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The 164th INFANTRY News

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September, 1982

How Many Remember?

Some excerpts from A Co's 164th History and Lt. Col. Samuel Baglien's diary of World War II. (Edited for use in this issue of the paper).

1. The 164th Infantry Regiment (a part of the 34th Infantry Division), North Dakota National Guard was mobilized February 10, 1941 for one year.

2. Its strength consisted of 108 officers and 1735 enlisted men. It had 120 enlisted mobilization losses.

3. It departed for camp Claiborne, La. during February 18 to 26, 1941.

4. While stationed at Camp Claiborne, LA there were several hundred selectees from North Dakota assigned to the Regiment, and at various later dates selectees from a number of other states were assigned to the unit to fill it to full strength.

5. That it was relieved from assignment to the 34th Division on December 8, 1941, and departed for Australia as part of Task Force 6814 on March 1942.

6. It arrived in Australis on April 7, 1942 then on to New Caledonia and arrived there on April 19, 1942 wherein it became a part of a group that was formed into the Americal Division on May 24, 1942.

7. That by in large the battle of Cape Esperance was a result of a need to bolster the number of troops on Guadalcanal, i.e. Reinforcements apparently were needed by both sides. How many at that time ever even knew there was such a place as Cape Esperance or prior to that time even knew of Guadalcanal?

8. That the 164th Infantry Regiment did have an enjoyable occasion while enroute abroad. It seems that there was on the 25th of March, 1942, a joyous time enjoyed by all aboard the U.S. Coolidge at the time the ship crossed the equator. Wednesday March 25, 1942 Father Neptune called forth his able helpers and a party ensued resulting in many memories for those who experienced their first crossing of the equator. April 7, 1942 the U.S. Coolidge docked at Melbourne, Australia but alas the stay was short but snappy and resulted in many retaining

some fine memories of the Australian's hospitality. Many will recall those liberty hours as some of the best they ever experienced. Remember it is there that one could obtain 14% beer? It has been recorded that some of the fellows barely made it back to the ship and there were a few due to varied reasons didn't make it back to ship at all until much after leave time. Tsck! Tsck! Naughty boys! Oh,
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RADISSON SAINT PAUL HOTEL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION OF THE 169th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OCTOBER, 1982

Friday, October 15, 1982

12:00 noon **Registration** Lower Lobby
South Wall

Two 6-foot draped tables, four chairs, two schoolroom tables in back, wastebaskets, bulletin board, convention typewriter.

Attention Dorothy Hutto:
House phone \$10.00.

Saturday, October 16, 1982

8:00 a.m.- **Registration** Lower Lobby

8:00 p.m. Same set **plus** one additional registration table with one chair off to the side of the main registration.

8:00 a.m.- **General Session** Capitol

12:00 noon- **Ballroom Set:** Theatre style, head table for 5 on a riser, table podium and microphone, ice water, ash trays, gold liner and draping, one American flag, one flag stand for their flag. (Numbers — 200)

12:00 noon- **Men's**

1:00 p.m. **Luncheon** Wabasha North
*Catering to handle. (Number — 200).

12:00 noon- **Women's Luncheon/**
1:00 p.m. **Entertainment** Garden Court

*Catering to handle,
One Cabana Room will be used as dressing rooms. (Numbers — 150)

6:00 p.m.- **Dinner Dance** Wabasha Hall

12:00 mid. *Catering to handle. (Numbers — 300)

Sunday, October 17, 1982

Breakfast Garden Court
*Catering to handle. (Numbers — 300).

Dear 164th Member:

The time is getting short for you to get your registration in for the "Reunion of your life." Isn't it time we heard from you? We have 50 rooms already taken at Radisson St. Paul Hotel, but there is still room for you, so get your reservation in now.

There are members coming from Arizona, California, Georgia, New York, and Tennessee. You are not any farther away so let's hear from you today!

