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

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April, 1967

## Where Are They?

In connection with our project "Heroes of the Guard" we are in need of the present addresses of the following named ex-members of the 164th Infantry. If you know of any or where they can be obtained, please advise the editor.

### Distinguished Service Cross

Clark, William A., Cpl., Co. M  
Witte, Herbert H., PFC, Co. G

### Silver Star Medal

Arrowood, Clair W., Pvt., Co. F  
Arthur, Patrick J., Pvt., Co. D  
Bovee, Frederick H., Sgt., Co. I  
Burley, Richard E., T4  
Campbell, James R., PFC, Co. F  
Campbell, Thomas W., PFC, Co. H  
Carroll, Al B., PFC, Co. F  
Carroll, Daniel C., Sgt., Hq. Co.  
Chapman, Arthur L., T-Sgt., Co. G  
Combs, Richard M., 1st. Lt., Co. H  
Eihusen, Bernard, Pvt., Hq. Co.  
Everling, Lewis R., PFC, Co. B  
Fischer, Paul F., S Sgt.  
Flo, Frederick, T., 1st. Lt.  
Jones, Aaron G., Pvt., Med. Det.  
Kerbaugh, Lester W., Pvt. Co. E.  
Kloster, Lynn M., PVC, Band  
Knapp, Alvin L., Cpl., Co. H  
Koester, Albert C., Pvt., Hq. Co.  
LaFouraise, Joseph, 2nd Lt.  
Liebsch, Arthur R., S Sgt., Hq. Co.  
Lunardelli, Edward E., S Sgt. Co. I  
Mulkins, John W., PFC, Co. K  
Nokes, Roy N., Pvt., Co. B  
Olson, Vernon L., Sgt. Co. G.  
Peterson, Miland L., Cpl., At. Co.  
Peyton, Leo J., Pvt., Co. G  
Pinkston, James E., PFC, Co. L  
Powers, Thomas A., Cpl., Co. K  
Rawlings, Elbert R., PFC, Hq. Co.  
Ross, Raymond H., 1st. Lt., Co. H  
Royston, Clarence H., Pvt., Hq. Co.  
Sander, Paul, S Sgt., At. Co.  
Scheon, Kermit E., Sgt., Co. K  
Shedd, Milton C., 1st. Lt., Hq. Co.  
Sherwin, Arthur P., 1st Lt.  
Simmons, Jack T., 1st. Sgt., At. Co.  
Smyth, James V., PFC  
Springer, Floyd L., Cpl.  
Stimmel, Charles L., Pvt., Hq. Co.  
Thompson, Norman H., PFC, Co. F  
Towne, Vernon L., Pvt., Co. B

## 164th Honors Three Men



Left to right: Wm. Mjodalen, Fred Jordan, Dr. Pinka, Everett Brust and John Korsmo

Three Fargo men were presented honorary life memberships in the 164th Infantry Association at a ceremony in Fargo.

They were presented by Col. William Mjogdalen, a former commander of the regiment, to Dr. Wallace Pianka, Fred Jordan and Everett Brust.

Pianka, chief of staff at the Fargo VA Center, was a member of the 41st Infantry Division medical unit which provided medical support to the 164th during the Guadalcanal

campaign in World War II.

Fred Jordan, department adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was honored for his support of the association, and Everett Brust, a full-time technician of the North Dakota Air National Guard, was cited for his service as photographer for the association.

The 164th was a North Dakota National Guard unit that participated in United States defense efforts from 1883 to 1955 and won many battle honors.

Walker, Charles H., 1st Lt.  
Wells, Phyllis, PFC, Co. K  
Westerhausen, James, PFC, Co. F  
Wihlborg, Louis L., Pvt., Co. B  
Yancey, Charles R., Maj. Med. Det.

### Legion of Merit

Brettschneider, Ralph, S Sgt., M. Det.  
Garvin, Crump, Col.  
Keaney, Thomas J., Sgt., Co. K  
Larson, Kenneth M., Sgt., Hq. Co.  
Manfred, Anthony, Cpl., Hq. Co.

