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

Volume 6 — Number 5

March, 1973

## Reunion Committee Makes Plans for Annual Reunion

The ground work for the 164th Infantry Association of the United States reunion scheduled for Oct. 12-14 at Grand Forks was completed at a recent meeting of 25 members of the group.

Tom Lykken, president of the Association, attended.

Those named to the committees to organize the reunion were as follows:

James S. Hoop, general chairman; Paul M. Bossoletti, vice general chairman; William R. Burns, secretary; Clarence O. Blecka, finance committee; Douglas A. Murray, Anton Stransky and Leigh G. Stewart, housing and registration committee; Bryan O. Baldwin, banquet committee; Mark J. Schroeder, advertising committee; Donald J. Evenson and William R. Burns, memorial committee.

Other committee assignments are being studied and will be announced later. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., March 11 at the

## Seek Information on Sgt. Kevin McCarthy

At my request to Ernest E. Wentz, a member of this association, I asked him to search and, if possible, find Sgt. Kevin McCarthy, whose picture was printed in the "YANK" Magazine during the war with title of "Typical Soldier on Guadalcanal." I also told him that I would like a copy of this picture for the "NEWS". He reported back that he had made contact with McCarthy, who was a member of Co. H on Guadalcanal, and said he was now employed as a mechanic for the International Harvester Company in Portland, Oregon. His address is 7640 SE Powell Blvd., but that he seemed hazy about the subject. I would still like to get the picture and story, if possible. — The Editor.

American Legion clubrooms. Progress reports will be heard from the assigned committees and others will be appointed.

All former members of the 164th Infantry Regiment are eligible to join the Association. They can contact Hoop, Baldwin or Burns at 777-3801 or write to the 164th Infantry Association, Box 11, Grand Forks, N. Dak. 58201.

## Minot Reunion's Final Treasurer's Report

1972

### INCOME

Snowmobile tickets .....	\$1,053.00
Advertising .....	440.00
Photo Sales .....	146.50
Association Dues .....	235.00
Registration .....	2,487.57
TOTAL .....	\$4,462.07

### EXPENSES

Postal Box rent .....	\$ 10.80
Printing .....	509.48
Postage .....	71.34
Ladies Luncheon .....	241.98
Orchestra .....	110.00
Banquet .....	998.60
Brunch .....	285.00
Courtesy car drivers .....	30.00
Taps Player .....	5.00
Dinner music .....	35.00
164 Infantry paper .....	350.00
Favors, ladies luncheon .....	48.76
Piano delivery & return .....	30.00
Banquet chaplain .....	25.00
Nodakords, banquet entertainment .....	75.00
Photographer .....	196.50
Gas courtesy cars .....	8.85
Noon luncheon, Legion Club .....	196.50
Association dues .....	235.00
Flowers, Gillespie funeral .....	20.80
TOTAL .....	\$4,207.06

Balance on hand to be held in escrow for committee for future reunion \$255.01.

The balance has now been deposited with Organization Treasurer, and earmarked for future use of the Minot Reunion Committees.

## 164th Infantry Plans Safari to Fiji

Your committee wishes to report that the travel plans for the reunion in Fiji are going along very well and we have the first of two quotations for a package deal, this will cover first class passage via Air to and return from the Islands, motor coach transfer from the Nandi Airport to Suva and return, baggage handling at both cities. The round trip Air will be \$450.00 per person, housing 10 days at \$120.00, all meals will be extra.

We are working toward room accommodations with the Continental breakfast. The flight as now planned will be from the Minneapolis Airport with stops at Fargo, Bismarck and a possibility of a stop in Denver if warranted.

The second Travel Bureau has been working thru Fiji for a complete package deal, and we are awaiting their quotations and a rundown of what will be included in this package.

We, as your committee will select the better of the two deals.

We are again calling attention that all **Associate Members** must have applied and paid their dues prior to June 30, 1973 as this is the final date. Mail your \$10.00 to any of the committee members or to Waldemar Johnson, Treasurer, in care of the 164th Infantry News.

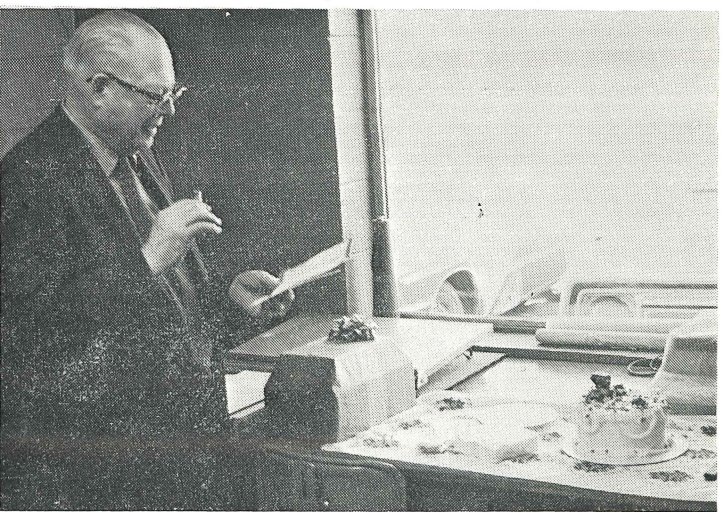
In this issue read the letter to Col. Brocopp from Russ Opat, he and his wife recently returned from a visit to Fiji.

