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The 164th INFANTRY News

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The 1966 Reunion . . . Fargo, N. Dak.

164th Association Elects Mandan Man

(Fargo Forum, 15 Oct. '66)

A group of men who distinguished themselves in fighting the Japanese on Guadalcanal some 25 years ago, lifted the battle cry again here Saturday when they named a new leader.

A shouting match erupted when backers of two candidates pushed



COL. ANTON C. BEER

for the nomination of their favorite for the top post of the 164th North Dakota National Guard Infantry Association.

The election came at the 17th annual reunion of the 164th. The reunion was the first in Fargo since 1959.

Outgoing President Robert W. Moran of Williston, N. D., battled to keep order as shouts and cheers were heard from all corners of the crowded VFW Club hall on Broadway.

Edward J. Murphy of Fargo, pushing for the election of James Fenelon of Minneapolis, shouted "out of order" countless times when

The 164th Reunion at Fargo this year was an outstanding event in the history of the 164th Infantry Association of the United States. While the attendance was not as large as it has been at some of the former meetings, the spirit of comradeship of those present made up for the lack of numbers. They came from far and near, 15 states were represented, many of them traveled thousands of miles to be there for a few days with their old Buddies. Many of them had never seen North Dakota before, having joined

a backer of Anton C. Beer of Mandan, N. D., gave a back-slapping nominating speech for Beer. He wanted equal time for a speech for Fenelon.

Moran cut off the talk and called for a ballot vote. The vote was counted, and Beer won 51-27.

Fenelon was voted in as vice president.

Beer also retains the office of secretary-treasurer.

The reunion had gathered some 240 of those who fought with the 164th by Saturday morning. Veterans registered from some 15 states, including Tennessee, California, Arizona, Washington, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Minnesota, and Montana.

The three-day event continues today with a smorgasbord at the VFW Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by entertainment.

Keynote speaker scheduled for a Saturday evening banquet at the Fraser Memorial Armory at Hector Airport was Robert W. Keyser, anthropologist at Moorhead State College and a retired Army officer.

A memorial service and business meeting were held Saturday morning at the VFW Club. Registration headquarters are at the Gardner Hotel.

The 164th Infantry served in the

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the regiment at training camps during the war period. Harold L. Menaker of Forrest Hills, N. Y., said that this was the first reunion that he was able to attend, but said that next year, I'll be here and am going to bring my wife, also.

Ed Barry of San Francisco, Calif., said, "I sure won't miss another reunion." He said that he had joined the 164th on Bougainville.

Austin P. Reid of Daly City, California, said it was the first time that he had seen some of the old outfit since he left them in France in 1918.

Fred (Red) Mullens of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was the only Spanish-American War Vet present. A large number attended from all parts of Minnesota, in fact, there were 43 of them.

This makes me wonder why so many of those who live close by failed to attend. Is it because they are too busy, can't afford it, the dates on which the reunion is held or just lack of interest?

Perhaps we don't all think alike, but I think that it is a great opportunity to be able to attend a reunion, and recall some of the good times that we had together while in the service, and to remember those buddies that we have left on the battle fields all over the world.

We have an up-to-date mailing list of over 1,200 ex-members of the 164th Infantry, but this year we had only a little over 300 paid up members in the association. If you have forgotten to send in your dues, you can send a check now to Anton C. Beer, 211 7th Ave. S. W., Mandan, N. Dak.

Remember, the Reunion at Valley City will be held on or near to the 25th anniversary of the landing on Guadalcanal, S. I. We know that the buddies there are already making plans for it.

Legion of Merit Awarded To Chaplain Sullivan

Lt. Col. John J. Sullivan, now serving as chaplain in the U. S. Army in Viet Nam, has been awarded the Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services."

Presentation of the award was made by Col. Richard M. Lee, com-

manding the special task force to which Chaplain Sullivan is assigned.

The citation with the award states that Monsignor Sullivan "distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service from February 1965 to May 1966 while serving in a position of responsibility as a member of a Special Task Force, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower).

"Chaplain Sullivan's professional ability, keen perception and stead-

fast devotion to duty were valuable and helpful factors in completing a special study.