The registration fee will include Saturday noon ladies' luncheon, the men's noon lunch and beer bust, Saturday night banquet and dance to one of our finest group of entertainers in St. Paul, then, the usual farewell brunch on Sunday morning. It's going to be our pleasure to entertain you, so make us work, we like it.

If you have forgotten to send in your raffle tickets, please do so now. Someone is going to win, and it might as well be you.

We are waiting to see you October 15, 16, and 17th. Don't disappoint your "Fox-hole Buddy" because he will be there!

Your Committee

Mail to: Arvid Thompson
1187 Farrington Ave.,
St. Paul, Mn. 55117

Name _____

Co. _____

Guest _____

Single \$30.00
Double \$60.00

Total Paid

6/22/82

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I would love to come to St. Paul, but my age and old ticker will not permit this.

Kindest regards to you all. I'll be thinking about you.

Dr. George Schatz

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well hell all good things seem to end too soon and on April 12, 1942, the 164th Infantry board three Dutch ships and headed for New Caledonia for jungle training. The weather was questionable (?) and the cold mutton menu didn't seem to help matters at all. On April 19, 1942 the 164th Infantry arrived at the port of Noumea, New Caledonia Island, South Pacific. It was while stationed in New Caledonia that a new division (The only one in existence that had a name instead of a number), the Americal Division was formed. There in that southern Pacific island was formed a fighting unit that was to gain through it's long and hard fought battles a fame that will ring through its many (). This division was formed mainly by units that had been left literally homeless by the triangularization of the Infantry Divisions. It was made by in large from National Guard troops supported by varied support troops. Task Force 6814 was melded into one of the most illustrious fighting units that existed in the world at that time. The Americal Division was made up of National Guard units from Massachusetts 182nd Infantry, Illinois 132nd Infantry, North Dakota 164th Infantry. New Caledonia and, of course, the town of Noumea, represented another phase of strange experiences for the fellows from the prairies of North Dakota and assundried areas, for as you well recall the French have a way of their own in the running of an island, i.e. the Pink House, etc! and good wine just to relate a couple of entriquemments. It seems that the 164th had airfield, town, Tontua Bridge and Hotel duty, training sessions, and singing sessions. It has been said that even the Bugler blew the wrong call one morning sending the whole airfield into an extreme alert. As many of you recall, many times the night alerts affected the daytime schedules. It was in New Caledonia many enlisted men took officers training and were made Second (2nd LT) Lieutenants. It was also during that time, actually on September 14, 1942, Col. Earle R. Sarles was relieved from command of the 164th Infantry Regiment, by reason of being over age for overseas duty. Excerpts from a copy of an Extract From Journal 164th Infantry dated September 16, 1942.

Usual staff meeting 8:00 to 8:30 AM.

Col. Sarles rel'd com'd of Regiment Sept. 14, 1942, Per Par 8, So. 192, Hqs Americal Division.

Col. Bryant E. Moore assumed command 14 Sept 1942, Per Par 9, SO 192. It is here that one notes that this was the beginning of using the 164th Infantry

command as a stepping stone for promotion of regular army Cols. (all of them West Point graduates), to the rank of Brigadier General. It's interesting to note that not one of the ranking officers of the regiment reached a grade higher than Lt. Col. while serving with the Regiment. Ah, yes one can hear the ring knocking clear down in the lower ranks seems to be a paramount tradition of the regular army. How many remember? On Oct. 7, 1942 at 7:00 PM that the 164th Infantry was alerted and ordered to pack and be ready to move to Port of Embarkation at Noumea, New Caledonia on Oct. 8, 1942, and that preparations began immediately.

Oct. 8, 1942.