Those members who have written in for information, all data will be released late summer through Travel Information News Letter, we will try to obtain all information as to what to take along, etc.

At the present time we have a list of about one third of the necessary to make this Charter a sure thing, we will need 165 passengers.



## Editor Feted on His 77th Birthday



Birthday party given for Col. Herman A. Brocopp by members of the Friday Night Club was held at a noon luncheon at the Bismarek Elks Club, March 2, 1973. Those attending as shown in picture (Left to Right were: Col. Joseph J. Thomas, Col. Herman A. Brocopp, Col. Waldemar Johnson, Col. Stanley Pfau, Col. Marsh Johnson, and Col. Herb Mack.

Office employees of Supercrete Company of Mandan, in which the Col. has been affiliated for many years, also had a birthday party for him at the plant. He was given a recording machine for future use.

### “Bula” from Fiji

535C Orchid Lane N.  
Wayzata, Minn. 55391  
February 27, 1973

Colonel Herman A. Brocopp  
716 North 25th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

Dear Colonel Brocopp:

“Bula!” Here we are back from our trip to the South Seas. It was a real experience to return to Suva after thirty years. We also paid a visit to Samoa, Western Samoa, Marea and Tahiti. These islands were very interesting, but they don't compare with Fiji.

We stayed at the Travelodge in Suva. It is located next door to the Grand Pacific Hotel and across the street from the parade grounds. The GPH has been very well kept

and still is a beautiful hotel. Most of the business district in Suva has had its face lifted — there are some very nice shops there. Morris Hedstrom and Burns Phillips are still in the same place and are now modern department stores. Suva itself has changed, but the people are still the same with a big smile and a loud “Bula”!

I paid a visit to Ratu Edward at his office in the Government Building. He is a very busy man these days but he took time out to visit with me and also had us to his home in Tamavua for cocktails and dinner. We were served a variety of exotic Fijian dishes — it was a delightful evening.

I also paid a visit to the house that I lived in when we were in Fiji. I am sure many of the boys

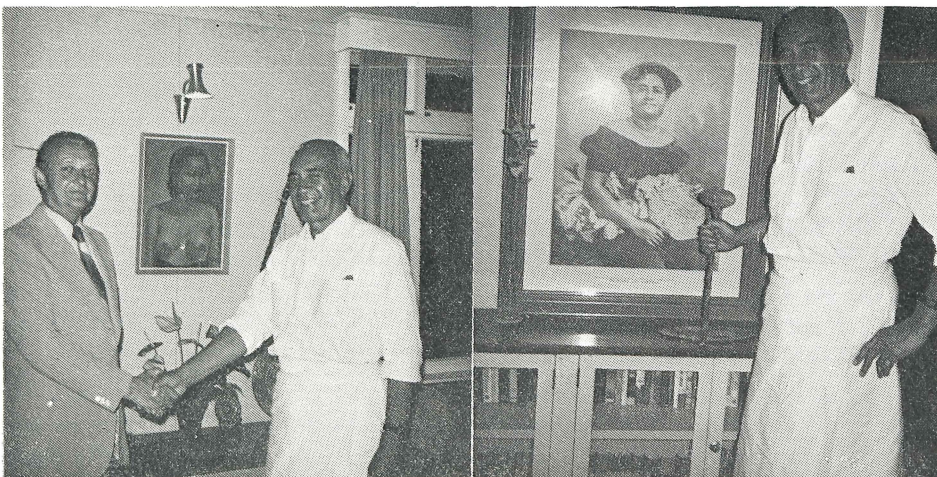
will remember being there at one time or another as it was the staff headquarters in Tamavua. Mr. and Mrs. Hedstrom moved back into the house after the 164th left there in 1943. She was kind enough to take me through the house — I saw the spot where my army cot once stood. They have added a new wing to the house and a new swimming pool.

Time passed so quickly and all too soon it was time for us to board our plane for the flight back home (with a wet swim suit in my suitcase).

