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# The 164<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY News

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July, 1963

## Report from the General Chairman

Now that the Reunion for 1962 is long over and we are fast approaching the Reunion for 1963 which will be held in Minneapolis, as the General Chairman, I want to thank first of all all the people who served on committees with me and who performed their duties so faithfully.

So many people helped that it is not feasible to list all their names. I also want to thank the City of Valley City for the fine way in which they treated the people who attended the reunion and last I want to thank all the other people who came from all over the country and made it the great success that it was. I also want to congratulate our new President Paul Hedstrom and our new Vice President Leroy Baird and the other officers as well as expressing the appreciation of all of us for the fine job that was done by the past officers from the President Herman Brocopp on down.

I know that the Committee in Minneapolis is working hard to make this years reunion a success and I am certain that all of you who can make it will enjoy it very much. I have talked to several Committee Members and to Henry Wolf of the Dykman Hotel and I know that everything is being handled well.

There has been some talk of having a car or two attached at Dickinson, North Dakota to a N. P. train to travel to the Reunion. I hope that this works out. If these cars are attached it will mean that people can get on all across North Dakota and Minnesota until we reach Minneapolis. See you in Minneapolis.

Bernard C. Lyons  
General Chairman

## Made Honorary Members



At the Valley City Decoration Day ceremonies the following were made honorary members of the 16th Infantry Association: Former Ambassador to Nicaragua Tom Whelan, Former Governors and Commanders-in-Chief of the North Dakota National Guard, Norman Brunsdale and Fred G. Aandahl. The presentation was made by Col. Paul G. Hedstrom, president of the 164th Infantry Association.

## Captain A. M. Holt

Captain Holt a former Commander of Company M, 1st North Dakota Infantry, 80 years old now residing at Grants Pass, Oregon. Returned to Camp Grafton, Devils Lake, N. Dak. to be present for Governor's Day 9 June 1963 to meet with old timers of the 164th Infantry.

The following are quotes from his last letter to the editor:

Thanks very much for sending me the roster of 164th Infantry Assoc. It is a wonderful idea to

## Opat Chairman of Committee Reports

Russell J. Opat, General Chairman for the forth coming reunion of the 164th Infantry Association, October 11, 12 and 13th at the Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis, announced that plans for the reunion are developing very well.

Mr. Opat stated that Joe E. Brown, the movie star, has been contacted and there is a possibility that Mr. Brown will attend. Those members who served on Guadacanal will recall that Joe E. Brown entertained the 164th Infantry.

Mr. Opat stated there will be a wine and champagne sampling hour before the annual banquet. The California Wine Advisory Board will sponsor this hour of conviviality.

For the ladies, Mrs. Dorothy Lundgren, Chairman of the Ladies Entertainment Committee has planned a Wine Cooking Hour. This will be a demonstration on the use of wine in cooking and for table use. Mrs. Lundgren explained that the Como-Arlington Mother Singers will put on a musical program at the ladies luncheon.

Plans have been made to have music during the cocktail and dinner hours. A ten-piece band will furnish dance music. Also there will be a thirty minute entertainment act.

perpetuate the history of the old regiment. While I can't lay claim to any great distinction during my service from 1909 to 1914. I enjoyed those years very much.

I am sending \$4.00 dues for 62 and 63. Would you kindly see that they get to the treasurer. With kindest regards and wishing success to the Association.

## San Francisco 'Outpost' 164th Infantry Assn.

Richmond, California  
May 26, 1963

Dear Colonel Brocopp:

The San Francisco Outpost of the 164th Infantry Association wishes to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your interest in our undertaking the formation of this Outpost. The job would have been much more difficult without your assistance.

We feel that much has been accomplished and we hope that the membership roll will reflect our effort to perpetuate a comradeship of considerable age among the former members of the Armed Forces of the State of North Dakota presently residing in this area.

At a recent luncheon meeting of the organizing committee in San Francisco it was decided to hold our first dinner meeting at the Commissioned Officers Mess at Fort Mason, San Francisco, on November 9th, 1963. Cocktail hour 6:30 p. m. Dinner meeting at 7:30 p. m. This will be a Stag affair.

As of this date it appears certain that Mr. Brodie's efforts to have **Mademoiselle from Armentieres** as

### Joe E. Brown

Dear Mrs. Swanson:

This is in reply to yours of the 18th just received.

It was good to have a report of the old 164th and, of course, I would consider being at the reunion in October 1963. But impossible to give a definite reply more than six weeks in advance; because of part time commitments. As you may know I was made an Honorary Member of the Americal Division on Guadalcanal.

Be assured I will accept your kind invitation if I am free.

Most sincerely,  
(Signed) Joe E. Brown

Joe E. Brown, the famous movie star, entertained the 164th Infantry on Guadalcanal. The letter was written personally by Joe E. Brown.

There is a possibility Joe E. Brown will attend the reunion in Minneapolis.

our guest of honor on this occasion will be successful.

All members of this Outpost will be notified shortly of the date decided upon for the meeting and will be given directions on how to reach the meeting point.