"Through his sound concepts, professional knowledge, and profound concern for the morale and welfare of the armed forces, he contributed to the success of a task of major importance in decisions pertaining to housing both within the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army.

"Chaplain Sullivan's distinguished performance of duty and outstanding achievements throughout this period are in the finest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the United States Army".

Chaplain Sullivan entered active service as a captain (chaplain) 164th Infantry, North Dakota National Guard 16 January 1945 during the Korean emergency and remained in active service.

Lost Addresses

The News Letter has been returned by the Post Office with following named members with the notations as indicated for failure to make delivery:

- Martin Gislason, Tucson, Arizona
— Unknown
- Gerard L. Grinnberg Dickinson, N. D.
— Moved
- Ray Hall, Grand Forks, N. D.
— Unknown
- Henry M. Emineth, Kenosha, Wisconsin
— Unknown
- Lawrence C. Anderson, Casper, Wyo.
— Unknown

Reunion Pictures

Mr. Everett Brust, our official photographer, says that anyone desiring a copy or copies of any of the pictures shown in this issue, will be supplied at the cost of \$1.00 each for an 8x10 picture, but orders must be in before January 20, 1967. You may send your check to The Editor, 164th Infantry News, Box 1111, Bismarck, N. Dak.

MANDAN MAN . . .

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Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Border service, World Wars I and II and the Korean Conflict. Reunions were started after World War II, during which the 164th distinguished itself at Guadalcanal, and after the infantry unit was converted to Engineers units.



Chapel in Viet Nam used by Monsignor Sullivan; his note accompanying the photograph states "The chapel scene is shot from within the compound out. It really is not that grim at all."



Presentation of the Legion of Merit Award was made to Chaplain Sullivan by Col. Richard M. Lee, commanding officer of the task force to which Sullivan is assigned.

Funeral for Thomas C. Brown, 69, Held This Forenoon; Dies November 25 at Fargo

Funeral services for Thomas C. Brown, 69, of Valley City, were held Monday, Nov. 28, in the All Saint's Episcopal Church with Rev. Charles Henley officiating. Mr. Brown died Friday (Nov. 25) in Fargo.

Burial was in Woodbine Cemetery and pallbearers were Howard Brier, Ray Miller, B. C. Lyons, William Paulson, Ray Lindquist and George Fogarty. Arrangements were made by the Peterson-Olson Funeral Home.



THOMAS BROWN

Thomas Christopher Brown was born February 28, 1897 in Amsterdam, N. Y. He received his schooling and was reared to manhood there. He served with the U. S. Army during World War I and was wounded in the Battle of Argonne. Following the war he worked for some time in Seattle, Wash., coming to Valley City in 1930. Mr. Brown had his own real estate and insurance business since that time and had been semi-retired since 1962. He was married to Lillie M. Erickson September 22, 1930 at St. Paul, Minn.

During World War II, Mr. Brown was a major and state training officer for the State Guard, and was also chairman of the War Chest and active with the USO. He had been active in the American Legion and was a past commander at Valley

City and two-time first district commander. He attended the National Legion Convention this year and was instrumental in the nomination of John Davis as National Commander and served on the campaign team when Lynn U. Stambaugh was elected National Commander. He was a past Grand Chef de Gar of the North Dakota Grand Cheminot National of the 40 & 8; he was active in Republican political circles; past president of the Rotary Club; active in the state and local Episcopal Church groups and also in the Boy Scouts, being a member of the Red River Valley Council.

Mr. Brown was a life-member of the Masonic Lodge No. 81 at Amsterdam. He was an honorary member of the 164th Infantry. He was instrumental in obtaining the land for the Ritchie Memorial, and had been interested and active in all community betterment programs.