Ratu Edward sends you his regards and to the 164th Infantry, and Senator Young. He still has fond memories of the good time he had at our reunion. In one of the enclosed pictures you can see he still has the Indian War Club from North Dakota. I mentioned to him that the 164th may visit Fiji in 1974 and he was very much interested especially because on October 10th of that year Fiji is celebrating their 100th anniversary. He said to let him know early in 1974 as hotel rooms may be at a premium with people there from all over the world.

Enclosed are a couple of pictures and a newspaper on the Independence of Fiji which is very interesting. If you have time, on your next trip to the cities, please give me a call.

Best regards,  
Russell J. Opat



RUSSELL J. OPAT

RATU EDWARD



## Wm. M. Simmerson, WWI Veteran, Dies

William M. Simmerson, 78, of Bloomington, Wisconsin, died Wednesday evening, February 14, 1973 in Memorial Hospital, Prairie du Chien. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. February 17 at the Fawcett Funeral Home, Winthrop, Iowa. Burial was in Wilson Cemetery, Independence, Iowa.

He enlisted in Company A, 1st Infantry North Dakota National Guard, at Bismarck on July 6, 1917 and was transferred to Headquarters Company 18th Infantry, 1st Division. He was wounded in action May 4, 1918. He served overseas from December 15, 1917 to March 17, 1919 and was discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on March 30, 1919 as a Sergeant.

## 164th Infantrymen Memorialized in Hawaiian Cemetery

Any member making a visit to the South Pacific via Honolulu, Hawaii, be sure to visit the "National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific" at Honolulu, Hawaii.

The following members of the 164th Infantry, WWII, who were killed in action are memorialized in that cemetery:

Pvt. Frank L. Arnold  
Pfc. Harvey R. Brewster  
Pvt. Willard J. Coulter  
Pvt. Richard H. Czapiewski  
Cpl. Lewis D. Dibbert  
Cpl. Herman C. Diede  
Tec. 4 John T. Flowers  
Cpl. Kenneth S. Foubert  
Sgt. Jack E. Geiger  
Pvt. Alois M. Georges  
Pvt. Emery F. Gess  
2nd Lt. Arvid J. Grasvik  
1st Lt. William J. Grayson  
Pfc. Coral L. Haagenson  
Pvt. Gerald Hall  
Pfc. Carl L. Hjelm  
Pvt. Harvey E. Hubbard  
Pfc. Leslie C. Huffstutler  
Pfc. Joseph F. Kelly  
Pvt. Louis E. Kmiecik  
Cpl. Louis W. Lockner  
Pfc. Alfred H. Mahlstedt  
Pvt. Glenn Midgarden  
Pvt. Gerhard P. Mokros  
Pfc. Christian E. Montgomery  
Pfc. Walter Montgomery

Sgt. Clyde G. Morgan  
Pfc. Joseph M. Nimeth  
Cpl. Raymond O'Connell  
Pvt. Sherman R. Olson  
Capt. Andrew H. Panettiere  
Pfc. Wendell A. Paulson  
Pvt. Elton L. Pederson  
Pvt. Joseph Shuster  
2nd Lt. Kermit G. Sloulin  
Pvt. Joseph M. Sperl  
Pvt. Marion Van der Werff  
Pvt. Murray Velcoff  
2nd Lt. Carl E. Vettel  
Pvt. Harold S. Zerface

## Pictures . . .

I want to thank James O. Jewell for pictures of Co. K, Ed. P. Mulligan for pictures of Medical Detachment, and Norvin Hendrickson for two pictures taken in the Southwest Pacific. I will run these in the 164th News as soon as space is available. We appreciate your help. H. A. Brocopp-Editor.

## Letter . . .

March 19, 1973

Thank you so much for reminding me of my delinquent dues. I've been meaning to send them in and give my change of address at the same time, but as time goes by we all seem to slow down just a bit. I'm sending a couple of extra dollars along, hoping that if you have the **last two** issues of the paper available you'll send them on, as I missed them. Hello to all, and hope to see you in October.

Joe Schwartz

Harold Barker  
Bismarck, N. Dak.

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed check for my dues in the association. Would appreciate receiving the 164th News, especially the copy with report and pictures of the recent convention held at Minot.

Thanking you.

Yours in Comradship  
Elliot G. Aandahl

Rolette, N. Dak.

January 13, 1973

Dear Waldemar:

Find a money order for \$5.00 for my 1973 dues in the 164th Infantry Association of the United States.

I was in Company "A" 164th Inf. in World War II.

Sincerely yours,  
Philip Wendell Slough

March 16, 1973

164th Association Infantry  
Bismarck, N. Dak.

Attached check for \$5.00 to pay Walters dues for 1973.

He does so enjoy hearing news, he never reads daily papers here. Loves his vets, Elks, 164th News.

