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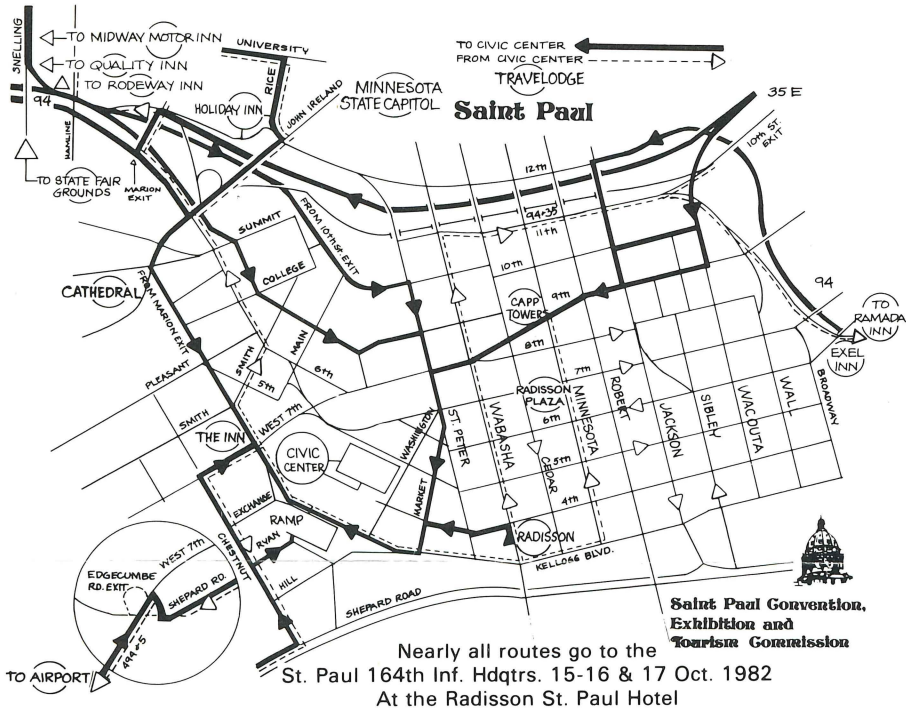
The 164th INFANTRY News

Vol. 2 Number 2

1982 is our 37 Ass'n Yr.

June, 1982

164th Infantry Regimental 40th Anniversary Reunion Oct. 15, 16 & 17, St. Paul, Mn.



Nearly all routes go to the
St. Paul 164th Inf. Hdqtrs. 15-16 & 17 Oct. 1982
At the Radisson St. Paul Hotel

**Saint Paul Convention,
Exhibition and
Tourism Commission**

The 164th Infantry Association Reunion is scheduled to be held at the Radisson St. Paul Hotel located on Wabasha between 4th St. and Kellogg Blvd. It appears that plans are well underway under the very capable direction of our president with honors going to Tim J. Sullivan & Arvid Thompson. Actually here's the 40th Reunion Committee:

Co-chairmen: Joe Juen and Tim Sullivan

Treasurer: Arvid Thompson

Registration: Roy Olson

Printing: Russ Landgren

Memorial Service: Bob Gehrman and Mel Rivkin

Banquet: Ray Sawyer

Ladies' Luncheon: Alice Van Slyke

Photographs: John Fischbach

Publicity: Mel Rivkin and Ray Sawyer

Master of Ceremonies: Mel Rivkin

The following listed Twin Cities men will be your company hosts for the 40th Anniversary Reunion: Co. A. Ed Arm-

strong; Co. C. James Axvig; Hq. Co. Willard Bandow; Co. M. Clyde Cahoon; Med. Co. Dr. Hubert Flannery; Co. I. Les Forde; Co. G. Pete Grant; Co. F. Frank Keller; Service Co. Russ Opat; Co. L. Ted Ouradnik; Co. H. Leonard Pfarr; Co. B. Mel Rivkin; Co. D. Al Rode; Co. E. Willis Sewall; Co. K. Joe Wadnizak.

Greetings!

The 164th Infantry Association Reunion will assemble in St. Paul, Minnesota on October 15th, 1982. This will celebrate the 40th anniversary of our landing on Guadalcanal.