Besides the widow he leaves two sons, Thomas Christopher Jr., of Bloomfields Hill, Mich., and J. E. (Rick) of Grand Forks; two daughters, Mrs. John (Thomasine) Sinclair of Arcadia, Calif., and Mrs. Paul (Johanne) Charnetzki, Jr., of Clarksville, Tenn.; one brother, John of Everett, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Floyd (Anne) Wells of Haganman, N. Y.; and 12 grandchildren. (Valley City Times-Record, 28 Nov. '66)

President Commends Reunion Committees

President Robert Moran expresses his thanks to all committees and especially the ladies for an exceptional job in planning the reunion. He also extends his thanks to Col. Waldemar Johnson, chairman of the Reunion Committee and to all others who participated.

Editor's Note: Only those who have had the responsibility of planning a reunion know how much time and effort goes into this job to see that everyone has a good time, at the lowest possible cost, and to make sure the reunion city is able to pay all the bills. We think this year's financial report will show this was done.

Clarence V. Carlson

Clarence V. Carlson, Valley City, N. Dak., passed away on 29 Sept. 1966. He was born at Valley City



CLARENCE V. CARLSON

22 Mar. 1896. Enlisted in Co. G 1st. North Dakota Infantry at Valley City 15 Oct. 1913, separated at Mercedes, Texas, 15 Oct. 1916.

Attended the first Officers Training Camp at Fort Snelling, Minn.; commissioned 2nd Lt. 15 Aug. 1917, assigned to 352nd Infantry; served overseas 16 Aug. 1918 to 17 Aug. 1919, discharged at Camp Dodge, Ia., 16 Sept. 1919 as 1st Lt. He was buried at Hillside Cemetery, Valley City. N. D.

KENNEDY VISIT:

Excerpts from the Fargo Forum, 16 October 1966: "Kennedy". In his brief appearance in Fargo-Moorhead, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) breezed into Fargo Saturday, made a short talk to three Democratic gatherings and from Fargo Auditorium, Kennedy was taken on a surprise visit to the 164th Reunion in session at the VFW Club where he made a few remarks.

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Lt. Commander Gene Tunney, phoning at Third Battalion, 164th Infantry. Lt. Rolfe, Third Battalion S-3, behind Commander Tunney. Dugout shown housed five battalion staff officers.



Cpl. Edwin McGuire, about to depart for his home on rotation, tells S/Sgt Edward Connors (right), press relations reporter, of his plans when he arrives at Franklin, Mass., his home town.

Beauclair Elected State's Attorney



LEO J. BEAUCLAIR
States Attorney

Elected to the office of Barnes County State's Attorney in the November general election was Leo J. Beauclair, Valley City.

States Attorney-Elect Beauclair has practiced law before all State Court and Federal District Courts in North Dakota, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Mo.

He is married to the former Mary Alice Lorenz, Valley City. They have two children.

Beauclair is a member of the 164th Infantry Association.

Gilbert W. Cass

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Gilbert W. Cass who passed away 28 Sept. 1966 at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Cass was born at Minneapolis, Minn., 24 June 1893; enlisted Co. I 2nd North Dakota Infantry, Mandan, N. Dak., 25 June 1917; transferred to 161st Amb. Co., 6 May 1918; served overseas 12 Dec. 1917 to 9 May 1919; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, 22 May 1919 as a sergeant.

Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., Mr. Cass is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marian Cass, and a son, James.

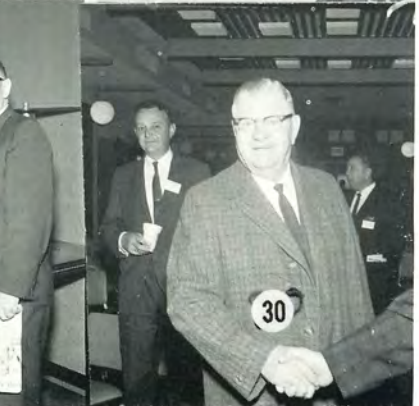
The Last Roll Call

It has been reported that the following named former members of the 164th Infantry have answered the LAST ROLL CALL since our last issue was published.

GILBERT W. CASS — Co. I 2nd ND Inf. WWI..... Washington, D. C.
WALTER SATHER — Co. I 2nd ND Inf. WWI and
 U. S. Navy WWII Bismarck, N. D.
CLARENCE V. CARLSON — Co. G Mex. Bord. and
 WWI Valley City, N. D.
TOM BROWN — Honorary Member, WWI Valley City, N. D.









