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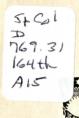
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# The 164th INFANTRY News

Volume 3 - No. 6

July, 1967

### Valley City Reunion Committee Appointed

Information has just been received from the Valley City Reunion Headquarters stating that the Reunion of the 164th Infantry will be held at Valley City, N. Dak., Oct. 13, 14, and 15, 1967.

The following committees were appointed:

The following committees were pointed:

CENERAL CHAIRMEN:
Col. Bernard Wagner
Col. Bernard C. Lyons, Ret.
BANQUET:
Edmund Kramer, Chm.
LeRoy Bauer Louis Hanson
Harold Elias Norton Tangen
PUBLICITY:
Barnard C. Lyons, Chm.
Victor Anundson
Vernon Messner
Ken Matson
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
Dr. Max Moore, Chm.
Neal Tracy
MEETING ROOMS:
Norbert Thilmony, Chm.
John Loh
MEMORIAL SERVICE:
DeForest Peterson, Chm.
Dr. John Goven
Dr. Niel MacDonald
LUNCHEONS:
Lawrence Hull, Chm.
Ernie Schilling
ENTERTAINMENT:
Ralph Medcalf, Chm.
Lee Holm
COLOR GUARD:
Dick Kane, Chm.
Wes Maly
REGISTRATION:
Milton Kane, Chm.
George MacKove Jack Stephenson
R. W. Carter
Omud Jacobson
SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS:
Dan Smith, Chm.
Ken Gulmon
Mrs. Louis Hanson
Mrs. Vic Anundson
Mrs. Louis Hanson
Mrs. Vic Anundson
Mrs. Erv Schmidt
Mrs. Bernard Wagner
SOCIAL HOUR:
Ralph Medcalf
Lee Holm
NATIONAL GUARD
FLY-OVER:
Col. Bernard Wagner
NATIONAL GUARD
FLY-OVER:
Col. Bernard Wagner Erv Schmidt
Dale Thorson
TRANSPORTATION: Carl Tait
SCRAP BOOK:
Mrs. Milton Kane
Mrs. Norton Tangen

The next issue of the News will have more up-to-date news on the activities to take place at the Reunion. Judging from the number of committees, it looks like nothing will be overlooked.

### **Disabled Officers Association Holds Annual Installation**

Desert Star, Yucca Valley, Calif., May 25, 1967, reports that the Riverside Palms Springs Chapter of the Disabled Officers Association concluded its annual picnic and installation meeting at the home of Col. and Mrs. Samuel Baglien in Yucca Valley on May 20. There were 15 who stayed overnight and had breakfast at the Hi-D Cafe Sunday morning.

### Camp Gilbert C. **Grafton Visitor**

The North Dakota National Guard attended annual field training at Camp Gilbert C. Grafton, North Dakota, 3 to 17 June 67.

One of the distinguished visitors during that period was Col. G.A.M. Anderson USA retired, from Seattle, Wash. Col. Anderson is a former member of Company "B", 164th Infantry and after he was commissioned in the regular army, was assigned as an instructor to the North Dakota National Guard on 7 November 1921 when the 164th Infantry was just being reorganized after returning from France. Captain Anderson served as such until 1926.

The editor is sorry he did not know of his visit, and regrets that the Colonel did not find time to call on the editor.

### Col. Northridge Dies

Information was just received that Col. Ben Northridge, retired, died recently from a heart attack at Billings, Mont. Sorry we have been unable to get any more details.

### Company F Reunion

We have been informed that Co. F, 164th Infantry, of Carrington, N. Dak., held its reunion there during the month of June. Sorry we have no details of the reunion but are sure it was well attended.

### They Paid Their Dues And Kept the "News"

This issue of The 164th Infantry "News" is late, but there are several reasons — one, your editor spent his leave in the hospital, having had surgery June 15 and I am still not up to par; and two, we are nearly out of money because a lot of fellows have forgotten to send in their dues. We overcame this by spending some of our dwindling funds for postage and envelopes to send out statements.