## Anthony M. Holt Dies

Anthony M. Holt formerly of Devils Lake, N. Dak., died Feb. 28, 1967, at his home at Grants Pass, Oreg. Capt. Holt served for many years in the North Dakota National Guard, and was in command of Company D of Devils Lake for many years. This information was furnished by Col. James D. Gray (Ret.) of Bremerton, Wash.



# Letters from Members of the 164th Inf. Assn.

December 24, 1966

Dear Col. Tony:

Just see where you got elected "wheel horse" of the 164th Association. Congratulations and "Merry Christmas" — Am sending you my "Beer" money a little early as old Santa has been pretty good to me.

Am going to try to make one of these reunions or conventions. Maybe this year as I see it will be in Valley City which is not too far from my old home town of Lisbon.

Hope this finds you well and greetings to all.

Walter R. Abbott

Richmond, California  
24 January 1967

February 20, 1967

Col. Anton C. Beer  
211 7th Ave., SW  
Mandan, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

A check is enclosed in the amount of three dollars for application for membership in the 164th Infantry Association.

When I talked with you a few weeks ago, you did not remember too much about me. That is understandable since I had not been in the Bismarck area since 1946. A quick resume of my activities since I was discharged is as follows:

I was a member of Company "A" and remained with them until Bougainville. I left to return to the States from Bougainville because I was losing my sight. I was flown back to the States and spent eight months in Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver until I was released to duty in March, 1945. There I trained and participated in a Bond Tour Infantry Group. I was discharged in August, 1945, and returned to Bismarck. I worked for the North Dakota State Highway Department as a construction employee for one year and left for college in Iowa, graduating in Accounting in 1950 from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

I worked as an accountant in the auto industry for two years then spent 2½ years with the Finance

Department of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. In 1954 I transferred to the Internal Revenue Service and was employed with them until 1957. In 1957 until 1961, I was in the home building and real estate business. In 1961, I joined the auditing staff of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and that is what brought me back to Bismarck to help with the auditing in North Dakota.

I met many of the men from Company "A" who suggested I call you which I did.

Please enter my application and send me some information about the convention.

Sincerely yours,  
Dennis R. Ferik

Dec. 30, 1966

Dear Col. Brocopp:

Each 164th Infantry News gets bigger and better and the December 1966 issue is really outstanding in every way. The "re-union" report, the several pages of "pics" and the many items of the "six-W's," (who, where, when, what, which and why) are all, (always) very interesting.

I just don't understand why so many eligible buddies don't belong to the Association or receive the "News." Perhaps some of them are like I was for some time — didn't know of it. Surely, lots of them must know now, so let's hope a lot of them soon hear the "enroll" bugle call and fall-in for membership.

Re.: "Questionnaire," History of the 164th Infantry. I am heartily in favor of it and would help every way I could by sending in "pics", material of interest I may have which you might use and would purchase a copy of the book, if printed. Why not assess each member a few bucks to help pay the way, to start things going.

Naturally I don't know what the situation is up there-re-raffles, contests, bingo, lottery, etc. Down here there is always something going on to raise money. Rummage, backyard, garage, sales, some a bit "agin" the law, but they get away with it by donating a bit to some

church, good-will or Salvation Army. It's a thought, even if you don't want to or can't do those things.

Want to thank you very much again for giving my letters space in the News. Also want to tell you I have quite a lot of W.W. I pictures and news items which you are very welcome to at any time.

Note that next Reunion will be in Valley City. I am already making plans to be there and will do everything humanly possible to in "camp" with you in '67 to answer all the bugle calls except taps.

Do hope that your best day in '66 will be your worst day in '67.

Regards and best wishes to you and gang.

L. F. "Pete" Harmon  
416 Westwood Drive  
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Colonel Brocopp:

At this season of the year when us Senior Citizens find ourselves housebound due to unusual weather I utilize the time to get the some 20 of the Old Breed of 164th Infantrymen with whom I am in contact, to renew their membership in our Association for this year.

