That means Wednesday noon. Please get your reservations in to Jerry before he leaves for Salt Lake City.

Keep your name current on the contact list with your change of address and information on yourself to Jerry at the address above.

See you there! Ernest Malkewitz

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR REGISTRATIONS FOR OUR SALT LAKE CITY REUNION YET!

<u>THE LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL ROOM LAYOUT</u> 3000 - 6000 Series Rooms are the Courtside Rooms - \$79.00 5000 - 7000 - 8000 Series Rooms are the Garden Rooms - \$89.00 Tower Rooms - \$99.00



LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL AND TOWERS – SALT LAKE CITY, UT (801) 363-6781

Little America Hotel and Towers is located at 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City. If you are driving, please call the hotel directly for accurate driving instructions. At Little America Hotels and Towers, you will find 850 spacious, individually decorated guest rooms. Each guest room features a 31" color TV, in-room movies, hair dryers, and iron/ironing boards. For recreational activities, there is a complete health club facility, a Jacuzzi, sauna, weight equipment, stationary bicycles, treadmills, dressing rooms and two pools, one of which is indoor/outdoor and open year-round. The hotel also features a variety of specialty shops located on the lobby level, offering everything from small necessities to souvenirs, men's and women's clothing, and fine gifts. TRAX, the city's light rail system, which provides a rapid mode of transportation to downtown shopping and attractions is conveniently located just across the street from Little America. Best of all, the light rail ride to downtown falls within the free fare zone! Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. Parking is available in the hotel parking lot. For the 96th Infantry Division, parking will be complimentary. Check-in time is 3:00pm; and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

Little America Coffee Shop has a traditional coffee shop menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Little America Dining Room serves breakfast and lunch buffets. Sports Lounge is open daily and features live entertainment.

The hotel provides complimentary transportation to and from the airport. The shuttle runs every twenty minutes from 6:00am to 10:00pm. Upon your arrival at the airport, call the hotel from the phone in the baggage claim area and the Hotel will inform you of the next pick-up time. You may want to consider other transportation services, as space is always limited on complimentary services

There is limited parking for RVs in the hotel parking lot if you are staying as a guest in the hotel. The KOA Campground is the closest RV Park and is only about two miles from the hotel. For more information and reservations, please call (800) 226-7752.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair, please contact Scootaround at (888) 441-7575 for information, pricing, and reservations. The hotel does not have wheelchairs available for use.

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Mail to: Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

DON'T FORGET

TO PRE-REGISTER

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HELP OUT YOUR REUNION PLANNERS

Complete and send in your registration form now! The information received by way of early registrations greatly enhances the ability of Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. and your reunion committee to better plan and organize your reunion festivities. Merely pick up your registration packet after you arrive at the hotel and begin enjoying the reunion and meeting with your friends without the inconvenience of registering on site.

Armed Forces Reunion has a fair and liberal refund policy should you be forced to cancel your reservation.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

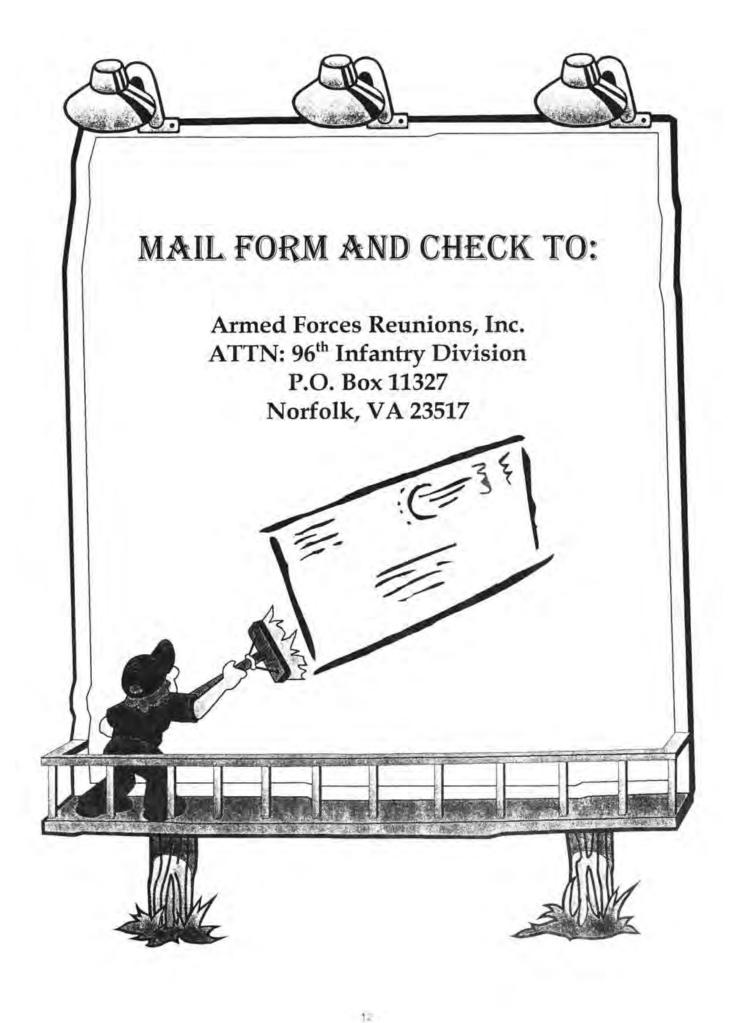
Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 25, 2004. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. P.O. Box 11327 Norfolk, VA 23517 ATTN: 96th INFANTRY DIVISION

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CUT-OFF DATE IS	6/25/04	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			1.7.10	1
Wednesday: City Tour with Salt Lake Sightseein	ng Cruise	\$38		\$
Thursday: Kennecott Copper Mine		\$21		\$
Thursday: Ft. Douglas Military Museum		\$15		\$
Saturday: Ft. Douglas Military Museum		\$15		\$
HOTEL FUNCTIO Friday: Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon - Chicken with	the second	\$15		\$
Friday: Beer Bust		\$6		\$
Saturday: Banquet (Please select your entrée):			-	1
Prime Rib		\$30		\$
Chicken Teriyaki		\$28		\$
Saturday Banquet children's plate (12 and under	er) -Chicken fingers and French fries	\$13		\$
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For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9a.m.-5:00p.m. EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call 757-625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.



96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 47th ANNUAL REUNION JULY 27 – AUGUST 1, 2004 THE LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL, SALT LAKE CITY, UT