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History Committee

The history committee appointed by President Moran prior to the reunion was unable to make a report due to the reason that Chairman Sande was unable to be present. He informed us that he is calling a meeting at an early date and a report will be made to the council when it meets next January in Bismarck. President Moran again urged that members send in 164th Infantry pictures to the editor. They will be copied and returned to you if requested.

The Next Reunion, Valley City

The reunion committee on time and place, recommended that the meeting accept the invitation of the City of Valley City to hold the next reunion there. The recommendation was promptly accepted by the members in session. We are quite sure that Bernard Lyons will again head the committee and we all well remember the last one that we had there. He hasn't told us yet just what he has up his sleeve but whatever it is you can rest assured that it will be outstanding. We'll see you all there next October.



2nd Lt. Williamson M. Durley, Jr., (right) assistant Personnel Officer discusses plans of his future home with Capt. Ivan B. Conwell, Personnel Officer. Lt. Durley builds his models from cardboard, disassembles and sends them to his wife for approval.

Recognition

It is about time that we extend our thanks to General Melhouse and his able office force for the many favors they have extended in the way of allowing us to use the Addressograph machine for keeping up our mailing list. It is quite an item, saving us money that we don't have. Many thanks, General.

Moran Sends Greeting To John E. Davis

On receipt of information of the election of former Governor John E. Davis (an honorary member of this association), President Robert Moran sent a telegram of congratulations.

Commander Davis replied. "To Bob Moran, President of the 164th Infantry Association, Williston, N. D.: My sincere thanks for your message of congratulations. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and I am grateful for your good wishes. John E. Davis, National Commander, American Legion."

Colonel Johnson Thanks Committee

Col. Waldemar Johnson, chairman of the Fargo Reunion Committee, desires to thank all of the committees for the excellent work done by each of them. Special thanks to Col. Don Fraser who served as master of ceremonies and Col. Robert W. Keyser of Moorhead, Minn., who gave an excellent and informative talk to the entire membership assembled for the reunion dinner at Fraser National Guard Armory.

Membership Committee

The Fargo Reunion Membership and Registration Committees performed an excellent job in collecting 1966 and 1967 dues. The entire membership owes them a debt of thanks.

Chairman of the Membership Committee is Huston Gaylen. Other members are Patrick Cosgriff, Glenn Heaton, John Holt and A. L. Nordhaugen.

Heading the Registration Committee is Art Ulness, chairman. Other members are Donald Staley, and John Korsmo.

Who can give us more information on this veteran?

45 Years Ago —

Many Eligible To New Society

Plans Being Made for Big 164th Infantry Reunion

To Be Held July 20

(Grand Forks Herald, 7 July 1921)

Every man who has at any time served in the First North Dakota National Guard regiment or in what was known during the war as the 164th Infantry is to be eligible to membership in the 164th Society, which will be formed during the state fair in Grand Forks, according to Major B. C. Boyd, one of the organizers.

The society is to be organized on the third day of the fair, July 20, which has been named American Legion Day, but in reality will be an active day for all veterans whether Legion members or not.

Arrangements for the reunion and formation of a society are being made by Col. J. H. Fraine of Grafton, with the co-operation of E. R. Montgomery, fair secretary.

N. D. Soldier In Spanish War Dies In Philippines

(Herald, Dec. 30, 1941)

The Manila Bulletin said Tuesday it had received from usually reliable sources a report that Robert E. Manly, one of the wealthiest Americans in the Philippines, had died recently in a Japanese concentration camp at Naga in southern Luzon Island.

Manly, about 75 and long an invalid, was born in Rushford, Minn., and came to the Philippines during the Spanish-American War as a member of the first North Dakota volunteers.

He later settled down at Naga, began the practice of law there and ultimately acquired large interests in the rice lands and transportation companies.

For more than 30 years he served as national Democratic committee-man for the Philippines.