We hope you will continue us on your mailing list and if you have any extra space in the 164th Infantry News publish the date of this meeting.

Very Truly Yours,  
William E. Littlehales  
646 Fortieth Street  
Richmond 9, California  
Phone 232-5295

### Edgar Agnew

We are happy to know that Edgar has regained his health and returned to his home in Dickinson after spending most of the winter on the west coast. We expect the past president to be on the job at the Minneapolis Reunion. Unfortunately he was in the Veterans Hospital at the time of our last reunion.

### Walter Erickson

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson of Burbank, California returned for a visit to North Dakota and were present at Camp Grafton for Governor's Day. Walt served in Company D, of the 2nd North Dakota and Company L, 164th Infantry in World War I. He is well known to all the Old Timers as he was employed as custodian of Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N. Dak. for many years until he retired a few years ago.

### Floyd Henderson

Our Association treasurer had the misfortune of being involved in an automobile mishap near Bismarck not long ago, which put him in the hospital for a time with a few broken collar bones and a few ribs. But he has practically recovered he says and is always ready to accept your dues, please keep him busy.

## Fijian Chieftains Visit N. D.

May 29, 1963

Mr. Bernard C. Lyons  
164th Infantry Association  
Box 990  
Valley City, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Lyons,

Soon to be touring the United States will be two Fijian Chieftains, Ratu Penaia K. Ganilau, Member of the Legislative Council, Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs, and Ratu George Cakobau, Chief of the Bau Confederacy. We have been appraised of the most enjoyable time that you and your comrades extended Ratu Edward. We have reason to believe that Ratu Edward has advised his colleagues of the most pleasant visit he had in your State. This being the case, there is a very strong possibility they will want to visit and experience North Dakota hospitality.

I am enclosing their biographical data.

We have contacted Mr. Milligan of Bottineau, and hope that between the two of you a program might be worked out in North Dakota for the two gentlemen.

I must interject two reservations at this point. First, we are not certain they will be able to come to North Dakota, and, second, we cannot be definite about the time they might come. It is, however, felt at this time that they will be free 5 or 6 weeks from now to make such a visit.

Thank you very much. We would appreciate any advise or suggestions you might have regarding such a visit.

Sincerely yours,  
Brooks T. Johnson

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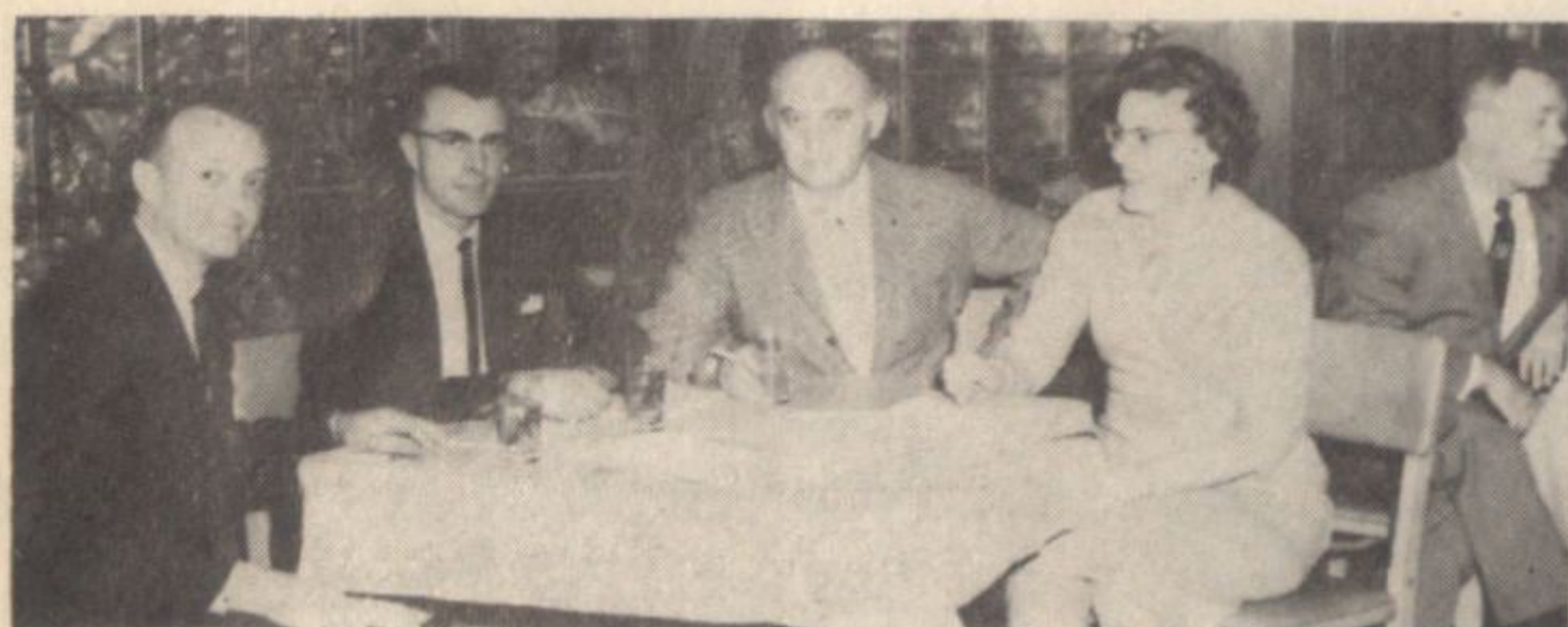
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# Reunion Committees

## --- At Work



Left to right — Ray Sawyer, Ruth Sawyer, Helen Rivkin.