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0.00			Tuesday, July 27
2:00pm	1	7:00pm	Reunion Registration open
2:30pm	5	5:30pm	Transition Committee Meeting
			Evening and dinner on your own
-			Wednesday, July 28
TBD			R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion.
8:00am	-	9:00am	Reunion Registration open
9:45am	-	3:45pm	CITY TOUR / SALT LAKE SIGHTSEEING CRUISE
10:00am	-	4:00pm	Deadeye Association Board of Directors Meeting
1:00pm	•	5:00pm	Sale of Merchandise
2:00pm	÷	5:00pm	Reunion Registration open
			Thursday, July 29
7:00am	÷	8:00am	Reunion Registration open
8:00am	-	12:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
8:00am	-	12:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting
8:15am	-	5:15pm	FT. DOUGLAS MILITARY MUSEUM TOURS (description follows)
9:00am	÷.	12:30pm	KENNECOTT COPPER MINE (description follows)
9:00am	-	5:00pm	Sale of Merchandise
10:00am	-	8:00pm	History Room open
4:00pm	4	8:00pm	Reunion Registration open
8:00pm	-	11:00pm	Reunion Kick-Off Party
1000			Friday, July 30
8:00am	-	9:00am	Reunion Registration open
9:00am		10:00am	General Session (Association and Auxiliary)
10:00am	4	11:00am	Ladies Business Meeting
10:00am	-	12:00pm	Men's Business Meeting
11:30am		1:30pm	Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon
11:30am	÷.	8:00pm	History Room open
12:00pm	4	1:30pm	ASTP Luncheon - For information see announcement on "Notice Page"
2:30pm	-	4:30pm	"Ernie Pyle" Presentation – All are welcome to come see Rick Plumber perform a one-man show as Ernie Pyle, this country's most celebrated and beloved war correspondent. His column was syndicated in over 200 dailies and 300 weeklies. He had a readership of over 40 million, and he won the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism in 1944.
4:30pm	-	5:30pm	Reunion Registration open
5:00pm		8:00pm	Sale of Merchandise
5:30pm		6:00pm	Banquet Seating Assignments collected at the Reunion Registration Desk
8:00pm		11:00pm	Beer Bust and Dance
orgopin			Saturday, July 31
8:00am	2	10:30am	Sale of Merchandise
9:00am		10:30am	General Session
11:00am		12:00pm	Memorial Service
11:30am		12:30pm	Reunion Registration open
12:00pm		4:00pm	History Room open
1:00pm		2:00pm	Catholic Mass
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5:30pm		4:30pm	FT. DOUGLAS MILITARY MUSEUM TOURS (description follows)
and the second s		6:30pm	Social Hour with Cash Bar. Doors to Banquet open at 6pm.
6:30pm		8:00pm	Banquet dinner
8:00pm	÷	11:00pm	Entertainment
			Sunday, August 1
			Farewells and departures

Farewells and departures **Exact hotel event locations will be outlined on the final program which will be in your packet when you register at the reunion**

96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 47th ANNUAL REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

CITY TOUR / SALT LAKE SIGHTSEEING CRUISE Wednesday, July 28

Salt Lake City is a thriving cultural center and is a beautiful and vibrant city. Board the bus for a tour that will include stops at some of Salt Lake City's most famous sites. You will see Brigham Young's homes, the historic Union Pacific Railroad Depot, and the Utah State Capitol. Visit Temple Square, the symbolic heart of the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Mormons. The Square includes the six-spired Temple Tabernacle, Assembly Hall, monuments and the elegant gardens for which the area is known. You'll also see the Governor's Mansion and some of Utah's most opulent homes, built nearly a century ago. Lunch on your own at Trolley Square, a high fashion shopping, restaurant, and entertainment complex located in buildings that once housed the city's trolley transit system. Reboard the bus and head to the Great Salt Lake for a one-hour sightseeing cruise on the luxurious "Island Serenade." Some sights you may see include Antelope Island, Fremont Island, Wasatch Mountains, Oquirrh Mountains, Stansbury Island, and much more! Be sure to bring your cameras to capture these beautiful sights!

10:00 board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel

\$38/Person includes bus, guide, and sightseeing cruise. Lunch on your own.

FT. DOUGLAS MILITARY MUSEUM

Thursday, July 29 and Saturday, July 31

This tour will head over to the Ft. Douglas Military Museum to see the new Okinawa exhibit on the 96th Infantry Division. This exhibit commemorates the Deadeye's participation and feats in the 1945 Battle for Okinawa. You will see a diorama of a soldier moving up a hill and the life-size painting of a soldier's face behind him. The mannequin inside is dressed in authentic WWII battle gear. Paintings on the end panels accurately portray the landscape of the area known as Zebra Hill and a soldier slogging uphill the morning of May 10, 1945. There are several other items on display that were used by the 96th Infantry Division during the War. A visitor to the museum should not fail to ask about Clem, the resident ghost, who has been seen wearing a military uniform. Other Ft. Douglas area points of interest will also be included in the tour.

Buses will depart the hotel on Thursday beginning at 8:15am and Saturday beginning at 1:00pm, returning to the hotel about 2½-hours later. Exact boarding times will be assigned at Reunion Registration on a first-come first-served basis, taking other conflicts into consideration. Note: The maximum number of people for Thursday is 318 and the maximum for Saturday is 106.

\$15/Person includes bus and guide.

KENNECOTT COPPER MINE Thursday, July 29

Kennecott Copper Mine is the world's largest man-made excavation. One-half mile from top to bottom, this magnificent expanse could easily shelter two Empire State Buildings stacked one on another. Observe an operation whose cumulative sales from extracted ore exceed, eightfold, the yields of the Comstock Lode, the Klondike, and the California gold rush combined. On the way, learn about the Great Salt Lake, the Dead Sea of the Americas, and the explorers who discovered it. You'll also stop at the House of Copper Gift Shop. Please note: If you sign up for this tour AND the Ft. Douglas Museum tour for Thursday, we guarantee we will hold tickets for one of the afternoon bus trips to Ft. Douglas Museum.

9:00am board bus, 12:30pm back at hotel \$21/Person includes bus, guide, and admission.

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$5 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable \$5 AFR registration fee. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays. Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

The Deadeye USO Club

The Deadeye USO Club will be open this year at our Salt Lake City Reunion. July 29 – 31, 2004 in the Little America Hotel for your entertainment. Join us for music, chats, story telling and a few surprises. Bring us copies of your WWII pictures (or we can copy your originals on site) – We will make picture I.D.'s of you in uniform (with your wife/sweetheart, if you had one back then) to wear with your name tag.

Needed are volunteers from Deadeye's families and friends to help in the club during the reunion. We welcome your ideas to help make our club entertaining and as much fun as you remember from your WWII days.

Contact Harriet Nichols: 1-917-715-1565 or chnn105@msn.com



Thursday's Kick-off Party

Our own "Marjorie Main", Ann Moroz, will serve as our host to kickoff our 47th annual reunion on Thursday evening. Nothing formal, just something a little different this year to inject a little enthusiasm, fun and entertainment into the party while we get together with our buddies and friends. Ann has some plans to liven up the evening. Audience participation is encouraged. Let her know if you want to contribute to the program. No long speeches, though!

Ann Moroz - 1-856-665-0734 or email:deadeyemk@wmconnect.com

HELP! We need a volunteer to play the piano at times during the evening. Contact Ann if you can help us out.



Rick Plummer in the One-Man Drama

LIVE FROM THE FRONT: BYLINE ERNIE PYLE



This exciting one-man drama celebrates the inner-struggle of beloved World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle, his shy love of people, his tenderness, and his salty Indianafarmer humor. Ernie Pyle, as most people over 50 know, was

America's favorite newspaperman. Syndicated in over 200 dailies and 300 weeklies, this Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist served as a link between men at the front and their loved ones back home.

Tormented by the horrors of war, Ernie served bravely out of an unspoken, unrecognized patriotism. He did not glorify war, but rather the simple heroism of the American GI who fought and was prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. His was a journalistic, unadorned, rugged writing style which captured, more





so than almost any other writer of his time or since, the strength and courage of the soldiers he so loved and admired.

At a time when we are losing WWII veterans at a rate of 1,000 per day, this production is a way to celebrate their sacrifice and our freedoms.

"This show is a must see! Rick Plummer creates a moving image of Pyle and all those who fought and died saving the world from tyranny. Rick has put his heart and soul into this play, bringing to life an important piece of our history."

Rick Bray, Curator, Ernie Pyle State Historic Site

"When I left the theater that night I had a lump in my throat; wery moving, excellent, five star rating! I would definitely recommend this play to everyone, from 15 to 99! At the end, when the veterans stood up to be thanked for what they did, it nearly moved me to tears."