QUESTIONNAIRE

It has been proposed that this organization make an effort to see that the History of the 164th Infantry, from the date of its inception 14 Oct. 1883 to the date of its redesignation in 1955, be prepared and published. The History would also contain the names of all of the members of the North Dakota National Guard, who served with the regiment in active service in time of war. The names of all those who lost their lives in war, those who received decorations together with the citations were obtainable.

Would you be in favor of this project, remembering that the cost would amount to a considerable sum?

Have you any recommendations as to how this should be accomplished?

Would you be interested in purchasing a copy of the book if it were printed?

Would you help by sending in pictures and other material of interest?

A letter from you setting forth your views on the subject at an early date will be greatly appreciated. The Committee expects to meet early in January.

In Memory of the Boys who have given their lives on Guadalcanal.

AT REST (WWII)

Blind! To the light from heaven,
Deaf! To the cannon's roar,
Asleep, and not to awaken;
No more fighting or suffering of war.

These good men God has taken,
Their duty they have done, and more,
Their lives for us have given,
For freedom and peace evermore.

Our buddies that we are leaving,
'Neath the white crosses on the shore,

To us, never will be forgotten,
In our memories, they'll live as before.

To them we are saluting,
Hats off! Then a silent prayer —
Asking God in heaven,
To keep them for ever more.

— By Cpl. Ike Forcele

Sent in by: Robert Gehrman
1250 Payne Ave., St. Paul, Minn., 55105

LETTERS

Letters written to Col. H. A. Brocopp, Editor of the 164th Infantry News. If any of the complete addresses are desired by members, make your request to the editor.

Dear Herman:

I am enclosing check in the amount of \$3.00 in payment of my 1967 dues to the 164th Infantry Association. Recently I moved from D.C., and my new address is:

In the recent issue of the 164th Infantry News, I noted that the annual Convention is to be held in Fargo. I regret that I cannot attend. I would have enjoyed again greeting World War I buddies and friends.

I send greetings and best wishes to you and all members of the Association and I hope the Convention will be a successful and enjoyable one.

George Smith
Marlow Heights, Md.

Dear Col. Brocopp:

I am more sorry than I can say that I was unable to make the trip I had planned to be there for the reunion. The very serious illness and impending death of my younger, widowed sister, (who we have had to care for) has kept us "in the guard house," for sometime and we have not and will not be able to "go places," until it is all over. A month ago the doctors gave her 24 hours, so we made plans, hoping to be in Fargo for the reunion, on our way farther east, but all to no end. Doctor say he can't understand how she continues to live. She suffers terribly and wants to pass on.

Well, enough of gloom. I know you all had a wonderful time, having fun, meeting old buddies again, and "re-fittin'" the wars over again.

Even though we may be "loose" soon, guess we will have to **stay put**, as winter is near, and we can't take it like we did when younger. It's pure silly to take chances or ask for any trouble when you don't have to.

Want to thank you again for putting my letter and "pics" in August and September issues of the "News." It was mighty fine and sure nice to be remembered by

good old pals like you and others, who have been around plenty and have not "forgotten," like a lot of them do.

Will "wait a time with patience" for the next "News" and a word from you at your convenience.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and yours at all times.

Lloyd F. Harmon
Long Beach, Calif.

Editor's Note: All questions will be answered in due time. The village of Harmon, north of Mandan, N. D., was named in honor of "Pete's" father. It is too bad that time and space will not allow us to go into Pete's North Dakota history. We have located several news items of interest about him in the Valley City-Times-Record written at the time he was serving in France during World War I as a member of the 164th Infantry Band. Earle Tostevin of Mandan said (in Stars and Stripes) "Band of the 164th Infantry blew its way to fame."

Dear Col. Brocopp:

Just a quickie today to say "Hi," again and tell you how happy I was to receive the August issue of the "News" a short time ago.

To say that I was quite surprised and very grateful to you for putting my lengthy letter (to you) in print (with the "Band Pic" I sent you) is putting it mildly. I have already received **nine letters** from old buddies who I had lost all track of, which was sure nice. Am also glad to say that the old "think box" of mine has 'cleared up a bit', and I do now remember you and am hoping that nothing happens to keep me from seeing you at Fargo.