We moved back to Seattle. Thought being near his sisters might help, but it don't change much. Guess we will have to move back to Bismarck, N. Dak. this fall.

Walter is not very good, does not —walk and not very alert anymore.

Mrs. Walter Knott  
303 N. 44th Woodside Terrace  
Seattle, Wash. 98103

January 8, 1973

Greetings Wally:

Have just received the 164th Infantry News which as usual contains many items of interest to me. Regret the passing of old friends and acquaintances of the 164th.

I am reasonably well, taking all in consideration, I have had to "Hang up my guns" so to speak, failing legs, sight, hearing and plain laziness all combined to thwart my attempts to bag ducks, geese, deer and elk. My other hangup is now my driveway, the darn thing seems to get wider and longer each winter, I have lost track on how many times I have had to shovel it clear so far this winter and its trying to snow as I write this.

Hope this finds all well with you and that you are enjoying your retirement. By the way whatever happened to your hair covering? You look a bit scanty up there — Give my regards to Col. Brocopp and any others you may come in touch with.

Enclosing my dues for 1973. Best of luck to you.

John Space

John served in World War II in Co. B 1st N. D. (164th Inf.) on the Mexican Border in World War I — and after the war he served for many years in the QM detachment and States detachment until he retired — too bad John we are getting old, not many of the Mexican Border Vets left.



# Guadalcanal, World War II Battle Site, Is Popular Tourist Spot

United Press International  
Honiara, Guadalcanal

The latest "in" spot for the light-traveling cheap jet set is Guadalcanal where shoes are required at the Mendana Hotel after 6 o'clock.

Men's shorts are acceptable evening attire at the Honiara Yacht Club and the Guadalcanal Club, but only when worn with knee-high stockings. Otherwise, long pants.

This mountainous, 90-mile-long-island, which was the setting for some of the bloodiest and most savage fighting in World War II, has suddenly become a South Seas tourist spot.

Thirty years of far-sighted British colonial administration plus U. N. cooperation has turned Guadalcanal from a stinking, reeking, malaria-saturated hell hole into a tropical resort area of lovely beaches and scenic beauty, complete with

air-conditioned luxuries. The dreaded malaria has been almost completely eliminated.

This once-remote island is now an overnight, one-change jet flight from the Midwest on such carriers as American Airlines. It is only hours from Australia and New Zealand, and Air Nauru hopes soon to link Japan directly with Honiara.

Relatives of the allies and Japanese who fought, starved and died here play golf on the sanded greens of what was once Fighter Strip One; sip cold beer on the shaded veranda overlooking Ironbottom Sound, the graveyard of more than a score of warships, or visit friends for pool-side parties in the Honiara residential area atop the ridges so fiercely fought for 30 years ago.

Despite the British influence, the drinks are iced — even frapped if the Mendana's ice shaver is working. The service is good to excellent everywhere on the island—depending upon one's knowledge of pidgin. The food is adequate, with emphasis on locally caught sea-

foods. Chinese restaurants in "New Chinatown" on the banks of the Matanikau — once the front line for the dug-in Japanese—give the locals and tourists a superb change of diet.

A new resort has been built at Tambea village near Cape Esperance where the defeated, diseased and emaciated Japanese were evacuated during February 1943 in one of the most daring rescue missions ever carried out.

Tambea itself is unique. Twenty-eight miles north of the capital, the Melanesian-styled resort has two bars, beer gardens, cabanas, dining room, store, and 24-hour room service, but is inaccessible when rains flood the various coastal rivers between Honiara and Tambea.

The government has ignored pleas from developers that the rivers be bridged.

A spokesman for the government tourist authority admits that there is no crash program planned to entice either tourists or permanent residents to the Solomons. The secretary, D. Creighton, said that an influx of tourists would tax the facilities of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate to look after them, "Something we just can't do under the present limited budget."