The committee has prepared an agenda that we feel will be the greatest ever, and we can accommodate all that wish to attend.

St. Paul, the capital of Minnesota, has much to offer in sight-seeing, entertainment, shopping and cultural activities.

All of our activities will be conducted
(Continued on page 2)

Dear Officers and Members:

As Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, I am pleased to extend an invitation to the 164th Infantry Association to enjoy its 1982 annual reunion in our city.

Saint Paul, Minnesota's Capital City, is widely known for its hospitality and friendliness, and we welcome the opportunity to serve as your civic hosts. Our excellent hotels will provide more than adequate accommodations and facilities for your various functions. I am certain that your reunion in Saint Paul will be successful in every way.

Permit me, therefore, to warmly congratulate you for selecting Saint Paul as the site for your 1982 reunion.

Cordially,
George Latimer
Mayor
Saint Paul, Minnesota

May 12, 1982

To the Editor:

Dear Keith,

All preparations for your annual reunion October 15-16-17, in St. Paul are reaching the final stages.

The Radisson St. Paul Hotel will be the headquarters for all of the action that will take place.

Registration will start Friday noon in the lower lobby of the Hotel and continue on through Saturday afternoon.

Don Van Slyke, our President, will get things underway at a Memorial service at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning. The business meeting will follow at 10:00 A.M. sharp.

The Ladies' and the Men's luncheons will take place at 12:30 in their own areas.

Saturday afternoon will be set aside for Company meetings or just general comradeship.

Saturday evening will get started with a cocktail hour from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. The Banquet will start at 7:00 P.M. Dancing will begin at 9:30 P.M. Sunday Brunch will start at 9:00 A.M.

Then you are on your own. You can stay as long as you like or leave for home when you are ready.

All we ask is that you be here to enjoy that weekend with us.

Your Reunion Committee

(Continued from page 1)

at the Radisson St. Paul Hotel, which has complete facilities for all the guests. A postage-free hotel reservation envelope is enclosed, early reservation is advised.

Travel to St. Paul from any part of the nation is excellent. The Metropolitan Airport and Amtrak are only a few minutes from the Hotel. Limousine and cab services are available from both. The Interstate Freeways pass within five minutes of our headquarters.

We'll be happy to see you all, and we're sure that you will enjoy the plans that have been made for your enjoyment.

We are enclosing two books of raffle tickets. Each book contains six tickets for \$5.00. The money will be given away as before, three \$164.00 prizes to be given away at the banquet. You do not have to be present to win. Please send your ticket money in to:

Arvid Thompson
1187 Farrington Ave.
St. Paul, Mn. 55117

Your Reunion Committee

Rev. Elliot C. Aandahl

When the zenith of ones being is achieved and life's pendulum quietly comes to rest as it does and will for us all in time. Then there is in dictation the achievements of each etched in the minds of all who knew the individuals for whom the Battle Flags are reverently folded and life's demands are no more. I'm confident that our 164th Infantry Association Chaplains passing constitutes a loss to our organization that will be felt by many.

ELLIOT C. AANDAHL was elected official 164th Infantry Association at the October reunion in 1978 and passed away 2 April 1982 at Underwood, Mn. The following is reproduced from the Fargo Forum.

The funeral for the Rev. Elliot C. Aandahl, 73, Underwood, Minn., will be at 2 Tuesday in the Bethel Lutheran church at Fergus Falls, Minn. He died Friday. Mr. Aandahl was born June 2, 1908, at Wist, S.D. When he was 2-years-old, his missionary parents moved to China, where he grew up and attended school at Kikungshan. He graduated from the Lutheran Brethren Seminary at Grand Forks, N.D. He married Ruth Aarrestad March 1, 1932, at Ferndale, Wash. They were missionaries in China from 1933 to 1947. During World War II, he served with the Marines in North China. From 1949 to 1951 he worked for the U.S. Depart-

ment of State in China, Taiwan and the Philippine Islands. From 1954 to 1977 he lived in Taiwan, where he was the Director of U.S. Aid. He was executive director of the Taiwan Leprosy Mission for nine years. He received the Chinese Medal of Distinction. He retired from the Marine Reserve in 1966. Since his return from Taiwan in 1977, he has been the pastor of the Maine (Minn.) Presbyterian Church. He had published two books, "In Those Days" and "One Crowded Hour." Survivors include his wife; three daughters and a son, Mrs. Fred (Mayling) Valder, Dickinson, N.D.; Mrs. A. Thomas (Lavonne) Marubbio, Fargo; Mrs. Brad (Meris) Farwell, in Hawaii; and Loren, Vancouver, British Columbia; three brothers, Oliver, Vallejo, Calif.; Gorgen, Marysville, Wash.; and Milton, Rowland Heights, Calif.; and nine grandchildren. (Olson, Fergus Falls). Died 2 April 1982.