On page three of the "News," I note a letter from Wm. E. Littlehales in Richmond, Calif., headed, "Report from our California Outpost." In it he stated that his parents made their home in Mandan in the early "70's". My parents landed in Mandan in the early 80's, soon after being married at old Fort Lincoln in Bismarck. I am wondering if this brother Wm. E. Littlehales is from the same Littlehale family who lived not far from us during my Mandan high school days, 1903

to 1907. I am writing him soon and hope to have a reply with news of the old days we may both remember.

A few days ago I wrote brother Col. Tony and sent in dues for '67. Perhaps you have already seen it. If and when you may see **Pin Register**, give him my regards and if he should care to drop me a line I will like it "mucho" and will answer promptly.

Any time I may be able to give you any info or pics of the old days, just command me and I will snap to attention pronto, and give.

Hoping to see you and other old friends in the near future.

Yours,
"Motorcycle Pete,"
Lloyd F. Harmon

Sure sorry I missed your calls when you were out here. Thanks again for everything.

LETTERS —

Interesting letters received by Col. W. C. Johnson, Reunion Chairman, at Fargo, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Col. W. C. Johnson

I note in the VFW magazine issue for August, that there is to be a reunion of the 164th Infantry, October 14-16. I presume that this means that members of old Company B will be there. If this is true, I plan on being there as it would be a pleasure to meet some of the old gang.

I will be going through Fargo about October 1st on my way to Canada on a goose hunting trip, but I will be back in time to make this other trip.

If you have any further information on this reunion, I would be glad to receive it.

Harry Ware
New Brighton, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Col. W. C. Johnson:

I noted the reunion of the 164th Infantry in the VFW magazine today and I am very much interested as I joined Company "B" of the 164th when I was in high school, 1930-31. I was with the Company until 1933 when I joined the regular army.

I assume that the reunion is primarily for war time members, however I would like very much to attend.

Clarence L. Humphrey
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)
Barnesville, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Would you please send me what information I would need to know for the 164th Infantry Reunion Oct. 14-16, as I hope to be back that way in October.

I am a former member of Company "H", WWII.

Earl H. Johnson
Star Route
Redmond, Oregon

Dear. Col. Johnson

Request hotel rooms and rates. This will be my first reunion, and the first time I could arrange my vacation to coincide with it. Answer soon.

Harold L. Menaker
Flushing, New York

Americal News Letter

Dan Merlin, editor of The Americal News Letter, published by the Americal Division Veterans Association, at Boston, Mass., says:

"This is to confirm that the 164th Infantry News has been placed on our mailing list this date. Happy reading. Contributions to our News Letter are always welcome. Let us know about present day activities of the 164th and our friends in the Dakotas."

The Americal News Letter is published monthly. Address: P. O. Box 1381, Boston, Mass. 02104.

LETTERS

Letters to Col. Anton C. Beer (Ret.) Mandan, N. D., secretary-treasurer 164th Infantry Association:

Dear Colonel:

Just a few lines to let you know I have a change of address and to send in my 1967 dues.

I just today received my second copy of the 164th Infantry News and must report that I am very much pleased to be a member, and that I also saw some familiar names. In particular, Bob Jeffreys of Williston, N. D. He was my Co. C. O. during the Camp Rucker "Campaign" and one of the finest officers I have ever served under. So I would certainly like to thank this officer for putting up with all the misery and tomfoolery a C.O.'s runner could cause a C.O. I served with Jeff at G Co. and F Co. I also served with some other good officers such as Lyons, Wagner, 'Rat' Torgeson, Bud Dahl, and a 1st "Loouie" from Texas named Allen.

I am very sorry to say that due to a heavy work schedule during these winter and fall months I am unable to attend the 164th Reunion this year. I certainly hope to make it next year.

I see we have quite a few members over in Spokane, Washington. Well, there is one more ex-dog face from around Spokane that is not a member, Pete Wimmer. Maybe some of those boys in Spokane could shake the dues out of him.