David Lijewski, College Student

Rick Plummer as Ernie Plye LIVE FROM THE FRONT Little America Grand Ballroom Friday, July 30, 2004 - 2:30 PM

ONE GREAT MOMENT IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY ONE GREAT GENERATION ONE GREAT HERO ONE GREAT ONE-MAN DRAMA

LIVE FROM THE FRONT: BYLINE ERNIE PYLE



AT NO CHARGE

We are extremely fortunate in having *RICK PLUMMER* perform the role of Ernie Pyle in his one man drama "Live From The Front". Rick went out of his way to revise his busy summer schedule to allow the time to perform for us during our reunion this year. It is a performance you don't want to miss.

> 2:30PM, Friday, July 30, 2004 Little America Grand Ballroom

Ernie Pyle Takes a Walk From New York PM

Ernie Pyle is a scrawny little chap with an enchantingly homely mug. He's got the color and texture of sand. His war correspondent's uniform fits him like a skinny Sad Sack's, and the pants slip down from a non-existent waist. From a distance he looks like a short scarecrow with too much feet in GI boots, and too much head in a Montgomery beret. But at home temporarily from the wars, he stood on a New York street corner the other day trying in vain for half an hour to get a taxi, for the mounting excitement he created you'd think he was Errol Flynn. Men, women and children rushed up to Pyle, "Are you—you are—may I just shake your hand—thank you, thank you, I read you every day—that's Ernie Pyle! Mr. Pyle, if I may, I would like to ask you--. The cop on the corner, the news dealer, several of the outspoken fans and a few of the shy ones were scattered up and down the block trying to flag a taxi for their friend Ernie. But after Pyle had learned there's no share-the-cab plan here, he guessed he'd better walk back to his hotel. A procession followed at a respectful distance, and it grew.



RICK PLUMMER AS ERNIE PYLE



BICK PLUMMER AS ERNIE PYLE



RICK PLUMMER AS ERNIE PYLE

RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES TOUR - OCTOBER 2003



John Baran, Co. C, 381st Infantry Points Leyte Landing Location at American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines on October 19, 2003

Don Dencker at Grave of Joe "Rup" Winters, Co. L,382nd Infantry at American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines on October 19, 2003. (Wreath Provided by Valor Tours).





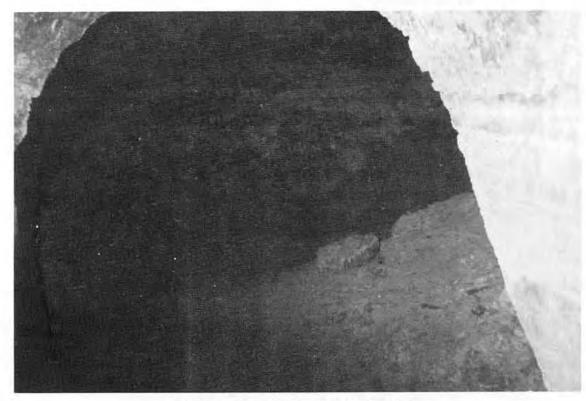
Miguel Pedrique of Jaro, Leyte, Our Representative on the Island, with New Filipino WWII Veterans Monument and 96th Infantry Division Monument at Jaro On October 20, 2003. Monuments Built By Filipino WWII Veterans.



96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Library at Tabontabon, Leyte on October 21, 2003



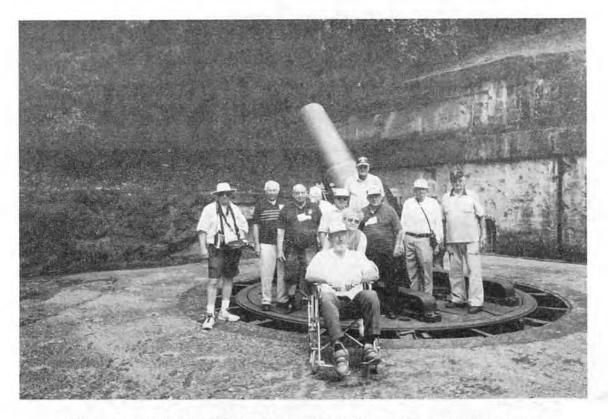
Some of Our Greeters at the Dagami 96th Infantry Division Memorial Library on October 21, 2003



Inside a Japanese Concrete Bunker Dagami Heights, Leyte on October 21,2003



John Baran, Co. C, 381st Infantry in front of the MacArthur Returns to the Philippines Monument, Red Beach 1 near Palo, Leyte on October 22,2003



Tour Group World War II Veterans at Battery Way (12" Mortars) on Corregidor Island, Manila Bay, Philippines on October 23, 2003



More than thousands of miles of Pacific Ocean put us apart from our enemies

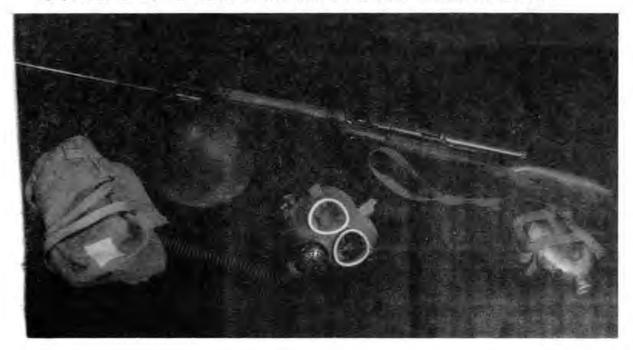
by ED DAKAN

No diddling; crunch time is now when the rse of events in April '44 identified the h as an amphibious assault division. This souri country boy - turned BARman in Comy "B" - 381st Infantry, with no choice whatver in the matter, sailed off to fight those s I had only heard about. Everything was bad 3. To visualize such an extraordinary soldier seemed impossible for me. What if everything might be true? I became one of those whose attitude seemed to say "so what?" It was simply too much to figure out.

Through that spring we had listened to the stories of the Marine cadre at Camp San Luis Obispo; we attended lectures on the subject "Know Your Enemy". So unreal, made me wonder....

Generally we heard the Jap described as being the greatest jungle fighter in the world. He was supposed to be able to swim miles underwater while sucking air through hollow reeds, he could climb trees like a monkey, often tying himself to the trunks and fighting from the treetops. He was tricky, capable of booby-trapping the bodies of his friends and he often cried out in English to lure the unwary into ambush. It was rumored he could march further, eat less and endure more than any soldier in the world. Finally, he was credited with having a powerful ambition to die for his Emperor.

(Continued next page)



Equipment of the Japanese soldier included Model No. 38 (1905) 'Arisaka' 6.5 mm rifle

BUSHIDO (continued)

Practically everyone knew the Japanese believed in a strange religion that proclaimed them to be a master race of gods under a divine command to conquer the world. The Jap had been demonstrating that tenant for years.

Nobody doubted the Jap's bravery. His boosters said he was brave because of Bushido a meaningless word to us DEADEYES, but everything to a soldier of the Rising Sun. Bushido made him a warrior with a purpose.

He had been taught from childhood that it would be the greatest glory to die for the Emperor and the greatest disgrace to surrender a disgrace that would cast him out of the ranks of the gods and his own family.

Most of all, Bushido had taught him, that being a god, he would not really die, and if his life ended in battle after fighting well, he would continue to live as a god in the spirit world and would be worshiped as a patron god of the nation evermore. Enough of that. We were in hell up to our ears!

Company B's disaster at Nishibaru Ridge in April removed me from that awful place and, though considerably worse off from wear and tear, gave some hope for survival at the end of my warpath.

At the same time, reality and common sense left no doubt regarding the happenings on our flanks. Nothing much of the original makeup of the rifle companies of any of our three regiments was still standing.

Considering the grim facts of everyday life and death, the Japanese soldiers did have a death wish, and if at all possible, each and every one would prefer to take an American with him. Yet the aftermath of such seemingly unorthodox theogony left the Japanese military destroyed.