Also published herein is information on the passing of a member of B Co. 164th Reg. Al J. Schwalier who passed away 15 June 1982 in St. Paul, Mn.

Al Schwalier

FARGO — Services were held June 18 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fargo, for a former North Dakotan, Al J. Schwalier, 58, Akeley, Minn., who died June 15 in St. Paul, Minn. 1982.

He was born March 4, 1924, in New England and grew up in Fargo. He entered the National Guard, served with the 164th Infantry in the Pacific during World War II and married Carrie M. Asplund in 1949. He served with the U.S. Army Reserve in Korea and became a U.S. Air Force recruiter at Fargo in 1960. He retired from the military in 1967 and became a Minnesota district representative for the Boy Scouts of America in 1968. He had been a field representative for the American Automobile Association since 1972.

Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, his mother and a brother. (Bismarck Tribune)

St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 6, 1982

To the Membership:

I regret to inform the members of the 164th Inf. Ass'n. of the passing of our dear friend John P. Riedl, on Sunday, Jan. 31st. Enclosed find the notice from the St. Paul paper.

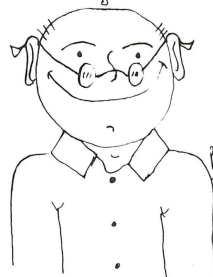
He was a long time member of the 164th Ass'n., and a most active member of the Mpls., and St. Paul chapter.

He was inducted with the Co. K. National Guard from Dickinson, N.D., on Feb., 1941.

A SIGN ON A COURTROOM DOOR
READS —

BANKRUPTCY COURT
DO NOT ENTER WITHOUT A COAT AND TIE

PERHAPS ANOTHER AMERICAN
INGENUITY SIGN SHOULD BE ADDED —
"IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD THEM...
WE RENT 'EM!"



Dear Sir,

I am sending my dues for 1982 plus \$5.00 extra for whatever it is needed.

Hope to see you all in St. Paul for the next reunion.

Sincerely,
Geo Huffman

NOTICE PLEASE

This is your paper and it needs your support. It needs your stories, letters, and pictures to make it as good and readable as you desire. When sending in stories or photos of news interest, please identify all photos. Black and white glossy prints seem to reproduce best. Color prints may be used to a lesser degree of clarity if they are sharp photos. Photos used will be returned to sender when requested.

Thank you respectfully,

KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

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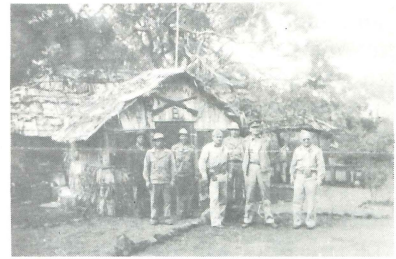
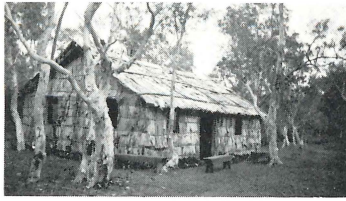
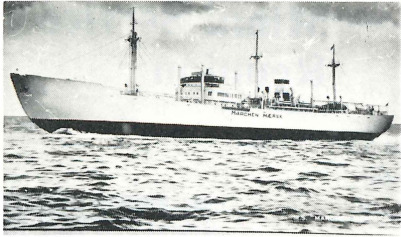
KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to 164th Inf.
Assn.