Occasionally I run into one or two persons who are reluctant to renew because they are not receiving the 164th Infantry News, do not have access to the application contained in it, and/or do not know to whom or where to send their dues.

Due to age and other factors, these Old Timers probably will never be able to attend a reunion and their copies of the News are their only contact with former military associates. It is my opinion that the organization would go out of existence if the News were to be discontinued. Believe me, I look forward with much anticipation to receiving my copies and this letter would be couched in much stronger language if I did not receive them.

In a recent exchange of letters with Robert L. Hill, 233 Lewis Ave., Billings, Montana 59102, Bob stated that he had not received the reunion edition. Will you please provide him with a copy?

Wm. L. Littlehales



# Letters from Members of the 164th Inf. Assn.

Jan. 4, 1967

Dear Herman:

It has been long enough I guess since I wrote to you. I have been so busy for the past two years it seems. I enjoyed your Christmas letter last year and just never did get around to answering it. I received my 164th Infantry News, and enjoy it very much. Sorry I could not get to the reunion in 1966, but I was right in the middle of a hot campaign.

I have just retired this month from the State and County, and will do fee appraising this summer after I return from our trip.

We are leaving January 14th for a two month trip to Manila, Philippines, and will return March 14th. Flying over and coming back by steamer, SS President Wilson. We have a daughter married to a Navy Officer in Manila. He is the R & R Officer.

I don't know whether I told you before or not, but last year I was retired from the State Guard here as Colonel, and placed on the National Guard retired list.

Enjoyed seeing Sgt. Jack Hayes picture in the news. I remember him. Should drop him a line. Didn't know he was so much older than I, but I was just a kid 18 when we left Bismarck with Co. A. That is 50 years ago. He was, therefore, 35 years old.

Regards  
Otto Chandler

14 Mar 67

Dear Herman,

It was a pleasure to have recently received a copy of "The News" which possibly resulted from some recent correspondence I had with a former member of the old regiment, namely Lt. Col. Arne Stenslie, a fine representative of the old regiment.

You will remember that once I was an instructor assigned to the regiment in the days of Angus Fraser. I was so assigned for what were to me six marvelous years of friendship with one and all of the regiment; I have never forgotten those days.

**These are just a few of the letters received by Col. Beer and Col. Brocopp, editor of the 164th Infantry News, which tend to express the feelings of most of the former members of the 164th Infantry. We appreciate them and it does make us feel that our efforts are appreciated even though a lot of the fellows just don't take the time to send us news of former members.**

And now suddenly, I get a copy of the "News" but of course the many names shown therein are not known to me and I am no longer known to them. Regardless I was happy to get this nostalgic reminder of the days of Sorg, Col. Ritchie, Major Green, Dr. Cy Glaspel (with whom I had a recent delightful correspondence), Bud Kelly, "Skib" Edwards, Bill Scott, Frank Anders (M.H. and is he still living?) Earle Sarles, "Tone" Kibler, good Casey Finnegan my close friend, Matt Tindall, George Fischer, Fred Mann, Randy McDonald and his brother, The Jeffries brothers — oh so many. I just can't make this too long, but I remember them all so well, and you, too, of course.

The 4-day Officers Schools we had in Fargo which gave me such an incentive to help as I possibly could — I wonder if a few of you old timers will remember my efforts? I certainly loved you guys.

And so briefly I have said a few words of greetings to you with best of wishes to all of you who remain from my days. I am now over 70 but getting along pretty well. You will be busy with editorial duties but if you have a moment I would be happy to hear from you, soldier and that's that.

Most sincerely yours,  
Ernest F. Boruski

February 4, 1967

Mr. Herman A. Brocopp  
Editor, 164th Inf. News

Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending me the December issue of the 164th Infantry News. I have an old friend, W.

E. (Bud) Littlehales, living in Richmond, California. We carry on a somewhat casual correspondence and late last fall he sent me a copy of the News.