In the homeland of the DEADEYES the art of eating with chopsticks would never catch on.

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Caterwaling by Japanese troops did satisfy a strong desire to frighten their victims. Early on staged demonstrations tended to persuade many of the leaders of conquored countries that their best interests lay under the guidance of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. In the long run, however, World history worked in such way that carryings-on had to end (were ended).

THOUGHTS ON TRANSITION: KEEP ON THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW by: Jim Causey

Many of the members of the 96th Infantry Division Association (IDA) were individual replacements who trained at Infantry Replacement Training Centers throughout the county. In reality the training concept was Individual Readiness Training for Combat. The program was a huge success and many former soldiers have been and are now members of other infantry division associations like our own 96th IDA.

As the colors are passed in 2005 we are the older members who will welcome our replacements. They are the members of the 96th Regional Readiness Command.

And so the time will come soon when the colors are passed and we will have the opportunity to reach out to these younger folk who will continue the march. More changes will come. We, and they too, all of us, will move from the convoys of the living to the bivouac of the dead, but the destiny that brought us together will sustain our legacy in all the years that lie ahead.

To all of you who are wearing the "Double Diamond" and to all those who will proudly wear it in the future, we welcome you. Thank you for being who you are and what you are doing, for each other, for our great country and for our world. May you always be at peace within yourselves.



Keep up the good work,

TRANSITION COMMITTEE John Holt, Tom Roby, Don Dencker, Jim Causey, Bob Siefert, Phyllis & Bob Schmidt, Bob Cronsey, John Reed, Ernest Malkewitz & Edwin Wright. Not in the picture, Bob Glassman & George McMahan.

PASSING THE COLORS

Whenever there is a change of command in the Army, the old commander passes the colors to the new one. The new commander has all the responsibilities but the old commander still has the honor of being associated with the unit. We are less than two years away from when the 96th Infantry Division Association passes the colors to the new 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association.

As a son of an original cadre of the 96th, I feel the new association is on the right track for a smooth transition that keeps the heritage of the Deadeyes alive. In October 2003, records were filed with the state of Utah, which incorporated the new association as a non-profit corporation. Bylaws, officers, board members, and committees were established to ensure the courage, service, sacrifice, and lives lost on the battlefields of Leyte and Okinawa will not be forgotten.

During this transition period, we will soon be able to greet, meet, and appreciate the service of 75,000 other servicemen and women who have worn the Deadeye patch since World War II ended. The new association wants to reach out to those Regiments, Companies, and separate units that exist today in the various units of the Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard that trace their lineage back to the 96th Division in World War II.

For all of the current life members, you are automatically a life member of the new "Deadeye" association. If you are not currently a life member, then you should consider becoming one soon. There will be more news coming about this as plans get finalized.

There are many questions yet to be answered. In 2005, the colors will be passed. Your input, questions, comments, and concerns are requested. Talk to your spouse, children, and grandchildren and let me know how you want the legacy you made in World Ward II to live on.

Sam Wood, Jr. 3477 Blue Jay Pass Fort Mill, SC 29708

Internet: sawood@infoave.net

Let brotherly love continue.

-Hebrews 13:1

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

Memorials, Monuments and Exhibits which commemorate the achievements and sacrifices of the men of the 96th Infantry Division are located in the United States, the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan.

1. <u>National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl)</u>, Honolulu, Hawaii. 96th Infantry Division Monument dedicated April 1, 1999. Some of our dead from Okinawa are here.

2. <u>Arlington National Cemetery</u>, Arlington, Virginia. 96th Infantry Division Monument and Living Memorial Tree dedicated November 19, 1999. Has graves of 96th Infantry Division heros.

3. <u>National Museum of the Pacific War and Admiral Nimitz Museum</u>, Fredericksburg, Texas. 96th Infantry Division Memorial Plaque dedicated June 23, 2001.

4. United States Army Presidential Unit Citation. Framed plaque and Ribbon presented at award ceremony on July 27, 2001. In 96th Infantry Division Association historical collection.

5. <u>Douglas MacArthur Memorial</u>, MacArthur Square, Norfolk, Virginia. Division Flag Presentation, October 19, 2002. (Flag on Display)

6. <u>Fort Douglas Military Museum</u>, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah. 96th Infantry Division Okinawa Battle Heritage Exhibit, dedicated June 14, 2003. Leyte Battle Heritage Exhibit now being assembled at different location in Fort Douglas.

7. <u>Fort McCoy</u>, Sparta, Wisconsin, U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Center. Congressional Medal of Honor winner Beauford Anderson Building dedicated December 15, 2000. Has fine T/Sgt Beauford Anderson exhibit.

8. <u>Site where Camp Adair Headquarters was located</u>, Oregon. Located off East side of Highway 99W a few miles south of Monmouth, Oregon. A fine 96th Infantry Division Monument. (Along with 70th, 91st and 104th Infantry Division Monuments.)

9. Polk County Museum, Rickreall, Oregon. Located on East side of Highway 99W, 6 miles North of Monmouth, Oregon. A fine 96th Infantry Division Exhibit.

10. <u>Benton County Museum</u>, Philomath, Oregon. (West of Corvallis.) 96th Infantry Division Display.

11. Leyte Island, Philippines. Hill 120, Blue Beach 1, just north of Dulag is the 96th Infantry Division Memorial Park. Numerous Monuments paying tribute to our Division installed and maintained by City of Dulag.

12. <u>Levte Island, Philippines</u>. 96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Libraries (4) at Tabontabon, Dagami, Burauen and Jaro. Constructed from contributions and stocked with books by 96th Infantry Division veterans and friends of Deadeyes.

13. <u>Okinawa, Japan</u>. At southern end of Island site where General Buckner was killed stands our impressive Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley and Col. Edwin May Monuments. Site maintained by Okinawans.

14. Okinawa, Japan. U.S. Army Okinawa Battle Monument with 96th Infantry Division Plaque. Located at Torii Station, U.S. Army Base.

OTHER LOCATIONS OF INTEREST

1. <u>Okinawa, Japan</u>. In the Peace Park at Mabuni near the southern end of Okinawa is the <u>Cornerstone of Peace</u> Monument. On large black marble plaques are the names of 14,005 Americans who died during the Battle of Okinawa. This includes 96th Infantry Division men Killed in Action or Died of Wounds from the Battle.

2. <u>Manila American Cemetery and Memorial</u>, Manila, Philippines. Has 96th Infantry Division dead from Leyte and Memorial lists a few Deadeyes Missing in Action.

3. <u>Washington, D.C.</u> National World War II Memorial and Registry of Remembrances on the National Mall to be dedicated May 29, 2004.

4. <u>Elgin, Illinois</u>. Combat Infantry Badge Commemoration with large replica of the Combat Infantry Badge. In park downtown near Fox River.

5. White City, Oregon and San Luis Obispo, California. 96th Infantry Division items now being sent to Camp White and Camp San Luis Obispo Museums.

Don Dencker, Historian 96th Infantry Division Association January 28, 2004

THE VETERAN

by Pastor Frank Moore

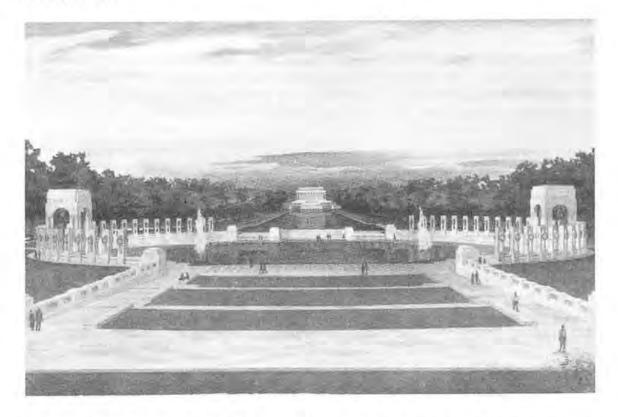
The United States of America the home of the free and the brave. We honor you veterans, the living and the dead for our freedom we enjoy today.