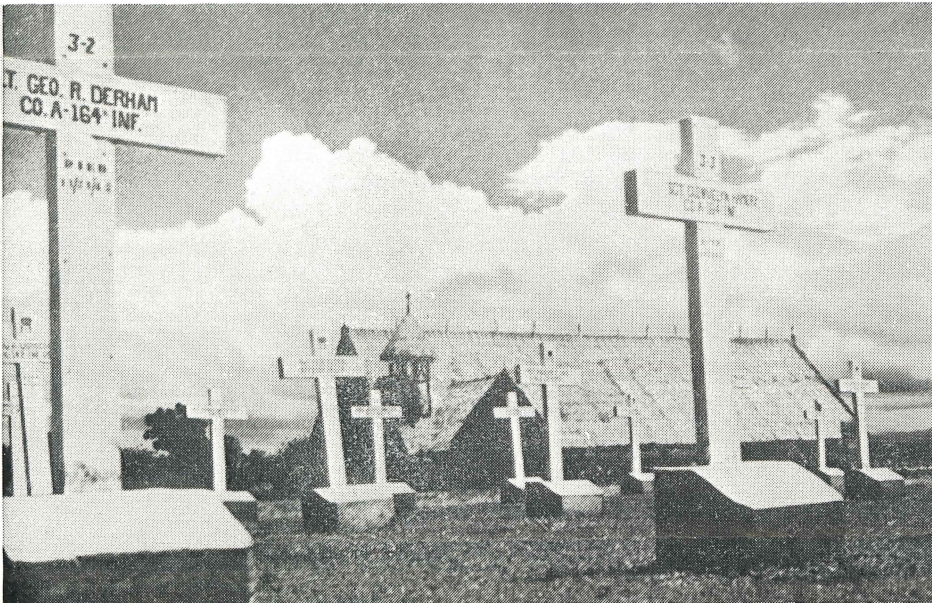
Although the government may shun the potentials of tourism, the Solomon Islanders are all for it. A new wing is being built on the Mendana Hotel, other resorts are planned, and the locals are looking forward to welcoming visitors—particularly Americans.

The Solomon Islanders still tell stories in their villages of the generous Americans who came to Guadalcanal during the war and brought with them an era of prosperity unheard of before and unequalled since.

The war may have been hell to thousands of soldiers, sailors and marines assigned here, but to the Melanesians it was one long ball. They never ate so well, got paid so much, or found such enjoyment—particularly after the Japanese had been driven off the island.

**COMPANY I. 164th INFANTRY** plans a Company Reunion at Wahpeton, N. D., June 29-30, 1973. For information write Ira A. Keeney, 521-2nd St. N., Wahpeton, N. D. 58075

## Lest We Forget



Marine Memorial Chapel on Guadalcanal. Note two markers in the foreground — namely, Lt. Geo. R. Derham and Sgt. Llewellyn M. Hamery, both members of Company A — Killed in action on Guadalcanal.

### The Last Roll Call

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

<b>K. O. GILLESPIE, WWII</b> .....	<b>MINOT A.F.B.</b>
<b>ARTHUR NARUM, HQ CO., WWII</b> .....	<b>Fargo, N. Dak.</b>
<b>WILLIAM M. SIMMERSON, CO. A., WWI</b> .....	<b>Bloomington, Wis.</b>



## Pinky Mullen, 97, Is Active, Enjoys Life

**PINKY MULLEN**, One of the few Spanish - American Veterans still on the membership Rolls of the 164th Infantry Assn., Now 97.



**FREDRICK C. MULLEN**

With a smile on his face and that famous Irish twinkle in his eyes, Noble Frederick C. Mullen, sat with his cane across his legs, and reminisced about his long and interesting life. From Janesville, Wis., where he was born in 1875, to Grand Forks in 1968, he has had experiences that are worth telling.

Born on a farm, he was raised in a good, healthy atmosphere. Later his parents moved to the Breckenridge - Wahpeton area where they lived for a short time. After attending high school, Frederick C. (pardon me, the name has always been Pinky) studied law and finally hung out his shingle. Times were different in the law business then, and you were lucky to pick up a small case here and there. At any rate, Pinky decided to get out and in 1896 he "went railroading."

### **VOLUNTEERED IN '98**

Then came the Spanish-American war and Pinky answered the call to the colors. Not only that, but he "herded" 13 other young hopefuls to North Dakota where they joined up with Company I, 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry. He and his buddies were there when Admiral Dewey accomplished his famous battling act and the capture of Manilla. After that Gen. Arthur McArthur decided Pinky's body had taken enough and he was given an honorable discharge with the rank of Wagoner. I had to ask what Wagoner stood for and was told that the Wagoner took charge of

## Letters . . .

Russell, Kansas

TO:

Editor, The 164 Infantry News

Enclosed find check in the amount of \$10.00 please credit past

all company property when it was on the move.

From there it was back to the railroad until 1938 when he retired. Did I say retired? Well, he did quit the railroad, but he established himself in the insurance business with a minimum of lost time.

Along the line somewhere, he was elected County Judge and served in that capacity until July, 1962.

Judge Frederick C. Mullen, retired, has made a mark in Free Masonry, too. He was raised a Master Mason in Breckenridge in 1903. He was made a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1915 and shortly after that he donned the red fez of a Shriner. He helped organize the Widows and Orphans Fund and was one of its charter members. From 1915 to 1938 he "walked a thousand miles" in the Kem Patrol.