The response was far beyond our expectations. The statements were mailed out about June 28 and the dues started coming in — over 200 of them to date. The editor did all of the work and if there were any errors, charge them to him. President Anton C. Beer, the Editor and all of your officers wish to tell you how gratifying it was to receive your prompt response. Thank you.

Now a last warning to those more than one year in arrears: If we don't hear from you before the September issue goes to press your name will be removed from the mailing list of the 164th Infantry "News".

### **Company I Reunion**

We have received information to the effect that Company I, 164th Infantry, veterans of World War I and II had a very successful reunion at Wahpeton, N. Dak., June 24-25. Sorry that we did not receive the information in time to have had it in the last issue of the News.

#### Major Austin P. Reid Retired

Major Austin P. Reid, former member of Company "A", 164th Infantry, residing at San Francisco, Calif., was called back to Bismarck, N. Dak., last week due to the death of his brother, Russell Reid, former state Historian who passed away 10 July 1967.

# Letters from Members of 164th Infantry Assn.

Richmond, California 29 March 1967

Dear Colonel Brocopp:

"Taps" has sounded for Frank L. Flynn, a longtime member of the 164th Infantry Association and the North Dakota Infantry Regiment. Dedicated to the perpetuity of Americanism, he was our friend, capable, prompt, correct, faithful and most loyal.

And now he has stood his final inspection in the presence of the Great General, and has received from His hands that everlasting and fitting reward for service honest and faithful, for duty well done.

Surging along the sound waves of this soldier's farewell come memories of the yesteryears to his comrades who served with him during his military life. Death has a way of opening the floodgates of memory. A wealth of incidents are recalled to those whose life ran parallel to his.

God go with you, Frank, and may His hand be ever on your shoulder. Your comrades in the San Francisco outpost regret your passing.

William E. Littlehales

3320 46th Ave. South Minneapolis, Minn.

My correct address is as above shown. I moved in January, 1967, to attend a two-year course at Northwestern Electronics Institute in Minneapolis.

Retirement life is great and well worth the 20 years of army life one puts in to qualify.

I am looking forward to this year's Reunion at Valley City and hope to see all of you again.

I received a copy of the April News and enjoyed reading all the fine articles as always.

> Chester H. Grant Major, AUS Retired

1739 San Nicholas Ventura, Calif. 93003 April 6, 1967

Enclosed is a check to get me in the "ball park" on being a real subscriber. If I'm still in arrears, just drop me a card.

It's been quite some time since we have corresponded so I wanted to check in to see how all your activities, and you, are.

I heard from a fine man through an address from the "164th News". He is Col. G. A. M. Anderson, ex-Capt. of "B" Co., Fargo. He should do some writing as he is a heck of a man with the "King's English," and a real square shooter besides.

Do you happen to have any data on the number of medals, such as the CMH, Navy Cross and PSC, awarded to men of North Dakota? I believe that the ratio of awards per population total for our state is high, and should be an interesting story for the "News".

I just sweated out a gall stone biz about a year ago which left me with no gall bladder, an improved gall carrying duct, and a helluva appetite. All is well now but the jaundice made me look like an old Chinaman. All is OK now.

> Many regards, V. B. "Zack" Zacher

1527 Cedar Avenue Apt. 5 Long Beach, California

I received the April '67 Vol. 3 No. 5 issue of "The News" at noon today just as I started to eat lunch. pushed the old mess-kit, (nearly full of beans, corn, willie and hardtack) to one side and didn't resume chawin' again until I had read every word and took a good look at all the "pics." I was pleasantly surprised again to see my last letter to you in the Members' Letters section. Got quite a kick out of seeing a strange address under my signature. You have my address correct on your mailing list, but that 416 Westwood Drive, Ames, Ia. 50010, surely doesn't belong to me. Hope no one tries to reach me there as they won't have any luck. Maybe the type got "pied" or the linotype went fishing.