Heaven forbid what our country would be if you had not served and fought. Your obedience to go and true loyalty show by sacrifice our freedoms were wrought.

We salute you today with hearts full of praise for all who have served us so well. And as years pass by, we never forget your deeds of heroism to tell.

National World War II Memorial Dedication and The World War II Registry of Remembrances

The long awaited official dedication date for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. has been set for Saturday, May 29, 2004, during the Memorial Day weekend. The World War II Memorial is beautifully located on the National Mall close to the Washington Monument. A series of events will be scheduled for that weekend.



In conjunction with the World War II Memorial a <u>World War II Registry of</u> <u>Remembrances</u> has been established. The purpose of the Registry of Remembrances is to permanently record and honor the names of those persons who contributed to our victory in World War II. To obtain information about the Registry, call the World War II Memorial Processing Center at: 1-866-364-2406 or go to:

<u>www.wwiiregistry.org</u> For a \$10.00 fee payable to the World War II Memorial Fund, one photo may be added to an individual Honoree record in the Registry. For information on photo requirements call: 1-866-364-2407.

The Registry of Remembrances will be available to visitors to the World War II Memorial or via the Internet on any home computer with web access.



TRIBUTE TO A GENERATION DEDICATION CELEBRATION * MAY 27-30, 2004

Updated: December 17, 2003

OFFICIAL DEDICATION EVENTS

The four-day Dedication Celebration, planned by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), will run over Memorial Day weekend 2004, from Thursday, May 27th through Sunday, May 30th. Titled *Tribute to a Generation*, dedication activities will commemorate the Memorial and celebrate the contributions of America's World War II Generation. The *official* events are as follow:

Tribute to a Generation: National World War II Reunion

The Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, in partnership with ABMC, will produce a National World War II Reunion. The Reunion will be staged on the National Mall from 3rd to 7th Streets, NW, between the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum and the National Gallery of Art.

Activities of the Reunion will include:

- Two large performance pavilions where guests will once again hear the live sounds of big band, swing
 and other music from the WWII era.
- A Wartime Stories Tent where narrative sessions, interviews and workshops on a variety of topics, and chats with prominent WWII veterans will take place.
- A Veterans History Project Tent where the Veterans History Project at the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress will present interviews, speakers and exhibits that showcase first-hand accounts of those who served in uniform and on the home front. Library of Congress representatives will also provide information and workshops on how to write, record, audio/videotape and preserve personal histories.
- Preserving Memories Experts from the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress will counsel veterans and their families on how best to preserve the documents, scrapbooks, photos, medals and memorabilia from WWII.
- Building the Memorial This pavilion will feature an exhibition on the planning and construction of the Memorial.
- Reunion Hall A pavilion where veterans and their families can relax and get acquainted with others.
- Veterans Services Representatives from federal agencies and federally chartered organizations will be on hand to provide information on veterans' resources and benefits that are available.
- Family Activities Children of all ages can engage in hands-on activities relating to the WWII period.
- Military Equipment Display Throughout the Reunion site there will be displays of military artifacts and equipment.

Tribute to a Generation: National World War II Reunion

Dates:	Thursday, May 27, 2004 through Sunday, May 30, 2004
Time:	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Daily
Location:	The National Mall (Between 3rd and 7th Streets)
Admission:	The Reunion is free and open to the public.
Tickets:	Tickets are not required.

Note: The Reunion site will be used as an alternate viewing area for both the Memorial Service and Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, May 29th. Large outdoor screens will simulcast the events. <u>Tickets are not required</u> for either event in this viewing area.

Tribute to a Generation: Salute to World War II Veterans

The armed forces ceremonial and musical units stationed in Washington, D.C. will stage an entertainment salute to all WWII veterans. Talented members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard will perform this narrative and musical tribute. Be prepared to experience again scenes of service and sacrifice of the men and women who preserved freedom during the War, along with stirring music and military precision.

The two-hour performances will be held at the MCI Center, a large indoor arena in downtown Washington, D.C. The MCI Center is accessible via Metro and is surrounded by a variety of dining establishments.

Dates/Times:	Friday, May 28, 2004	2:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.
	Friday, May 28, 2004	7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 29, 2004	7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.
Location:	MCI Center - Washingto	on, D.C.
Admission:	There is no charge to attend the Salute.	
Tickets:	Tickets are required.	

Tribute to a Generation: Memorial Service

An interfaith service of remembrance, dedication, and celebration will be held at the Washington National Cathedral, *A National House of Prayer for all People*. Due to limited seating only invited World War IIera individuals, groups and officials will be able to attend the service. Accordingly, arrangements have been made by the American Battle Monuments Commission to allow all others wishing to experience the Memorial Service to view it in real-time on large outdoor screens on the National Mall. The Service will also be shown at the MCI Center, and possibly on network or cable television. More details regarding the broadcast of the Memorial Service will be made public in the coming months.

Date:	Saturday, May 29, 2004
Time:	10:00 a.m 11:30 a.m. EDT
Location:	The Washington National Cathedral
Admission:	As noted above.
Tickets:	Tickets are required; none will be available at the door.

Tribute to a Generation: Dedication Ceremony

The dignified and celebratory Dedication Ceremony will pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the World War II Generation and recognize the important addition of the Memorial to the National Mall. President George W. Bush has been invited to receive the Memorial on behalf of the nation.

Two hours of lively pre-ceremony entertainment beginning at 12:00 noon will take attendees back to the wartime era through music, video images, newsreel clips, and reminiscences of the time. Big band and swing music will be highlighted, along with a patriotic finale.

Date:	Saturday, May 29, 2004	
Time:	Gates open at 11:00 a.m. EDT	
	Pre-Ceremony Show 12:00 p.m 1:55 p.m. EDT	
	Dedication Ceremony 2:00 p.m 3:30 p.m. EDT	
Locations:	Main Stage Seating Area – Section 1	
	Grounds of the Washington Monument facing the National World War II Memorial.	
	Adjacent Seating Area - Section 2	
	The John F. Kennedy Soccer Field near the National World War II Memorial.	
	Additional Viewing Areas	
	There will be additional seating at the World War II Reunion site and at the MCI Center.	
Admission:	There is no charge to attend the Pre-Ceremony Show or the Dedication Ceremony at any of the viewing areas.	
Tickets:	Main Stage Seating AreaSection 1 - Tickets are required.	
	Adjacent Seating Area, Section 2 - Tickets are required.	
	Additional Viewing Areas - Tickets are NOT required.	