### **LIKES TRAIN TRAVEL**

This interesting gentleman of 97 years-plus will always be active. I believe that's what keeps him young. He likes to travel on the train and makes frequent trips to attend meetings and conventions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Spanish-American War Veterans. "I've taken in all the states except Maine," he chuckled.

I asked him about his hobbies. "Outside of girls, he said, "they are hunting and fishing." He hunts pheasants (when you can find them), ducks, geese and he likes to shoot a deer running through the brush.

In the summer, you'll find him in Whitefish Bay, on Lake of the Woods in Ontario, just out of Sioux Narrows.

Right now, as this is written, Pinky is getting his gear in shape "to get at 'em again." He will, too, you can bet your Edsel stock on that, because he's been doing just about everything for almost 93 years — and he isn't about to stop now.

Reprinted from  
"Across the Burning Sands"

and present dues, the balance is for the kitty.

I enjoy reading a letter from a WWI veteran appearing in the News occasionally, we all shared more or less in the same experiences, last year on a trip to Europe we crossed the English Channel from Dover, England to Ostend, Belgium, I was surprised to find the water calm compared to that night back in 1917 when we crossed from Southampton to Le-Havre in a storm.

We visited ten countries and drove some 4,000 miles, but we did not visit an American cemetery. When we asked the tour director about this, his reply was that the American tourist just are not interested. Maybe our service was in vain. I recently visited Mott, N. Dak. I was a member of Co. "F" along with some six or seven members from that town, I found that all were deceased except one who was in a Rest Home, the percentage is against us WWI veterans.

Sincerely,

Fred J. Hartman

P. O. Box 266

Russell, Kansas 67665

Everett, Wash.

Dear Comrade:

Here is my dues for next year. I enjoy the paper and the letters.

Hoping to find more letters from old buddies I used to know.

Keep up the good work.

Your Comrade,

Clarence J. Holland

10206 7th Avenue

Everett, Wash. 98204

Colonel Herman A. Brocopp  
716 North 25th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

Dear Herman:

Thank you for contacting my Bismarck Office last Friday requesting the address of Mr. Ratu Edward from the Fiji Islands.

I contacted the Fiji Mission in New York City and they provided me with the following address:

Hon. Ratu Sir Edward Cakobau  
Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji  
The Government Buildings  
Suva, Fiji

If I can be of assistance in any other way, Herman, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

MILTON R. YOUNG



# Letters from Members of 164th Infantry Assn.

Fargo, N. Dak.  
January 4, 1973

Dear Colonel Wally,

Here's a check for my 1973 membership dues. Hard to believe it's time again.

I see my good friend, John R. Erickson, is one of the organizers of the proposed trip to Suva next year. Would sure like to join it but it's too much of an effort keeping up with my diet and medication away from home.

Very best regards to you and Mrs. Johnson. And pass on my best wishes to all at Fraine Barracks.

As ever,  
Hildreth

January 15, 1973

164th Inf. Assn.  
Bismarck, N. Dak.

Attn: Col. Brocopp

Enclosed find my check to Ass'n order, in the sum of \$25.00 and in return I ask for my 73 card and the balance you may assign to the KITTY, as you have done in the past, as there is always plenty of incidental expenses in keeping things going. I want to add here, that a remarkably good job has been done by yourself and your helpers in that respect and should be much appreciated by all of us, namely, ourselves and our families. Congrats to you, Sir.

Will mail this to Johnson, as the News directs, but wanted you to have the following information. Pat McCreary, one of my sergeants, told me that you had inquired whether or not I had pictures, which you could use. Replying will say, that Col. Sarles did assign me the job of doing some work of this nature and we had a few films of movies of the trip over, such as crossing the Equator and also while at Melbourne, and then to New Cal. Further, prior to our getting to Australia, Col. Sarles said that if I would give him the films already shot that he would clear them with McArthur's HQ. and would return them to me, or, is possible, would send them direct to the Adj. Gen. at Bismarck, and if I got any more films shot that I could turn them in with the information

that they were to be returned to Col. Sarles.

Nothing in the way of information has even been received by me, and no doubt by you at Bismarck. I had written to Sarles after he was in Seattle, seeking his assistance, but never had any results. So, if they are still in existence, they have never fulfilled the mission for which they were taken.

Trusting that you are reasonably OK, and with every good wish, I am.

Sincerely  
Harry R. Tenborg  
756 Main  
Carrington, N. D.

Friday Evening  
January 26, 1973

Dear Friend Col. B.

Here we go again moving away from the beach — Dr. orders. Wife and I both having bad time. Colds, sinus, hard coughing, heart pangs, etc., etc. Dr. says — Must go higher and drier to prevent more serious troubles, so — as of February 1st, we go back to the same place, in the hills, that was so good for us before.

We live once — we die once, but one lifetime, is never long enough, for all the things most people want to do or have.