This was the first time I had heard of the 164th Infantry Association as I left Dickinson in 1926, and had been back there only a very few times and brief times, at that. Had a letter from Bud not long ago and he asked me if I recognized any names or faces in the issue pertaining to the reunion in Fargo, and I replied that I had applied for membership, using the blank in the issue he sent me, and had a 1967 card, but had not received any of the issues. So it would seem Bud wrote you concerning it.

My card is No. 43, dated October 16, 1966 and signed by Anton C. Beer. Therefore, I hope to receive any further issues that may be published for 1967, and will renew my card when the present one expires.

R. L. Hill

EDITOR: Yes, we get our mailing list bawled up once in a while. Reasons - Time and no paid staff.

164th Infantry News  
716 25th Street  
Bismarck, N. Dak.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the data in the current issue in regard to the death of Clarence V. Carlson of Valley City, N. Dak.

Carlson was the NCO who gave me my initial recruit training when the North Dakota Infantry in Oct. 1913 was preparing for their session at Mercedes, Texas.

My extensive service thereafter until retirement from active duty a few years ago was the result of that basic training and my extended service within Grades including from Private to include Colonel in the Regular Army.

Don't let anyone deem that the training given as mentioned above was not of value both in the military and civilian activities in which I am now involved.

Joe S. Underwood  
Colonel, USA, Ret'd



# Heroes of the 164th Infantry

## Silver Star Medal Winners, 1st Battalion, 164th Infantry



SC 163808 — Members of an Infantry who received the Silver Star Medal for gallantry under fire, L to R: Major George Schatz, Medical Det., of West Fargo, N. D.; S/Sgt. Paul Sander, Antitank of Harvey, N. D.; Pvt. Roy N. Nokes, Jenson, Utah and Pvt. Lewis L. Wehlborg of Anchorage, Aslaska. Guadalcanal. 1-2-43.

### Dr. George Schatz

Dr. George Schatz was born at Linton, N. Dak. on April 24, 1902.



Schatz

He was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1928 and interned at the Deaconess Hospital in Chicago. He was in general practice of medicine and surgery at Linton and West Fargo from

1929 to February, 1941.

Dr. Schatz joined the Army Medical Corps Reserve in 1933, appointed 1st Lt. M. C. North Dakota National Guard 7 Dec. 1940 and assigned to the medical detachment. Ordered into Federal Service 10 Feb. 1941, he remained on active duty until December 19, 1945. He served in the South Pacific as Regimental Surgeon for the 164th Infantry and served on Guadalcanal for approximately seven months and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action beyond the call of duty. He terminated his World War II service as Assistant Post

Surgeon at Fort Lewis in December, 1945. He remained in the Medical Corps Reserve and after 28 years, retired from the Reserve Corps with the rank of Colonel.

After World War II Dr. Schatz was employed by the Veterans Administration at Fargo and came to Seattle in 1948 as the Medical Representative on the Rating Board at the VA Regional Office. In 1956, by presidential appointment, he became an associate member of the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Schatz retired on December 30, 1965. He and his wife, Rose, now reside in Edmonds, Wash., where they have two married daughters, Nancy and Mary Jane, each with two grandchildren.

Since retirement, Dr. Schatz has been active in Veteran's affairs, and currently is the Department Surgeon for the V.F.W., State of Washington. His wife, Rose, is Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Post 1040, Seattle Heights.

Dr. Schatz (Colonel Retired) is proud to be a member of the 164th Infantry Association.

### Roy N. Nokes

Private, Infantry,  
United States Army

"For gallantry in action on November 5, 1942. Private Nokes and a companion while returning from patrol duty at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, discovered a wounded man several hundred yards beyond their own lines. Despite heavy enemy machine gun cross-fire, Private Nokes and his companion administered first aid to the wounded man and succeeded in carrying him back to safety."