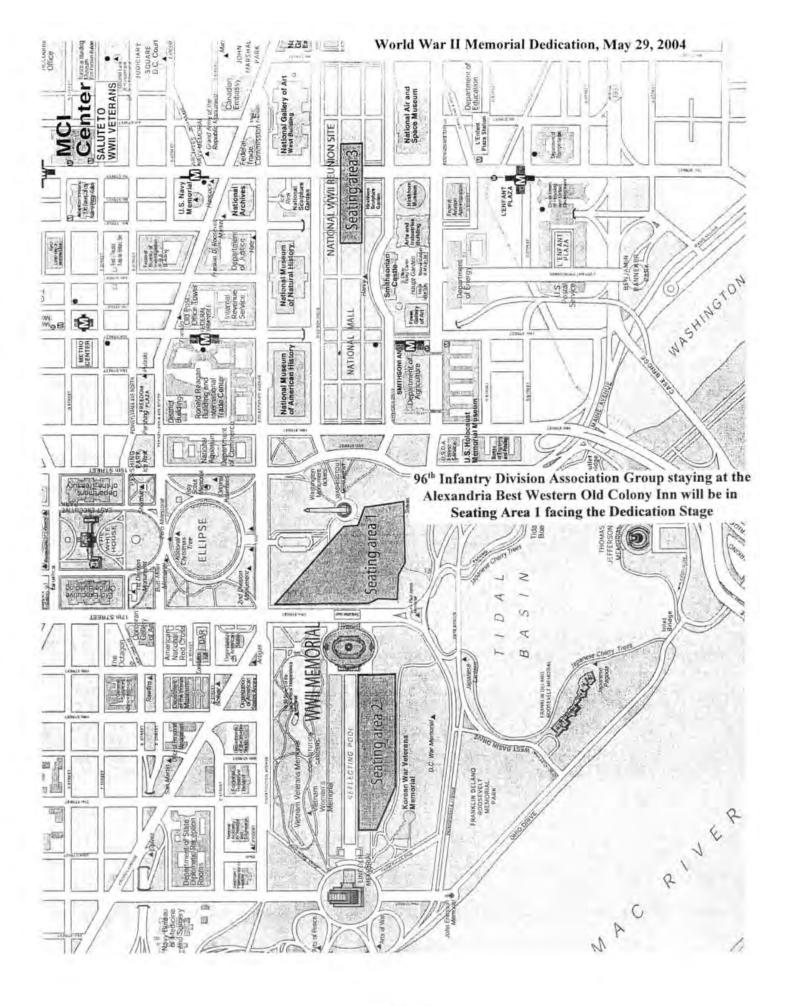
Invitations & Ticket Information

Invitations to the events are not required. Information about ticketing, and a Ticket Request Form are available on the World War II Memorial website, <u>www.wwiimemorial.com</u> select "Dedication," then "Tickets" on the navigational bars, and via our toll-free number 800-639-4992.

Tens of thousands are expected to attend the Dedication activities, particularly members of the World War II generation. While extraordinary efforts are being made to accommodate everyone, the demand for seats will likely exceed available seating. Priority will be given to those we honor-members of the World War II Generation.

A 96th Infantry Division Association group will be headquarted at:

Best Western Old Colony Inn 1101 North Washington Street Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 739-2222



LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES TOUR CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEYTE LANDING October 16 through October 28, 2004

96th Infantry Division Association Historian, Don Dencker, Company L, 382nd Infantry Regiment will lead this Army oriented Philippine Liberation and Leyte Landing Tour. The Leyte Portion of the tour will have emphasis on areas of interest to 96th Infantry Division Veterans, including the four 96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Libraries.

We will participate in Philippine sponsored Leyte landing Day events on October 19th and 20th, visit the 96th Infantry Division Memorial Park on top of Hill 120 near Blue Beach 1 and other battlefield locations. October 20th is a Holiday celebrated on Leyte as Liberation Day.

In Manila, the tour includes staying at the famous Manila Hotel where MacArthur lived, Intramuros where the Japanese fought to the end and a wreath laying at the American Cemetery were some of our Leyte dead a buried.

We will also visit and extensively tour fabled Corregidor Island. Sites visited on Luzon include Clark Field, Lingayen Gulf landing sites, Baguio where the Japanese signed their Philippine surrender and Cabanatuan where U.S. Rangers liberated American POW's.

This tour is organized by Valor Tours, Ltd. Who specialize in battlefield tours. Valor Tours has sponsored 5 highly successful Okinawa battlefield tours led by Don Dencker and the fine 2003 Return to the Philippines Tour, also led by Don Dencker. Don has returned to the Philippines six times, starting in 1984, the 40th Anniversary of th Leyte Landing.

The complete cost of the tour is \$2,800 and includes air transportation from San Francisco to Manila to Leyte to Manila and return to San Francisco, per person. Included are quality hotel rooms, local guides, buses and drivers, baggage handling, taxes and fees, and many meals. This is based upon two to a room.

The 96th Infantry Division Association is not involved and is not sponsoring this tour.

A brochure containing details of this 2004 Liberation of the Philippines Tour has been prepared. For Brochure and complete information, call or write to:

Valor Tours, Ltd, 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965 1-800-842-4504

-or-

Don Dencker 1375 Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 608-837-7479

96th INFANTRY DIVISION HERITAGE FUND

Do you want to help preserve the magnificent World War II Heritage of the 96th Infantry Division? The Officers and the Executive Committee of the 96th Infantry Division Association hope that you will help preserve our cherished Heritage by contributing to the 96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund.

The objective of our 96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund is the preservation of the Legacy of the 96th Infantry Division through the establishment of Museum Quality Displays of 96th Division related historical Photographs, Artifacts and Memorabilia at selected locations for permanent public viewing.

Our first Heritage Exhibit, The Okinawa Battle, was completed, dedicated and opened for public viewing on June 14, 2003 in a separate room at the Fort DouglasMilitary Museum in Salt Lake City, Utah. This 96 Infantry Division Okinawa Battle Heritage Exhibit has already received many compliments as to it's effectiveness in showing the Deadeye Divisions part in this last battle of World War II. We are greatly indebted to the work and effort put into this exhibit by Mr. H. Richard Heindel, whose father, Harold was killed in action on Okinawa white serving with 96th Infantry Division; and by John Reed, History Professor, University of Utah. Further, much appreciation is extended to the Deadeyes who generously contributed enough money to complete this first exhibit.

A 96th Infantry Division Leyte Battle Heritage Exhibit is in the early phase of construction.. Additional Contributions are needed so that the Leyte Battle Heritage Exhibit can be completed by reunion time, 2004.

Donald Dencker, Association Historian

Please Send Your Contribution to:

Robert Schmidt, Treasurer 96th Infantry Division

1284 McKusick Road, Lane

Stillwater, MN 55082-4162.

96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund Contribution			
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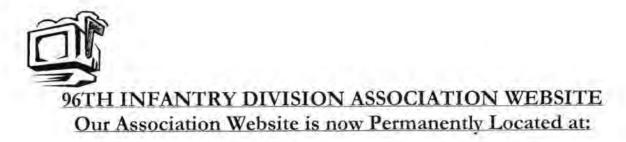
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96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION

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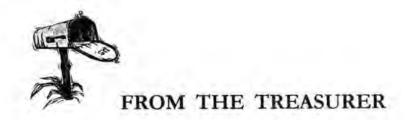
http://www.96th-infantry-division.com

As of February 19, 2004 our Site counter has logged 50,395 visits in the 48 months the counter has been installed. This an average of 1,050 visits per month.

VISIT THE WEBSITE TO:

Keep Informed on our Reunions, Heritage Exhibits and Battlefield Tours. View our Memorials or Exhibits at 11 Permanent Locations, Get Information of Value to Deadeyes, Family or Friends.

Please view our "Guest Book" and Help Deadeyes and Others Locate Deadeyes and Provide 96th Infantry Division Service Information.



A long standing problem for the Treasurer seems to be getting worse.

As we all know we must tell the Treasurer when we change addresses or the Post Office won't forward the Deadeye Dispatch to the new address, even if they know it. It is returned to me with a \$.70 charge. When our members contact me regarding no Dispatch I send them one at a cost of \$1.52. We have had 65 of these for the fall 2003 issue. We can't send another until we know the new address. So, if you don't get a Dispatch because you have moved please send me \$2.00 with your new address and we will send you another copy.