**Happiness and health** are the greatest things anyone can have. If a person doesn't have much of either or both, and can better their chances of having at least — some of both those, he or she can be properly put in the plain "dam fool class," if they don't take and make at least a little effort to better a bad condition or ailments.

That's my "squak" this time. Ha! Happy to say, we are making progress in the right direction, and hope we can — "**beat de raps**" for a good long time.

I do hope that you and yours are now "up n at em," again.

Enjoyed December issue of the "News", tho I didn't see very many familiar faces. The re-union at Minot, no doubt, was a real get together. Things no doubt are bigger and better in every way, then they were last time I saw that part — before World War I would give lots

to ride the old Soo Line again. All for now. Cheerio.

Same old N. D. Farmer  
Pete Harmon  
New Address:  
10726 Magnolia Blvd.  
Apt. No. 1, N. Hollywood,  
California 91601

Col. H. A. Brocopp, (retired)  
Box 1111

Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Col.

At the present time I am flat on my back recovering from an operation. Anyway before this newspaper comes off the press I hope to be up an around taking care of the details of the 164th Convention.

We have had several meetings small and large — organizational, planning and budgeting. Most of the Committee Chairmen have been appointed and there will be more named at our next meeting. Willie Burns, the Convention Secretary, has sent a list of the Committees to you.

Our next scheduled meeting is March 11, Sunday afternoon, in the American Legion Club Basement.

We have been collecting some annual dues and also have received some \$25.00 pre-registration fees. Tentative plans are to use the Armory for the Banquet and dance.

I am enclosing a write up of Mr. Mullen as you requested. The enclosed article appeared in the June 1968 issue of the Burning Sands, a publication of the Kem Temple. In a conversation with his son, Kenneth J. "Pinky" Mullen, he stated that he and his dad had been associated together for seven years in the real estate and insurance business before his dad was appointed and later elected a Grand Forks County Justice of the Peace in which capacity he served for several years before retiring in 1962. Mr. Mullen is now retired and resides at the Tufte Manor. As I had to have an operation I was unable to obtain a picture.

Very truly yours,  
Treamann J. Lykken,  
President  
164th Infantry Assn.



## Arthur J. Narum, Former Crime Bureau Chief, Laid to Rest

A former director of the State Crime Bureau, Arthur J. Narum, 72, died recently in Fargo.

Funeral services were held at First Lutheran Church in Fargo.

Mr. Narum was born in Fargo on Dec. 23, 1900. He ran Fargo Mercantile Grocers from 1918 until 1935, when he became deputy register of deeds. He served in this position until 1949. He was Cass County sheriff from 1942 until 1953, when he was named to head the State Crime Bureau in Bismarck. He resigned from that position in 1967.

Mr. Narum was secretary for the North Dakota Peace Officers Association for 14 years.

Mr. Narum enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard in 1921, and served overseas during World War II. He married Marion Runsvold on June 25, 1923. She died in 1971.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, and Kiwanis. He was vice-commander of Disabled American Veterans, and an officer of First Lutheran Church in Fargo.

While in Bismarck, he was active at Trinity Lutheran Church.

He leaves two sons, Robert, Missoula, Mont., and Richard, Minneapolis, Minn.; one daughter, Mrs. Wesley (Betty) Larson, St. Paul, Minn.; one brother, Calmer A. Narum, Fargo; one sister, Mrs. A. L. Abrahamson, Clarkston, Wash., and 11 grandchildren.

## Gillespie, Minot AFB

15 Fairway  
Minot, N. Dak.  
January 25, 1973

Dear Wally,

Enclosed you will find the clipping on Ken Gillespie. He died on Dec. 31, 1972 and had served with Hd. Co. His widow moved to Olathe, Kansas. It is strange that we had never met until we got our committee organized and he was a very faithful and enthusiastic committee member and even donated \$25 for an ad in the program booklet.

Hope to have better news next time. With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,  
George

## Fire Chief, Buried

Funeral service were held for Kenneth O. Gillespie, 52, first chief at Minot Air Force Base recently. He had been hospitalized since suffering a stroke. He died Dec. 31, 1972.

The service was held in the chapel of Thompson - Larson Funeral Home. Rev. Marvin Schulz of Trinity United Methodist Church officiated.

Burial was at Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery at Leavenworth, Kan.

Mr. Gillespie was born Dec. 14, 1920, in Emporia, Kan., to Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Gillespie. He was graduated from high school in Council Grove, Kan., and entered the army on April 6, 1939. During World War II, he served with the Americal

Division of the 164th Infantry on Guadalcanal in the South Pacific. He earned the Silver and Bronze Stars. On May 31, 1945, he was released from military service.