Left to right — Russell Opat, Jim Fenelon, Mel Rivikin, Donna Opat.



Left to right — Fran Sommers, Pete Swanson, Bob Gehrman.



Left to right — Jim Fenelon, Mrs. Arvid Thompson, Arvid Thompson, Russell Opat, Donna Opat, Russell Lundgren.



Left to right — Russell Opat, Mel Rivikin, Ray Sawyer discussing publicity plans for the reunion.



Left to right — Norma Swanson, Donna Opat, Fran Gehrman — Planning the entertainment for the ladies at the 164th reunion.



Left to right — Dorothy Lundgren, Helen Rivikin, Ruth Sawyer. Dorothy Lundgren is chairman of the Ladies' Entertainment Committee.



Left to right — John A. Fischbach, Mrs. John A. Fischbach, Mrs. Ted Ouradnik, Ted Ouradnik, "Les" Forde looking over pictures taken while the 164th Infantry was in Louisiana and in combat on the islands in the Blue Pacific. Many warm memories were recalled by the pictures.



Left to right — Arvid Thompson, Virginia Thompson, Marion Forde. Virginia and Arvid Thompson are co-treasurers for the reunion and will handle the money when and if any becomes available.

## Committees for Reunion 164th Inf. Asso., Mpls.

### OFFICERS

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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Service No. \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fijian Chieftains to Visit North Dakota July 10

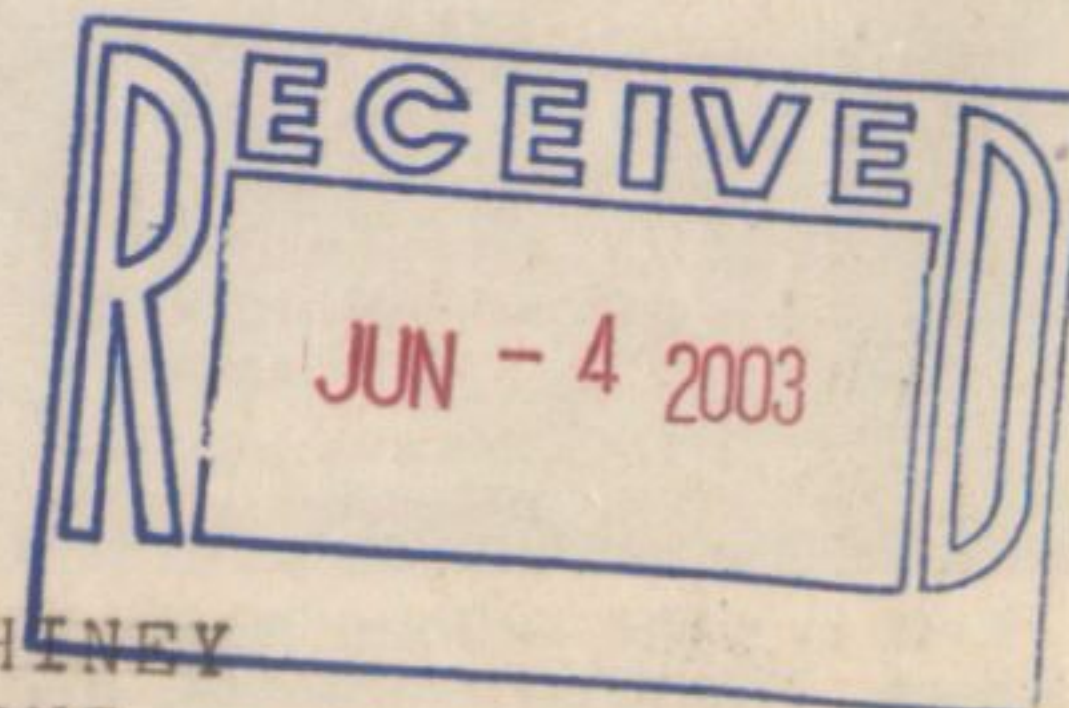
The Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C., has advised Col. Bernard Lyons that Ratu George Cakobau and Ratu Penaia K. Ganilau of Suva, Fiji Islands, participants in the Foreign Leader Exchange Program of the Department of State, Washington, D. C., will visit Bottineau, Rolla, Bismarck and Valley City. The itinerary has not been firmed up at this date.

The objective of this visit to the United States is to observe economic, social, and political development in Puerto Rico and Hawaii with particular emphasis on tropical agriculture, land development and retarded or undeveloped areas; to observe local government in Puerto Rico; to discuss economic and political development in the South Pacific with appropriate U. S. Government and U. N. officials.

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Your Dues Now!*

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BISMARCK, N. D.



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