Box 1111, Bismarck, ND 58502



**PROCLAMATION
State of Florida
Executive Department
Tallahassee**

WHEREAS, forty years ago the United States and allied forces in the Pacific launched the first amphibious attack on enemy forces of World War II on the then unknown islands of the British Solomon Islands, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Gavutu, and Tanambogo, to be known as "The Campaign for Guadalcanal"; and

WHEREAS, the resulting six-month long struggle for the central target, Henderson Field, has now firmly entrenched the name, GUADALCANAL, into the pages of world history; and

WHEREAS, many of this State's citizens fought in this campaign on behalf of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, on the 7th of August 1982 in Winter Haven, Florida, veterans of this campaign from all over the Nation will gather to be joined by the host city of Winter Haven, the Chamber of Commerce, and sponsoring Jaycees to pay homage and honor to the memory and sacrifices of those brave and gallant marines, seamen, soldiers and airmen who gave their lives in stopping the advance of the enemy and led us to final victory in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, this event, to be known as "THE GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN 40th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL TRIBUTE," will observe this occasion marking one of the most heroic and illustrious periods of our Nation's proud history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Graham, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim August 7, 1982 as

GUADALCANAL 40th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL DAY in Florida, and urge all citizens to join in observing this patriotic and memorable occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

Bob Graham
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Friend,

Do our members include any one but myself in old "Snoose L" or World War I.

M.N. Thompson

**164th Band Planning
July Reunion**

In the year of the 40th anniversary of their landing on Guadalcanal during World War II, members of the 164th Infantry Band of that war are aiming for a reunion of the group at Fargo on July 30 and 31 and August 1 of 1982.

Former bandsmen are asked to contact Art Nix, Temporary Secretary, 1012 - 6th Ave. S., Moorhead, Minn. 56560, for further information and to receive registration particulars etc.

The planning committee of Paul Holvik, Glenn Dokken and Nix, all of Moorhead, Minn., and Vern Nygard and Hugh Masee of Fargo, are also seeking addresses for the following former members of the band and will welcome information on any of those listed:

Gene Barnes, Dean Cavett, George Dimattia, Johnny Dorsey, Elliot Ginsburg, Arnold Haspert, Glen Heaton, Phil Herbice, Neil Higbee, Leslie Lohr, McClintock, Stanley Peterson, William Russell, Elmer Sandager, Clarence Sarver, Wilbur Schoonmaker, Emil Swieghart, Robert Viestenz, Monty Vanderhork, and George Hyde.

June 14, 1982

Keith P. Parsons
610 Avenue B West
Bismarck, N.D. 58501

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I am interested in arranging to receive the 164th Infantry News by mail if possible. I learned of the publication through recent joining of the Americal Division Association. In fact, I just attended the Association Meeting in Hyannis, Ma. last week.

I would also be interested in learning the dates of the proposed 164th Association Reunion in St. Paul this year.

Yours truly,
Arthur L. Chapman
RR 1, Box 16
Eastham, Ma. 02642

P.S. I was a platoon Sergeant in Co. "G" from original National Guard days at Valley City through 1943 at Bougainville.

**Minni Service Co.
Reunion**



*Russell Peter Gustafson
Opate McDonald Frank Wells*

Ah heck, let's have our own reunion and get-together. You know we only go around once and that around may be getting short. Who knows? Anyway there was what has been dubbed a Minni Service Co. Reunion held at the TM Hotel, Rolla, N.D., on 30 April 1982 and here's a picture to prove that those attending had a real fine time. Presumed captions may come out phonetically thus.

Congratulations fellows!
Editor

Dear Friends:

Received the 1982 membership card in the mail. Thank you. There was an error in the zip code for Waupaca, it is 54981 not 18. Otherwise my address was recorded properly and of course I'm very happy that you recognize my existence. Some day in the future I hope to come to one of your reunions. Last summer I had one of my perennial economic pinches and that was the reason I did not travel to Minot. I'll keep in touch. Like the cold? Hell yes, I woke up every morning.

Best regards,
KARL STERNBERG

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Arlene, and family.

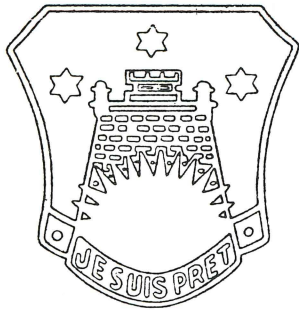
Sincerely,
Russ Landgren
Pres. of Twin Cities
164th Chapter

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:

- Rev. Elliot C. Aandahl 2 April 1982 Underwood, MN.
- Wallace L. "Wally" Robertson 22 April 1982 Fergus Falls, MN.
- Charles "Chuck" Dahlgren June 1982 Wahpeton, ND
- Al J. Schwalier 15 June 1982 Akeley, MN.