### Louis L. Wihlborg

Private, Infantry,  
United States Army

"For gallantry in action on November 5, 1942. Private Wihlborg and a companion while returning from patrol duty at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, discovered a wounded man several hundred yards beyond their own lines. Despite heavy enemy machine gun cross-fire, Private Wihlborg and his companion administered first aid to the wounded man and succeeded in carrying him back to safety."



# Heroes of the 164th Infantry

## Paul Sander

Staff Sgt., Infantry, U. S. Army

"For gallantry in action on October 25, 1942 at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Staff Sergeant Sander, with two others, proceeded beyond the front lines to render aid to and bring back several wounded Marines who were pinned down by strong enemy fire and cut off from their organization. The deed was performed under heavy enemy fire and without adequate protection from their own lines. The three men succeeded in loading several of the Marines into a vehicle and evacuating them to safety behind the lines.

## Hamlin L. Kjelland

Hamlin L. Kjelland enlisted in Company G, 164th Infantry, North



Kjelland

Dakota National Guard, at Valley City, N. Dak. He served in World War II on Guadalcanal and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Discharged as a staff sergeant and now

resides at 312 North Buren, Pierre, S. Dak.

His citation reads as follows:

"For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 29 March 1944. He unhesitatingly took charge of his platoon, after the officer and second in command had become casualties, and displayed outstanding courage and resourcefulness in organizing his men to fight off an enemy attack. His daring and fearless tenacity permitted two scouts to withdraw from an extremely dangerous position. Although wounded, Sergeant Kjelland continued in action, killing two Japanese soldiers during a bayonet charge on his positions. He refused to be evacuated until all his men had withdrawn to safety. His leadership and bravery not only saved the lives of two men but were responsible for the successful completion of the patrol's mission."

## William P. Kostelecky



(Then)



WILLIAM P. KOSTELECKY  
(Now)

Bill has been operating his own barber shop at Dickinson since he was discharged. He is a member of the North Dakota Board of Barber Examiners.

In addition to being awarded the Silver Star Medal, he was also awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat and the Good Conduct Medal.

His citation reads: "For gallantry in action at Guadalcanal on November 22, 1942. A determined assault against the enemy was in progress and a number of casualties resulted. Fourteen wounded men awaited evacuation at the front lines. Private First Class Kostelecky volunteered to act as a litter-bearer and proceeded at great personal risk over hazardous terrain toward the wounded men. By making several rushes in the face of enemy machinegun fire he assisted in evacuating the wounded soldiers to safety."

## Bernard A. Deering

Bernard A. Deering enlisted in Service Company of the 164th Infantry, North Dakota National Guard at Devils Lake, N. D., in November, 1940. He served in World War II on Guadalcanal and was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. He was discharged



Deering

as a staff sergeant October, 1942 by reason of disability. When last heard from he was engaged in mercantile business at Waterloo, Mont.

His citation reads:

"For gallantry in action on October 16, 1942, at Guadalcanal. While being subjected to intensive bombardment by enemy naval guns, at great risk of life, shelter was voluntarily left in order to rush to the aid of a seriously wounded officer. After the administration of first aid, the wounded officer was removed on a stretcher which was procured at additional risk, to a place for further medical treatment."

The following letter just received from Mrs. Deering advising of his passing away, which we regret to learn:

Waterloo, Mont. 59757  
March 14, 1967

Dear Mr. Brocopp,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the coming issue of the 164th Infantry News.

I am sure that Bernard would have been very pleased and proud to be mentioned in the "News" (He passed away suddenly May 17, 1964.)

He was extremely proud to have been associated and serve his country under the 164th! He always seemed to stand straighter, and one could almost see the mental salute he was giving, at the mention of the 164th! (and I must confess that his pride was contagious, and I also feel a certain bond with the "outfit".)

Thank you again for your letter.

Mrs. Bernard (Viola) Deering.



## N. D. Farm Boy Famed Naval Doctor

A one-time Bismarcker, who served with the old First North Dakota Infantry prior to World War I and for many years was a Navy doctor, is helping give naval officers training in tropical and military medicine.