Well, Col. Beers, it's "mess" time and as any of my old buddies could

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or ANNUAL RENEWAL

Name _____

Home Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code No. _____

Service No. _____ By _____

164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

DUES FOR 1966 or 1967 — \$3.00, includes subscription to 164th News
Send to: Col Anton C. Beer, 211 7th Ave. SW., Mandan, N. Dak.

tell you that's one detail I'm never late for. So will close hoping all members have a wonderful reunion. Wish I was there too. Hello to all the boys from Carrington and Valley City.

Jim (Muckett) Orth
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Colonel:

Enclosed please find my check No. NB1590 for six dollars (\$6.00) for my application for membership (and 164th Infantry News) in the 164th Infantry Association—and, if you do not already have him on your membership—for: Carroll C. Coolidge, Upper Jay, New York.

If Carroll Coolidge is on your membership list already, please use this amount to cover my membership for two years.

By the way, John Wells of Arlington, Calif., tells me that a copy of the 164th Infantry News which came out about a year or so had a picture in it of **Steve Balczak** and me. If it is possible to get a copy of that issue I would appreciate it.

Emil I. Blumstrann
New Britain, Conn.

Dear Tony:

It has just now come to my mind that I have procrastinated a little too long in sending in my dues for membership in 164th Infantry Association, so am herewith and herein including them. **I enjoy getting the Infantry News and do not want to be too delinquent to receive it.** I do not want to cut out the application form from the April issue of the News as I like to save each copy for future reference. From some source of information I understand that your early idea of retirement such as fishing and loafing did not suit you and that you took a position with the Telephone Company. Good for you. At your age total retirement would soon get to be deadly boring and frustrating. In my case I have to accept total retirement because of several factors involved. However, I am sure kept busy each and every day. Mina is confined to bed or wheel chair so I have her care, house work and K.P. duties, lawn and ground work to occupy the time. I get

some time off once in a while when Paula or one of the sisters take over for a few hours to let me attend such functions as suits my fancy. Manage to get a little duck shooting in season but not on the scale I enjoyed back in Dakota.

I am in fairly good health, but the old legs seem to be going a bit haywire. Can't walk like I used to, so pheasant hunting and such is now just a fond memory.

I would certainly get a big thrill attending 164th Reunion but I know I will not be able to make one under the present circumstances. My age group (The Old Fogies) are becoming increasingly scarce as the years go by and that is one reason I like to keep my copy of the 164th Infantry News, so that I can refer to it when the need arises.

I think often of you and the others who used to make camp of Camp Grafton years ago. If you should run into any of the following will you give them my best. Jordan loves me I know for putting him on the Honey-Wagon at Ripley in 1937 and if Joe Bride is still around tell him I still remember his good chow at Grafton. I was supposed to mess with the Service Company, but actually ate most of my meals at Company "A", as did several others from the Q.M. detachment. Have to give Col. Brocopp credit, he never squawked about it and I know darn well he knew what was going on.

Well, Tony, I have to go out and move the hose and then go in and get Mina and me a bit of lunch.

Best regards to Mrs. Beer and a salute to you.

John C. Spare
Boulder, Colo.

Tony Beer

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$3.00 for Ross C. Jeffrey's dues for the 164th Infantry Ass'n.

We would like to see all of the members again at the Reunion but because of Ross's ill health we will be unable to attend.

Mrs. Ross C. Jeffrey
Williston, N. Dak.

Dear Colonel:

I am enclosing check for \$3 for dues. You don't know how I wish I could get back to the reunion but guess my traveling days are over. Pretty hard for me to get around, you know. Both Mrs. Gray and I are both in the upper bracket now, Mrs. has had one hectic time for over a year and is now a lot more encouraged.

I enjoy the 164th Infantry News. We read every line. The Colonel does a good job. There is always a mention in the news of some one who was in my company in W.W. I, or someone we know.

Hope you have a very successful reunion.

James D. Gray
Bremerton, Wash.

Tony:

Herewith my check for current dues. Have read the August issue of the News, edited by our mutual friend, Col. Herman, who, without a doubt should be given full credit for the complete documentation of the 164th Infantry history. Regards.

H. R. Tenborg
Carrington, N. Dak.

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