I tried to locate Bill Hass and Mac Hauser in Los Angeles, but — no dice. Maybe they have no phone.

I was sorry not to be in Fargo for the Reunion. No doubt I would have seen quite a few old timers, and of course, spent some time in Bismarck and Mandan. I also have a few old friends in Sterling, Jamestown and Valley City. You may know Dr. Max M. Moore (a fine old dentist) still active in Valley City. He and I were close buddies before "over there", during "over there" (where we met through a lot of hell and happiness together) and have kept in touch all these years. Had a nice long letter from him a short time ago and he said there is quite some 164th Infantry Reunion talk even this early. He also wrote that if I got there and didn't come to his home for chow-bunk and all else he would make every effort to have me put on a strict diet of "O. D. pills," in the old guard house, no parole, so I guess I had better figure right, huh!

Hope there is action by now regarding 164th Infantry history. Wish I could do something to help and I want you to call on me if there is anything I can do down this way, at any time.

Know you are plenty busy, but would sure like a line at your convenience.

Do hope you and yours are real well and completely happy.

Same old "youngster," L. F. "Pete" Harmon

Correction: Sorry we got the wrong address on your last letter. I guess that happens to the best of editors and proof readers, as you know it did when you were employed by the old "Jim Jam Gems." Your address should have read 1527 Cedar Ave., Apt. 5, Long Beach, Calif.

Glad to receive the 164th Infantry News because it reminded me to send in my three bucks.

Things around Milwaukee are the same as ever. I am still keeping my Milwaukee front. Haven't seen anyone from the old outfit for the past couple of years — that's why the 164th News is so welcome. If you can get the ball rolling, I would be more than happy to donate a couple of bucks toward the publication of the History of the 164th Infantry.

After your series on "Heroes" of the 164th, why not publish a list of the battlefield commissions guys (I always want to get in on the act).

I plan to be in Valley City for the Reunion; just hope I won't lose my voice this time.

Joe Schwartz

# Letters from Members of 164th Infantry Assn.

1812 98th Ave. N.E. Bellevue, Washington

Thanks for sending me the 164th Infantry News. I am enclosing a check for \$3.00 for 1967 dues.

Hope you can read this. I don't write much and I know it's hard to make out. I'll be 78 years old Oct. 1 this year. My how time passes by. For your information, my Retirement Certificate dated April 6, 1956, states 43 years and nine months of service in the Army of the United States. I was also awarded the Legion of Merit, April 8, 1949, for outstanding services from August, 1943, to September, 1945.

Col. Earle R. Sarles, Ret.

779 Deland Avenue San Jose, Calif. 95128

Enclosed is my personal check in the amount of \$3.00 in payment for dues for the year 1967.

Please note my new address. Thank you.

James M. Connors

Rte. 2, Box 2786 Spanaway, Wash. 98387

Received a copy of your paper today, and herewith enclose \$3.00 for membership.

I was a member of Co. M, 164th Infantry, Grand Forks, N. Dak., having enlisted July 25, 1917. I was transferred into Co. F, 26th Infantry Jan. 20, 1918, as were most of the Privates of Co. M at Soissons, Monditier, Noyons, front.

I am the recipient of the Purple Heart and Silver Star for meritorious service under fire. I served under Capt. Holms and Col. Fraine of the 164th, Sgt. Max Raines of Co. M, Cpl. Stoddard, Co. M., and Sgt. Heb. Edwards, Co. M.

Earl W. Cameron

Souris, North Dakota

I am sending my check for the 1967 dues.

I was with the 3rd Bn. Medics from training Camp Claiborne until I left on the rotation plan in the latter part of 1944. Many will remember me as the "pencil pusher" when it came to "sick books" and the "emergency medical tags."

William A. Pautzke

Enclosed find check for \$3.00 dues for Mathew Geston. I know this is one organization of which he wishes to remain a member.

Mr. Geston's health is not good. He became totally disabled in 1965. He sends his best regards to each of you and wishes it were possible to be with you at the Reunion.