164th INFANTRY



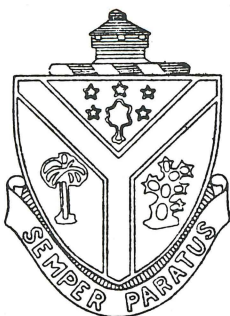
This letter was forwarded to us by Mr. J.L. Juen of Roosevelt, Mn. Thanks Joe but we don't have any of the Regimental Crests other than some 164th Patches. Maybe someone can help Roger out. Roger you may contact:
Ralph A. Legge
14 Tremont Ave.
Staten Island
New York, NY 10314

Herb Mack
Box 1111
Bismarck, ND 58502
For cloth 164th patches.

Dear Mr. Juen,

I am not a member of the 164th Infantry Association, nor was I even a member of your regiment. But I was wondering whether you would be the one to help me in identifying and associating units (combat) that served in the recapture of the Philippine Islands. I realize that you have a tremendous amount of work ahead of you in planning your reunion, but perhaps you might spare a few minutes of your time to assist me in my own personal project.

132d INFANTRY

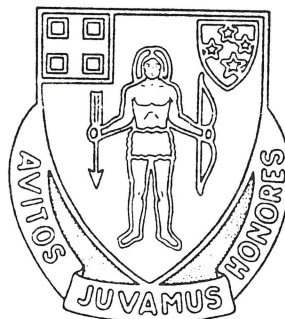


Although a combat veteran of the Pacific Theatre I never made the Philippine invasion. But the Philippine Islands have a soft spot in my heart, as I was always hoping to be in on what I call the big one in the Pacific.

I would like your assistance in informing me if the 164th, the 132nd and the 182nd Infantry Regiments ever wore an insignia and if they did are they

the ones in the pictures of those attached to this letter. If so, is there any way I might be able to purchase them. My collection of the outfits that fought in the recapture of the Philippine Islands is nearly complete, but there are several that I am missing. In my collection I have the shoulder sleeve insignia of every infantry division that fought in the retake, plus insignia of their three infantry regiments under the shoulder patch. This collection had been built up over the years, but I had gotten away from it due to more taxing matters. Once again I am resuming my hobby. At times (although not complete) this collection goes on display at all our open house affairs at my DAV chapter and American Legion Posts. Not only does it stir memories to our troopers but the public itself has learned much about the history and accomplishments of these units.

182d INFANTRY



Again sorry to have burdened you with my request, but the information I have received in the past by ex-GI's, although earnestly given was not concrete, that is why I have taken the liberty in writing to you, a member of the Americal Division.

Pardon the printing, if I had to write this you probably might have a hard time reading it, my hand is very shaky.

Sincerely,
Roger

4-13-82

Hi. Please find enclosed \$8.00. Five for dues for Len & please send him a copy of the March issue with the roster in it. Use the three bucks for postage or whatever. Thank you.

Don L. Hoffman
702-12 Ave S.E.
Jamestown, N.D. 58401

News Release Williston, N.D. "E" Co. 164th Inf. Ass'n

May 1982

A rededication of the soldier's monument located at the Railroad Park, Williston, N.D., will have two services commemorating Memorial Day, Monday 31 May 1982. This time in addition to the regularly scheduled service there will be placed 4 each Bronze Plaques to Memorialize Veterans since WWI, i.e. to memorialize veterans of all wars, crises, etc. from 1914 to date. This being conducted with pomp execution by members of "E" Co. 164th Inf. Association in conjunction with the local Legion Post, VFW, DAV and "E" Co. of the 164th Inf. Association's financial support. Along with the placing of the plaques the Parade will commence from a point in front of the American Legion Post thence progress to Main Street and turn south to the Depot Railroad Park. Wherein a complete program suitable of the occasion was presented, then on to the cemetery where services are started by poppies being dropped on the assemblage from an airplane at 11:00 AM, the band rendered a fine selection of numbers. The Memorial Day Prayer was given by the Reverend Richard Teidor. Poppy wreath was placed by the American Legion and auxiliary at the base of the monument. The auxiliary members rendered a tribute to the deceased veterans and auxiliary members who have passed away the past year. The Memorial Day address was given by Mr. Richard McKennett of Williston. A rifle salute was rendered to the dead followed by taps and raising the American flag to full mast concluded the service.