He is Capt. Julius M. Amberson, who returned from retirement to assist in the project.



**CAPT. AMBERSON**

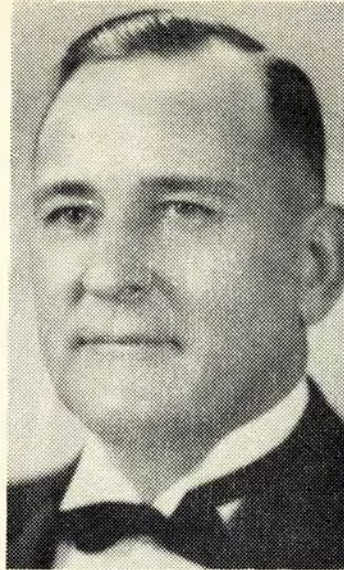
Assigned to the U. S. Naval Medical School, Washington, D. C., and an authority on tropical medicine, Captain Amberson has had more than 25 years of active naval service in all major military areas of the world.

The son of an area farmer, and a 1911 graduate of Bismarck High School, he practiced medicine in Chicago following World War I, reentered the Navy for World War II and stayed in until retired in 1959 only to be returned to active duty for his current project.

He helped investigate cholera in India, typhus in Naples and Cairo, trenchfoot in northern Italy, dengue and filariasis in the Pacific and scrub typhus and encephalitis in Okinawa and Japan.

In 1948, he served as senior medical officer for the U. S. Navy on an expedition from Cairo to Capetown, South Africa. In Venezuela, he has helped map the extent of bubonic plague in wild rodents to control its spread among humans. During the Korean conflict, he served in Japan; and in Vietnam he supervised medical aspects of the repatriation of 800,000 North Vietnamese to South Vietnam.

## World War I Veteran Chas. Cloid, 78, Dies



**CHARLES CLOID**

Charles Cloid died enroute to a local hospital at Bismarck, Feb. 14, 1967. Born at Runnells, Minn., Feb. 26, 1889, he enlisted in Company A 2nd North Dakota Infantry at Minot, N. Dak., July 15, 1917. Transferred to Hq. Company, 164th Infantry and served that unit until discharge at Camp Dodge, Iowa, March 11, 1919, as a Sergeant. He served overseas from Dec. 15, 1917, to discharge. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Bismarck Elks Lodge 1199.

## North Dakota Records Project

Chapter 37-03-21 N. D. Revised Code of 1960, directs the State Adjutant General to compile, print, and make distribution of the records of all veterans who were residents of the State of North Dakota prior to entering into active military service, during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Up to this time the Adjutant General was not able to print the records as no appropriation for the printing had been made until the 1967 Legislature passed a bill providing the required funds to carry out the provisions of the above cited chapter of the N. D. Code. The compilation will contain more than 96,000 names.

## LETTER

December 19, 1966

Dear Colonel:

Just received a copy of the 164th Infantry News and a report on the Convention at Fargo last fall. Sure would have liked to have been there. But illness in the family prevented me from attending. I see the 1967 Reunion will be held in my old home town of Valley City. I was born there in 1898—just buried my mother this June. She was 95-years-old and was an old pioneer. Also got the news of the passing of Tom Brown and Clarence Carlson. I am sending you a check for 1967 dues and hope to see you in Valley City at the reunion.

John W. Koehn  
4457 N. Sheffield  
Milwaukee, Wis.

## John E. Hayes, 85, WWI Veteran, Dies



**HAYES**

John Edward Hayes, 85, Akeley, Minn., died at Park Rapids, Minn., Feb. 9, following a short illness. Born in Morrison County, Minnesota, July 28, 1881, he was a former resident of the Hazelton, N. Dak., area. Enlisted in Company A, 164th Infantry, North Dakota National Guard, at Bismarck, N. D., May 9, 1917, and served until his discharge at Camp Dodge, Iowa, March 11, 1919. Grade Sergeant. Served overseas from Dec. 14, 1917 to Feb. 26, 1919.