Mrs. Mathew G. Geston 274 Homewood Avenue Napa, California

Box 57, Harvard, Nebr.

Enclosing my dues for 1967 and would like a little information on hotel rooms and rates, as I plan to be at the Reunion.

The last time I was able to attend a Reunion was at Grand Forks. I have had two open heart surgeries in the past three years and at the present I am feeling great.

I am a former member of G Co., WWII. Harry E. Baker 297½ Maria Avenue St. Paul, Minn. 55106

Thanks for your letter of April 7, 1967 with the current news. Nice to hear from you.

I enjoy the 164th Infantry News very much and look forward to each issue. I hope that you will be able to get some help and expense money so it will be continued. Sure is nice to read articles and letters about and from the old timers. I'm sure the News has much to do in keeping the membership of the association.

I enjoy reading the letters written by Floyd Harmon.

Keep up the good work on the News. I, for one, appreciate it.

Norman Flow

720 Glendale Street St. Paul, Minnesota

Received your letter the other day and must say I am interested in being a member of the 164th Association. I'm enclosing a money order for \$3.00, so include me on your list.

Yes, I did receive your News letter last fall, and it was very interesting. I was going to sign up then but I kept putting it off. I'm looking forward to receiving the 164th News.

By the way, Charley Schliwe and Mel Halvorson did a wonderful job with our 25th Reunion at Rugby last year. Leland Swensgard

I guess we've never knowingly met — except it might have been at Camp Grafton. At any rate my surname is an introduction of sorts, well known in our state.

Enclosed please find check for \$3.00 — my dues for this year of 1967. Just received the News and read every word. The picture of Col. Sarles reminded me of when I reported to him as orderly (by mistake) back in 1925 when I was a rookie.

Would like to make one of the Reunions — but being so far away I can only wait for a favorable opportunity when I'm back in the States on leave.

With warmest personal regards.

Elliot C. Aandahl
Company M - 164th

APPLICATION FOR	MEMBERSHIP and/or	ANNUAL RENEWAI
164th INFANTRY	<b>ASSOCIATION</b> of the	UNITED STATES

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City	State	Zip Code No

DUES FOR 1967 — \$3.00, includes subscription to 164th News

Send to: Col. Anton C. Beer, 211 7th Ave. S.W., Mandan, N. Dak.

### LETTERS

Enclosed is \$3.00 for my dues. Greetings to all my friends in the 1st N. Dak. Inf. of the Border days at Mercedes and especially to Co. B members.

Since retirement in 1951, I am using our home and three-acre farm in Santa Barbara as my hobby.

Had a nice visit with Ward Davenport and his good wife this last winter. We are well, healthy, and busy. Cheerio.

Carl E. Anderson Colonel U.S.A., Ret.

Garden City, S. Dak.

Enclosed is my dues. Sorry I haven't sent them before but old age is catching up fast, I guess.

Sure plan to be at the Reunion this year if all goes well.

Martin Kloster

### Newlyweds Are Bismarck Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Emil T. Bressler arrived in Bismarck this weekend for a short visit with old friends. They were married at Port Orchard, Wash., on June 17. Mrs. Bressler was the former Antonette M. Richards. They are on a six months honeymoon trip which will take them to points in Michigan, Illinois, New York and then to Montreal, Canada, and will then return to reside at Port Orchard, Wash.

Mr. Bressler is an old timer in Bismarck and a former member of the 164th Infantry with which he served on the Mexican Border and in World War I. He explained that one of the important reasons he stopped in Bismarck was to be sure that his 164th dues were paid before he could continue his trip. We wish you both the best of luck and a safe return.

### Col. Paul Hedstrom Retired

Col. Beer called on Col. Paul Hedstrom who is confined to his bed in the John Moses Hospital at Minot, N. Dak. We are sorry to report that Col. Hedstrom is not recovering as fast as we all had hoped he would. Why don't some of you fellows drop him a line. I am sure he will appreciate it.