Editors Note: The above was condensed for use in the paper and I hope that it is typical of the many hundreds of services throughout our country on Memorial Day and I thank Bob Moran, a past 164th President, for the basic thought.

Dear Keith,

Enclosed is \$50.00 for life membership to 164th Inf. Assn.

I was sure glad to be able to make it to the reunion in Minot.

My wife and I sure enjoyed ourselves and meet old friends from Co. B and make new friends.

Hope to see you in St. Paul in October.

Horace F. Nearhood
and Madeline
2564 Lima
Toledo, Ohio 43613

Letters . . .

Mr. Keith P. Parsons
Editor, 164th Infantry News
Box 1111
Bismarck, N.D. 58502

Dear Mr. Parsons,

Having seen your name in the "Americal Division" Newsletter (Nov/Dec), I thought it appropriate (and about time), to drop you a line. Bill McLaughlin, who is also a Director with us of the "Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association", and the Editor of ADVA Newsletter, sends me a courtesy-copy of it.

No doubt you, and your member-readers will be pleased to see Florida taking the lead, officially, to honor the veterans of this campaign. Reaction from the top-levels of government has been wonderful, and more importantly, supportive! Ties in great with our, upcoming "Memorial Tribute" planned for Winter Haven, Florida this coming AUGUST. The President, himself, is personally interested and has set the tone for other leaders, civil and military to follow. The 182nd lads are, by now, well informed of the "Memorial Tribute", just from geographical location and exposure. Many of whom, were also at the "GCV" Reunion at Gatlinburg, Tennessee this past August. Thus, to help update the gallant men of the famed 164th, I am sending the copy of Governor Graham's proclamation. Need more info, write and be glad to furnish whatever you need. Many of us are "returning" to the Solomons, after the pageantry in Winter Haven incidently. They in Honiara, Guadalcanal, have a joint-observance committee going hammer & tong on their preparations and planning. To even a royal visit by their Majesties, The Queen and Duke of Edinburg, in October.

With best wishes, as I remain,

Sincerely,
Harry R. Horsman
Sr. V.P. GCV
1951-57 N. Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

May 6, 1982

Hi Herb:

This is not a letter about our coming 164th Reunion in St. Paul, but I can say things are progressing in great shape for a fine party. We expect to have a letter out to the editor by May 15th which will have a complete schedule of activities.

What I am writing you about now is the 40th Memorial Tribute to the Veterans of Guadalcanal to be held in Win-

ter Haven, Florida on August 5-6-7. After the ceremony there is a contingent going to the 'Canal' to drop and lay wreaths over the water and the Island.

They are asking that each Unit be represented with a wreath. Upon receipt of the orders, the wreaths will be made up at a florist in Winter Haven.

Don Van Slyke, our 164th President, and I thought it would be proper that the 164th be represented, so we ordered one in the name of "The 164th Infantry Regiment". Don & I will be attending the Memorial and will be placing the wreaths ourselves.

The cost of the wreath was \$22.00. It is paid for but we wanted to let you know what has been done, and your feelings.

Hope this little note finds you and yours in good health. We will be expecting to see you both in St. Paul on October 15th.

Sincerely,
Ray L. Sawyer
Director
Guadalcanal Campaign
Veterans

4-15-82

Dear Herb,

Enclosed my dues and \$10.00 for the kitty. Haven't seen you for at least 25 years and many more of my old friends and acquaintances of the 164th.