Thanks for your assistance. Bob Schmidt, Treasurer

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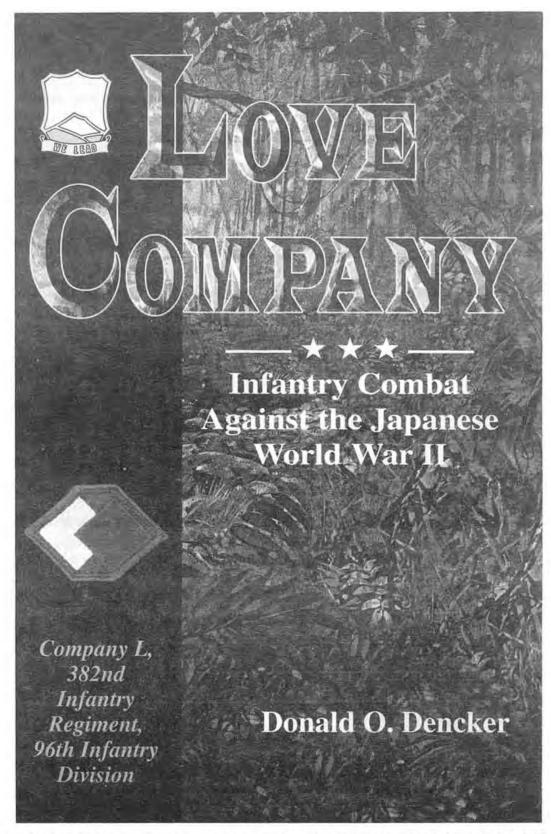
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The Author, Don Dencker has additional copies of this 355 page book for sale for \$17.00, which includes postage. There are 100 photgraphs, maps, drawings and documents. (The retail price of <u>Love Company</u> is \$19.95.) Royalties from sale of this book, which through 2003 totaled \$1,322.61, goes to the 96th Infantry Division Association. To purchase <u>Love Company</u>, send a \$17.00 check made out to:

Donald Dencker 1375 Musket Ridge Drive Sun Prairie, WI 53590-3436



God in his infinite Wisdom, has summoned more "DEADEYES" who have 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.

Albert, Lawrence per wife 12/14/03 381 Co C

Beecher, Donald per D. Dencker 9/02/04

Dobson, Donald B. per B. Confer 02/04/04 796 Ordnance

Hawthorne, Robert per Lynn Skwira

Jurvelin, Reino per J. Thompson 10/26/03 383 2nd BNHQ

Sharp, R. L. per daughter 12/08/03 382 Co C

Zimmerman, Fred per Post Office 11/12/03

Dugan, John Joseph per William Hill 1/04 381 Infantry CO H

Browning, Delmar D. per daughter DeNise 12/27/03 363 Field Artillery Hg Battery Ballard, William per Tom Roby 12/21/03

Bourdon, Charles per son-in-law / 1995

Giacchina, Leo per wife 7/24/03

Jacobson, Vincent per D. Haglund 10/07/03 382 Battery

Nolan, Bernard per wife 10/19/03

Teague, Thomas per wife 3/17/03

Drestsinger, Darrell per D. Haglund 2/2/04 321 Co B

Huddleston, John A. per wife Leslie 8/5/01 383rd Infantry CO E

Coobs, Melvin per Harry Brown 2/29/04 Beasley, Wayne per wife 12/25/02

Curtis, Earl per H. Blazier /382 Co K

Harp, Bert per L. Harp

Jones, Harry O. per B. Confer 02/19/04 796 Ordnance

Parrow, Arthur M. per son 9/03

Wood, Earl per H. Brown 8/23/03

Muehrcke, Dr. Robert per wife JoAnn 11/9/03 383rd Infantry CO F

Hanson, Ernest B. per son David 5/28/02 383rd Infantry CO B

SMITH, W. T. per his wife 2/24/04 381 Anti-Tank

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Check out our schedule and the Salt Lake City Reunion activity schedule and see if there is one, two or maybe four hours you have available to work with us at this our last merchandise sale. To schedule a time please contact:

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Make your check payable to 96th Infantry Division Assoc. Auxiliary and mail to Ruth Siefert, Treasurer, 53034 Ormerod's Shores Rd. Deer River, MN 56636-2613. Questions: Phone 1-218-659-2891 or rsiefert@paulbunyan.net. Want a Permanent 96th Division Association Blue & White Name Badge? The Executive Committee authorized me to present a plan to the membership to make badges available for Association and Auxiliary members. NOW AVAILABLE FAMILY MEMBER BADGES. The price for as Association Badge is ------\$5.50 with choice of back The price for an Auxiliary Badge is -------\$5.00 with choice of back

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96th Infantry Div. Association,

I received your return response to my letter originally sent to Mr. Melynk asking for possible distinctive unit insignia (DUI) support for a museum exhibit.

In my introductory letter to Mr. Melynk, I guess I didn't explain it very well. I will try now to better explain why we are looking for World War II era made and worn insignias and not the recently new "shiny" insignias that have been made for your Association Member or for Collectors. What we are doing at this museum facility is making a World War II exhibit that will honor all the soldiers who fought as infantrymen in the Pacific Theater of Operation (PTO). In this exhibit I had planned to display all the "regimental crest" for each infantry regiment who fought against the Japanese up to and including the Okinawa Campaign. The three "crest" for 381st, 382nd and 383rd Infantry Regiments, of the 96th Infantry Division, are very unique, in that the 381st and 382nd were made of plastic, while the 381st and 383rd had their insignias made of sterling metal. Because their was a ban on making insignias of brass metal during WWII, as brass was used exclusively to be used in making brass shell casings, and to maintain some "esprit-de-corps" in units, Commanding authorized the making of "crests" of either plastic or sterling metal as there was no ban on making plastic or sterling metal as they were not used toward "the war effort." As stated, the 381st IE, had their insignias made both in plastic and sterling, while the 382nd IR "crests" was made in only plastic, while the 383rd IR were too made in sterling. The reason for writing Mr. Melnynk was to ask if he would place an ad in the 96th Infantry Division Newsletter, and state our museum's need for a 381st IR insignia; one made of sterling metal and one made of plastic, plus, a 382nd IR insignia made of plastic. I was hoping that our appeal to the 96th ID Veterans would be positive and that a former member of the 381st and 382nd Infantry Regiments would be so kind as to donate (or sell) one of his insignias to be used as part of this new exhibit.

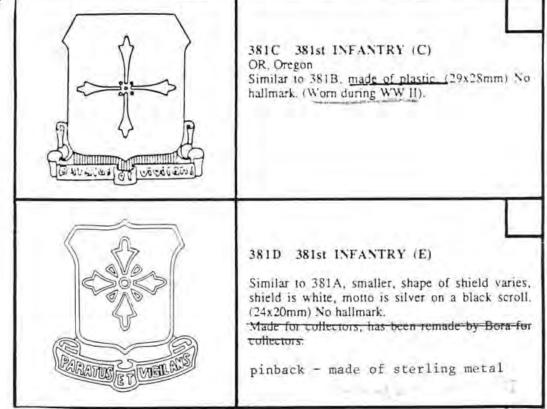
Fortunately, I have been able to acquire a 383rd IR insignia that is made of sterling metal, so will not need this particular insignia, but we would like to obtain the two variations of the 381st IR, mentioned, and the plastic variation for the 382nd Infantry Regiment. Not to be confused any further, I have taped illustrations of each of three insignias we are seeking for our exhibit to the bottom of this page. Any assistance you can give us towards obtaining these three "crests" will be greatly appreciated.