# A Report from Guadalcanal

Former U. S. Marine Robert E. Wickman recently spent nine days on Guadalcanal. This is his report: his report.

#### A Report from Guadalcanal

The relics and scars of the savage campaign which began 25 years ago today are still prevalent throughout the Island. At Red Beach, site of the Marine invasion, an anti-aircraft gun still points skyward. The hulk of a Japanese troop transport still looms out of the water. A Japanese field piece stands next to a children's playgroup. Wrecked U.S. landing craft lie on the beaches. Along the ridges foxholes are still visible and around them brass cartridge cases and hand grenade spoons litter the ground. At "Hell's Point" nine thousand tons of unexploded ammunition are still stockpiled. World War II jeeps and a few  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ton trucks still do a day's work. In the jungle 52 amphibious tractors rust away.

Gone is the wartime stench, the filth and even the mosquitos. In

their place is a quiet friendly island which revolves around Honiara, capital city of the British Solomon Islands. Built on the banks of the Matanikau River after World War II, Honiara, population 7,000, boasts of modern apartments, swimming pools, tennis courts, two hotels, a broadcasting station and a yacht club.

But in the bush the natives still live much as their forefathers did before them although they have taken advantage of abandoned U.S. and Japanese equipment. Steel "Marsden Matting" once used for temporary airstrips is utilized for bridges, fences and frames for buildings. In one village an American steel helmet is used for a bucket. It leaks. It has a bullet hole in it.

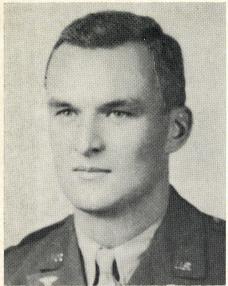
Life on Guadalcanal today goes on peacefully and seemingly oblivious to the wars which still rage around the world. It's just as well. Guadalcanl earned her place in hishistory. She deserves her rewards.



An Australian tourist stands on World War II Marine battle positions overlooking the Matanikau River. Beyond is "Iron Bottom Bay" graveyard of more than 76 American, Japanese and Australian naval ships. Members of the Second Marine Divison Association plan to re-visit Guadalcanal next February in conjunction with a pilgrimage to New Zealand, another wartime base of the Marines.

# Heroes of the 164th Infantry

### Dr. Morris W. Stroud III



Then

Dr. Stroud is an ardent fly fisherman and upland game hunter. He and his wife raise golden retrievers and are active in retriever trials. They reside at Charrin Falls, Ohio.

Dr. Stroud's military service is as follows:

Three years in the 1st Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, while

attending medical school.

52nd Evacuation Hospital 21 Jan 42 to 15 Jan 43 as medical ward officer.

164th Infantry 15 Jan 43 to 28 Dec 44.

Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix,



Now

N. J. Feb. to 1 Nov 45 Chief of Officers' Medical Section.

At present Associate Professor of Medicine, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and also Assistant Professor Dept. of Preventive Medicine.

He says that he hopes to be able to attend the Reunion and that he enjoyed the last one of the 164th Medics.

Capt. Stroud was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Soldier's Medal, Combat Infantry Bodge (Bougainville), and Certificate of Merit (Tilton Gen. Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.).

His citations read as follows:

#### AWARDED THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army

"For gallantry in action at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, wherein he courageously exposed himself to concentrated enemy fire to safely evacuate and administer medical treatment to two seriously wounded soldiers on 18 Jan 1944."

#### AWARDED SOLDIER'S MEDAL

"For heroism at Bougainville, Solomin Islands, 22 May 1944. While swimming in the surf, a soldier became exhausted and suffered a severe cramp. As he was being carried swiftly out to sea by a strong undertow, Captain Stroud, without hesitation or regard for his own life, swam to the struggling man and towed him to safety. Captain Stroud's heroic action unquestionably saved the soldier's life."