Over the Easter Holidays, I visited with Ed Murphy of Fargo for a couple of hours & saw the 164th Infantry News and I clipped out the Renewal for Membership. Read the whole news. Delighted to see pictures of Sam Baglien & Bill Meline. Happy to hear that General Frank will be at the reunion. A great soldier and man. I had the privilege of serving with him in Camp Rucker, Ala. in 1951-1952 as my commanding officer. Had a pleasant week's visit with Joe Lafournaise this past summer. He served with our outfit in both World II and the Korean War. Great man and tremendous soldier. He is retired and still lives in Anchorage, Alaska. We communicate with each other via telephone. Maybe I can talk him into coming to the reunion this fall. Tell Gaugler & Holly that I expect to see them at St. Paul. This will be my 1st reunion in over 20 years. I own a couple of apartment buildings in Crosby & Ironton, Minn., with 17 units it keeps me busy as I do all of my own work.

This is the country where I spent the first 18 years of my life. It's beautiful country, not too many people. Many hundreds of lakes within a 20 mile radius, good fishing and hunting.

If any of my old comrades come this

way. I have plenty of extra room and could show them some of my favorite fishing holes. Well Herb, will see you at the reunion.

Eli R. Dobervich
Ironton, Minn.

Guri, Venezuela
May 2, 1982

Dear Keith,

Received the back issues of The News I requested, thanks very much. Another change of address which I have filled out on the application form.

It was nice to see the list of members and addresses in the March 1982 issue. Many old friends listed whom I had no idea where they were.

I've been down here in Guri for 13 months now. I go home on June 5th to Kennewick, Wash., for a 3 to 4 week vacation. I would like to get to a reunion but chances are slim for the next three years or so.

The company I am with is building what will be the biggest power producing dam in the world when completed. Very interesting and at times a very trying job.

My job with the company is equipment superintendent. The trying part of the job is days like today. An operator on a 300 ton truck crane pulled a 260 foot boom over the top of crane today while visiting with his "amigos". A month ago an operator on a 350 ton crawler crane swung into a tower with a full 4 cubic yard bucket of concrete on the hook and totally destroyed the boom. All due to short attention span which these people seem to have.

Enclosed are my dues, some extra for the special postage and a little for the kitty.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Bob Burns

Mr. Keith Parsons,
164th Inf. Vets Ass'n.
P.O. Box 1111
Bismarck, N.D. 58502
Dear Keith:

Enclosed is \$5.00 to pay for my own 1982 membership fee.

While I was in New York City recently some doggone "unmannerable" individual swiped all of my own I.D. cards so I will be glad to receive my own 1982 card now!

Best of luck and good luck to you all.

Sincerely,
Myron D. Reamy
P.O. Box 013094
Flagler Station P.O.
500 NW 2nd Ave.
Miami, Florida 33101

Letters . . .

June 24, 1982
Albuquerque, NM

Dear Keith,

This letter is especially to anyone from 1st Battalion Headquarters.

I have contacted a good old soldier who was evacuated from Guadalcanal and has been living in Albuquerque ever since. He is rather handicapped, having had both legs amputated. But he handles his wheels with no problems.

He is planning on attending his first 164th Convention in Minneapolis this fall. He used to own a taxi service in Minneapolis, before our war.

He would appreciate letters from anyone.

If he makes it to Minneapolis this fall, I hope we can all give him a special welcome.

His name and address is:
Paul Jones

712 Palomas Dr. N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87108

P.S. Paul is a member of 164 Ass'n. He really enjoys the 164th News.

Thank you,
Glen Wick
1716 Luthy Dr. N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87112

February 19, 1981

Mr. Keith P. Parsons, Editor
P.O. Box 1111
Bismarck, N.D. 58502

Dear Keith:

I believe the Reunion at Minot in October, 1981, was one of the best managed reunions I have attended. I hope some of the future reunions can be run as well.

Can you determine from the by-laws whether individual (so-called secret) ballots are allowable for the motions presented at the business meetings? If individual ballots are allowable, who supplies the ballots — the Association or the one who tenders the motion? Have individual ballots ever been available at a business meeting?

I have been losing alot of my incoming mail through the Post Office. After many inquiries, I found the reason. It has caused me to send address changes to many places who have been sending correspondence to me. The Post Office has installed computerized sorting machines in many of their distribution centers. Albuquerque, New Mexico, is one of them. The computer is programmed to read the last two lines of the address. If the last line does not have the city, state and zip code, the first class mail will be returned to the sender. All

that needs to be missing is the zip code. The computer then reads the next to last line. If that line does not have a house number and street address or a route number and box number, the first class mail will go back to the sender. All that has to be missing is the route number. All second-class, third-class, and fourth-class mail is sent to trash to be discarded if only one item is missing in the last two lines of the address.