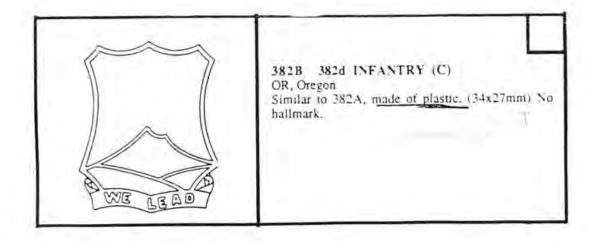
Sincerely,

4 David S. Bingham

Museum Curator

Please contact the museum directly if you can help them out with their request -Editors





MAIL CALL - Continued

Information taken from a letter, received from H. Richard Heindel

A member of the 96th ask me a question...does Little America's shuttle system from the airport have the ability to transport electric carts (scooter) for the disabled. This was a concern and could be a determining factor as to his attending or not.

I went to Salt Lake and checked with them personally. They told me that the shuttle could transport electric carts. However, they said that they could also arrange for the rental of electric carts (scooters). The individual desiring to rent one in lieu of bring their own to Salt Lake should contact Little America in advance.

They also confirmed the number of fully assessable rooms for the disabled, that you mentioned at the reunion. I was told that most all of the rooms have grab-bars, etc. They may not have all of the turn around space in the bathrooms as a fully assessable unit, but they have grab-bars.

SHARED MEMORIES

The following articles were sent in by Doug Burton (E Co 381) from a Foreign Service magazine dated March 1946 under "Good Joe Generals" section. Both I'm sure will be familiar to all!

> An "Old Man" the G.I.s think a lot of is Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley of Waco, Tex. He was at an advanced 96th Division post north of Yonaburu on Okinawa when he spotted a Jap about 500 yards away. He wasted no time; running up to a soldier, he borrowed the rifle, took sight and knocked the Nip down with one shot. "Good," he said. "That's the first one I've bagged."

A second Bradley—this time Major Gen. J. L. Bradley in the Pacific came up with a gem on paper. Pfc. Gilbert Feinstein of Los Angeles, later with the Stars and Stripes, had landed on Okinawa with the 96th Division on D-Day and a month later received a letter from his draft board notifying him of the board's intention to reclassify him. The letter passed through regular channels to Gen. Bradley who thereupon sent this answer stateside:

"It has come to my attention that your board is considering the reclassification of Gilbert Feinstein, an employe of mine since November, 1943. Inasmuch as my organization currently is embarked on a project rather directly concerned with the war effort, I should very much regret losing the services of Mr. Feinstein or, as we call him, Pvt. 1/c Feinstein.

"I urgently request the occupational deferment of this essential war worker."



Coming or Going Did You Stop At North Platte, NE Canteen?

The Division Band is equally at home whether it's playing a Sunday afternoon concert . . .



... or picking 'em up and laying 'em down on the drill field



... or whooping it up at a war bond rally.



60 years ago: A sell-out crowd purchased series "E" war bonds totaling \$85,625 to attend the second bond premiere at the Craterian theater last night, which featured in person Victor Mature, popular screen star and now a chief boatswain's mate in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mature entertained on stage with several comic skits for half an hour. The premiere followed a parade of war equipment from Camp White, the procession being led by the 52-piece 96th Infantry Division band. (1944)

Taken from Mail Tribune Feb. 15, 2004, Medford, OR

Submitted by: Ben & Joyce Confer

60 YEARS - The 96th was stationed here Nov. 1, 1943 to April 28, 1944. We lived here then and now. Joyce worked at The Camp White Bank. We used to eat at the Franklin Cafe - which is now a part of the "Craterian" theater, presently a Performing Arts Theater where stage shows are held. We are able to attend these as we have recently moved back to Medford. OR

The Late Addie L. Mockrish's Good Deeds & Hard Work are Remembered at VFW Ladies Auxiliary Museum

KANSAS CITY, MO --Edward J. Mockrish, Greenville. S.C., Robert M. Mockrish. Melville, NY and families are pleased to announce the honor bestowed their Mother, Addie L Mockrish at the National Headquarters of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary Museum in Kansas City, Mo. for her commitment and devotion to Veterans and to the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary for her 78 years of service (1923-2001).

Addie was a resident of Mechanicville, New York all her life and a member of the local "Chapter #6328 VFW Auxiliary, Joined Aux. 917. Mechanicville. NY in 1923.

She was elected York State New Department President for the VFW Auxiliary For the term 1956-57 Also elected to a twoyear term on the National Council of Administration.

Edward and family were very fortunate to visit the museum and the VIEW display

Honoring his Mother life-long and her accomplishments. trip The Was Coordinated with the 45th Annual Reunion of the 96th Inf Div. (WWII Veterans) Held in Kansas City, Mo. (7/23-7/28) with which Edward is associated with and fought with during WWII in the South Pacific the invasion of Leyte, Philippines/ The 96th Division also assisted and fought at Okinawa. family's The

were

accolades

Headquarters of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary Museum of Kansas City, Mo. who so kindly and pleasantly offered her expertise, time and talent coordinating the honors, articles, medals. certificates awarded during the years served with the VFW Auxiliary along with her many hours of volunteer services to the community and organizations.

extended to Ms. Betty

Akers of the National



Edward J. Mockrish stands by a display honoring his mother, Addie L. Mockrish, for her commitment and devotion to veterans and the VFW Auxiliary.



A display at the Ladies VFW Auxiliary National Museum in Kansas City in honor of the late Addie L. Mockrish was visited by her family recently. (left) Mary Therese McCutcheon (daughter of Edward), Adam, 12 and Alex 10. Right: James McCutcheon, Edward Mockrish, Dorothy Mockrish,

MECHANICVILLE NEWS Taken from "The Express" newspaper

Submitted by DOROTHY MOCKRISH

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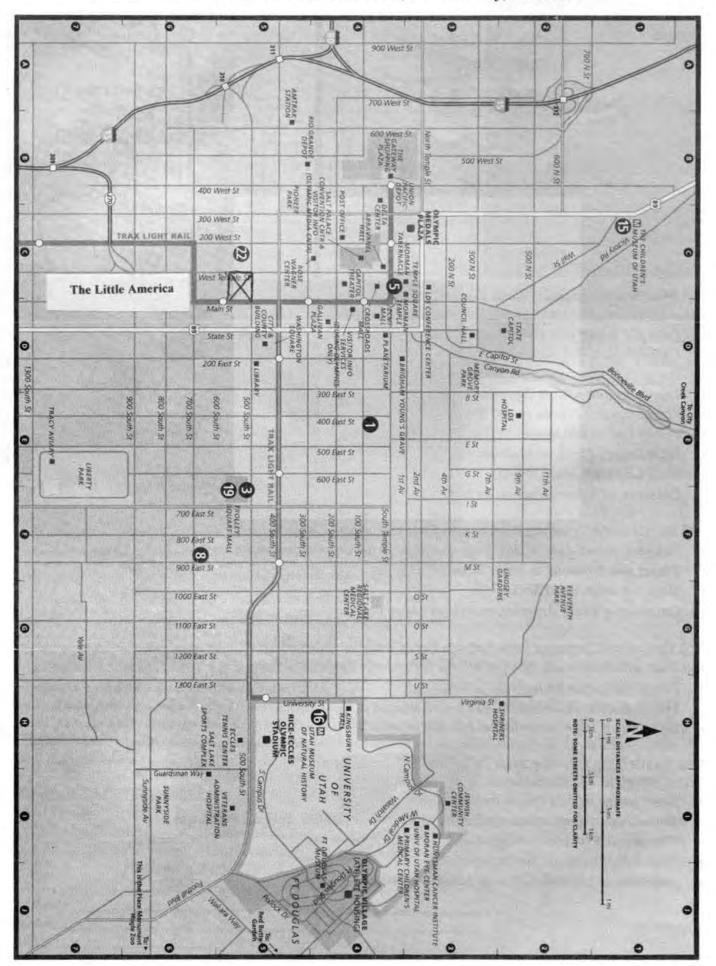
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