### Julian O. Jore

Julian was too modest to give us much information on his military service. The best information we have is that he served with Company "L", 164th Infantry in the South Pacific, during World War II. He states that he retired from the Army on 1 November 1966, completing 24 years of service and for the past 15 years was in the Nike Missile field. He spent three years in Germany and 13 months in Korea. The rest of the time was



spent in all parts of the United States in the Missile Defense program. He retired with the grade of 1st Sergeant, and since retirement he has been employed as a security guard at the Twin City Army Ammunition Plant at Minneapolis, Minn. He resides at 7013 Knox Ave. North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal, his citation reads as follows:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 7 August 1944. Home address then was Buxton, N. Dak.

### 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.

PETER BURNS, WWII	Moorhead, Minn.
JOHN R. CONNOLY, WWII	
JOHN R. FRAINE, WWI	Chicago, Ill.
JOHN S. GRANE, WWI	Grafton, N. Dak.
JOSEPH JOHNSON, WWII	Minneapolis, Minn.
G. A. LAWRENCE, WWII	East Grand Forks, Minn.
LUDWIG GULLICKSON, WWII	Adams, N. Dak.
FRED MANN	Dickinson, N. Dak.
COL. BEN NORTHRIDGE, WWII	Billings, Mont.

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# Heroes of the 164th Infantry





Now

TONY was inducted at Fort Snelling, Minn., on April 10, 1941, and shipped to Camp Claiborne, La. Assigned to Co. F, 164th Infantry, with which he served until he was wounded on April 14, 1945 in the Central Pacific Theater, (Cebu Island) by mortar shrapnel in the leg. In the hospitals until the latter part of June of that year, he returned to the U.S. on the point system. He was discharged from Fort Snelling, Minn., July 1, 1945, and was married in October of that year. He was a bartender for a time and was then elected County Auditor of McHenry County in 1946, a position he still holds. He resides at Towner, N. Dak.

Awarded the Silver Star Medal, his citation reads as follows:

### Death of Fiji Chief

Ratu Tevita Uluilakeba, the Tui Nayau, paramount chief of Lau in Fiji, died in Lautoka October 4, 1966 on his 69th birthday.

During WWII he served in the Solomons. He was a great grandson of Ratu Cakobau who ceded Fiji to Great Britain in 1874.

Ratu Tevita was a great song writer and composed several wellknown Fijian songs, including the famous 'Isa Lei'.

### **Anton Burckhard**

"For gallantry in action on November 10, 1942, near Koli Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, PFC Burckhard was a member of a patrol sent out into enemy territory to contact a unit. When returning from this successful operation the patrol was ambushed by considerable numbers of the enemy and subjected to machine gun fire. The patrol leader was killed, the second in command and two others were seriously wounded. Private Burckhard and one other, the sole remaining members, withdrew with the three wounded men through dense jungle and across a deep stream, which it was necessary to swim with the three wounded. Private Burckhard and his companion brought the men back to their lines, undoubtedly saving their lives."

### James Fenelon Receives Recognition

James M. Fenelon, executive director of the Minnesota Society of Architects (MSA), is one of six men from throughout the nation named to honorary membership in the American Institute of Architects.

Fenelon received the recognition for his "distinguished service to the profession of architecture." He will be installed as an honorary member at the AIA's national convention in New York City, May 14-18.

Fenelon, who became executive director of the MSA in 1956, is also a consultant to the North Dakota chapter of the AIA.

An attorney, Fenelon received his law degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D. in 1951. Upon graduation he joined the Office of Price Stabilization as a special investigator.

For four years prior to joining the MSA, Fenelon was the North Dakota representative for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and the March of Dimes.

A veteran of World War II, Fenelon served four-and-a-half years in the Army, 22 months overseas. He is vice president of the 164th Infantry Association of the United States.

He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Phi Delta Phi honorary law fraternity Signa Chi social fraternity and the Minnesota Society of Association Executives.

Fenelon was born in McLaughlin, S. Dak., and attended high school in Devils Lake, N. Dak.

He resides at 8300 W. 31st Street, St. Louis Park, Minn.

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