I found out the hard way when I had my first class mail temporarily forwarded for three weeks over the Christmas Holidays. The computer sent only a few first class letters forward. Many letters went back to the sender. Most all second, third and fourth-class mail went to waste. Some magazines were forwarded, rather expensively, at first class rates. They were supposed to be held until I got back. I got no income tax materials including special forms I had ordered.

Some of our magazines are no longer being delivered even though they do not expire until 1983.

The conclusion I have come to is, don't ask for your first class mail to be forwarded on a temporary basis. Have a neighbor pick up your mail and put on the forwarding address. Also make sure the last two lines of your address, show the correct information or you will not get your mail.

Sincerely,
Dennis R. Ferk
Rt. C-32, Box 34C
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Some Did Its

By The Editor

1982 dues received from CHARLES E. TIDSWELL, LIVERMORE FALLS, MA. Welcome aboard Charles. 1982 dues for HENRY B. SUTTER of LAWNSDALE, CA. It is noted that Henry is in the V.A. Hospital on Wilsher Blvd. in Lawndale, CA. Drop him a line his full address is Henry B. Sutter, 14816 Condon Ave., Lawndale, CA 90260

Harry M. Olson of 2020 Custer East, Helena, MT 59601 would like to know how he may obtain a copy of "Under the Southern Cross" book. Harry I think if you contact Paul J. Cabos, 60 Rock Island Rd., Quincy, MA 02169. He may be able to supply one for \$8.95 (Postage Paid). Make check or Postal Money Order out to "Americal Vets Association". Good luck!

Our condolences to Dr. George Schatz of Edmonds, Wa. in the loss of your wife Rose in April 1982.

A big welcome on board to LEN A. CLEMENS of old H Co. 41 to 45 whose address is: W2704 Medivich Ave, Spokane, WA 99208.

Also a hearty welcome to ELI R. DOBERVICH of Box #322, Ironton, Mn. 56455. Glad to see you back in the old group.

Notice! We need the correct address for ALFRED M. STANGL whose address was 508 W. Minnehaha, St. Paul, Mn. 55103. Anyone who may know of his present location is asked to forward his address to Editor, 164th News, Box 1111, Bismarck, N.D. 58502-1111. Thanks.

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From The Historian . . .

It's funny but too many times we wait until after time has dulled our memories or passes us by to log the things we have done such as, where we have been?, what we have liked?, who we have come in contact with?. Yes sometimes we fail to log what we have done or what has gone on about us day by day until time has truly brought us to the twilight years or as some say the golden years. To many this is supposed to be a time of golden memories but what about those who come after us? How are they ever going to know of your exploits if they are never recorded by you for future generations to learn about. What was that guy that you fought alongside of really like? Why are we so reluctant to write of our personal experiences? How about your personal experiences being written and logged in the history section of the 164th Infantry Association where they may be used as reference and provide some first hand accounts of where the 164th Infantry was and most important — the part that you as individuals played in its achievements during the various military campaigns, i.e. The Spanish-American conflict, the Mexican border campaign, World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict and of course any and all times since the beginning of the 164th. We would certainly appreciate any of the stories you may write for our use in the paper and also file for reference. Let's hear from you after all it's your organization. Some of the areas that many people are interested in are:

1. The 164th origin and who were its first members.
2. About its early development.
3. What is your story of the time you were a part of the 164th? It's very impor-

tant and only you know it well enough to tell about it right.

4. How about your contribution in the way of your military history etc.

5. Decorations, campaigns and honors.

Yes, time certainly passes by, sharing some of your military stories with your fellow men in the way that only you can tell it may be the golden thing you do. May we hear from you soon?

Thanks a lot,
Keith P. Parsons
Editor.

The association would like very much to compile the army experiences of its members, i.e., true combat stories or actual experiences we may hear from you. How about sending them to:

*Keith P. Parsons, Editor
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Minot Party 12 Nov 1981 Legion Club

To celebrate the reunions success and good time was had by all present. A special thanks to all who worked so hard to make it the great success it was.

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