On September 23, 1945, he married Beverly Ball at Olathe. Since that year, he had been employed as a fireman by the U.S. Department of Defense. He was assigned to the Olathe Naval Air Station. He later went to Riverdale before coming to Minot.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. James (Leigh) Allen and Mrs. Robert (Lorna) Hall, both of Olathe; one son, Kenneth Lynn Gillespie, Olathe; his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Jardin, Topeka, Kan.; one brother, Norwood Gillespie, Topeka; and three grandchildren.

## Letters . . .

Fargo, N. Dak.  
January 4, 1973

Dear Sir:

A very Happy New Year and a well one for you and yours.

Hope this cold weather hasn't got the best of you. Sure would like to be in Phoenix right now.

Was wondering what happened to my issue of the News? Was in Valley City over New Year and Vic has his, hope I'm on the list yet, I made sure my dues were paid.

There are some good pictures of the guys from Co. A in it, also one of the better half. See what you can do! I see where Don Robinson, lost one of his boys, our deepest sympathy to the Robinsons. Our son spent two years in Vietnam with the 1st Marine Div. Sure was glad to get his letters. Came back in one good whole piece and is now going to school.

Hope to see you in Grand Forks.

Thanking you  
Don Oster

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## Letters . . .

Denver, Colorado  
November 9, 1972

164th Infantry

Waldemar Johnson  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
Dear Comrade Johnson,

Enclose please find my dues for 1973. It has been many years since I left with company L for the Mexican Border. I have seen a few other places with France and then 1942 with the old Air Corp in India. I am always interested in the 164th paper and although I seldom see any of my era last September I was at the National convention of the Retreads and there I did meet the youngsters of 1916 we are as you know limited to about 72 and there on out—we had one comrade of 90 and still going strong.

Sincerely yours,  
Arthur K. Serungard  
1247 Lipan Street  
Denver, Colorado 80204

March 16, 1973  
Pierre, S. Dak.

Enclosed are my 1973 dues and a little for the News. The publication is interesting, informative and very well put together.

Have missed the last four or five reunions but certainly enjoyed the write ups. Hope to get back in the swing one of these years but the dates always coincide with Ontario moose season.

My regards to Col. Brocopp.  
Henry Mott  
ex.-Co. C

1109 N. Lyon St.  
Santa Ana, Calif.  
March 3, 1973

Hello,

Enclosed will find check for \$5.00 for my dues for 1973.

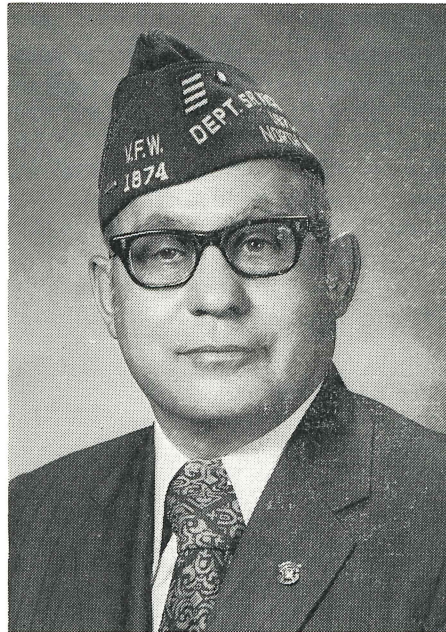
I hope I will be able to attend the reunion at Grand Forks this fall.

Would you please send a mailing list of the 164th members, I plan on retiring in the next year or two and plan on doing a lot of traveling so may be able to visit some former members of 164th.

Thank you.

Norman Samson  
1109 N. Lyon  
Santa Ana, Calif. 92701

## Now Vice President Of the 164th Infantry Association of the U. S.



PAUL M. BOSSOLETTI

Some time ago our Association President, Treumann Lykken, casually mentioned that you would like to have my photograph for use in our paper. I forgot about it as I didn't get a follow up letter; but just today it happened to creep back in my memory. I hope the enclosed will serve the purpose.

By the way, this is the only picture I have left like this and I do hope you will get it back to me as soon as possible.

As you probably already know, we elected Jim Hoop to chair our reunion for this fall and I am his vice-chairman.

If there is any way I can help let

me know, experience tells me that sometimes headquarters isn't informed on what's going on, but I'm sure you are being kept up to date to this point.

Kindest personal regards.

Paul M. Bossoletti

Ypsilanti, N. D.  
January 20, 1973  
Rt. No. 1 58497

Waldemar Johnson

Dear Sir,

Inclosed is a check for my 1973 dues. Hope to see you all at the Grand Forks Reunion this fall.

I was a member of Co. E. 164th, left the United States March 19, 1942 and returned August 26, 1945.

Best Regards,  
Louis J. Hanson



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