Regiment on alert and has started packing, preparing to leave new Caledonia, destination unknown. Personnel and equipment all packed and ready to move. Special details arrived at Noumea harbor at 10 AM and began loading supplies and equipment. 1st Bn cleared its area at 5:30 PM, 2nd Bn cleared its area at 6:00 PM. Provisional Bn cleared at 6:30 PM, 1st and 3rd Bns embarked on U.S.S. Zeilan, troop transport at 10 PM. 2nd and Provisional Bn's embarked on U.S.S. McCawley, Troop Transport at 10:00 PM. U.S. Navy in charge of transports, embarkation and Lt. Col. Samuel Baglien in charge of Regiment.

Loading of supplies and equipment on board both transports was completed at 11:45 AM. Troop inspection aboard ships by Admiral Gromeley, Major General Harmon, and Major General Alexander Patch were in compliments on appearances and condition of the troops were made. Transports cleared Noumea Habor at 3:15 PM. Fire Drill was conducted at 4:00 PM. Note! Colonel Moore, Major Zlevor and Cpt. Ordahl, boarded a Navy transport plane for flight to destination. Destination of Regiment, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands Co E assigned to guard duty.

10 Oct. 1942

Out at Sea. Routine duties and inspections, assembly drills, officer meetings, noted weather clear. Morale good.

11 Oct 1942

At sea. Routine duties, debarkation drills and assembly drills, officer's meetings, weather clear, morale good.

12 Oct. 1942

At sea. One debarkation drill, personnel and equipment readied for debarkation. Unloading and shore details assigned.

13 Oct 1942

(Editor's Note: The 164th disembarked from the McCauley).

Debarkation of troops began at 5:30 AM at Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal Soloman Islands, debarkation of troops completed without accident. Began debarkation of equipment and supplies at 7:30 AM. Heavy bombing by Japanese aircraft at 12:05 PM to 12:30 PM. CPL Kenneth S. Foubert Company "M" killed. 2 ea EM injured. Bombing by enemy aircraft at 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, no damage or casualties reported. Fired upon and shelled by enemy field artillery at 6:00 PM, no casualties. Regiment moved to rear bivouac area at 11:00 PM. Ah! Yes! How many remember Guadalcanal on 13 Oct. 1942 forty years ago? The 164th a part of the Americal Division was part of the force sent to support the (1st) First Marine Division, which had been on that island since 7 August 1942.

Remember when the 164th Regiment arrived on Guadalcanal. It had with it 1214 officers and enlisted men who were from the North Dakota National Guard and still with it. The rest of its personnel and just as important were filler personnel from many walks of life and hailed from many states and credit is due all who took part in that campaign. Do you remember or ever knew that losses were 136 officers and enlisted men killed in action and were buried in three different cemeteries on the island. 62 of these were National Guardsmen.

Do you recall that 288 officers and enlisted men were wounded and of that 126 of them were National Guardsmen.

That after 138 days of campaign duty on Guadalcanal the National Guard strength of the Regiment had dwindled from 1214 officers and enlisted men to 707. That 62 were KIA, 445 evacuated for reasons of malaria, combat fatigue and other sundried reasons known by those to whom the shoe fits.

Please note! I.A.W. with a portion of Col. Samuel Bagliens Diary covering the period of 7 Oct 1942 through 31 Dec 1942 reads for 31 Dec 1942 thusly "Line up for

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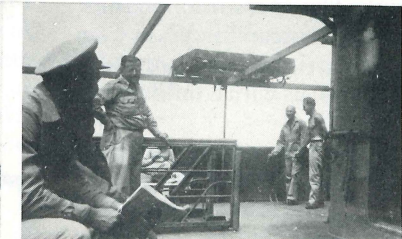
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COL
BRYANT E. MOORE
SEPT 1942
to
JUNE 1943



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the end of the year": First and third Battalions on the perimeter reserve; Service Company located near the Marine cemetery.

Here is the box score on casualties and miscellaneous information since our landing on October 13, 1942: 63 air raids, these are raids where bombs actually fell in our areas. This total does not include all the alerts. 137 men and officers killed in action. 308 men and officers wounded in action. 393 men and officers evacuated. 13 men and officers missing in action.

(Editor's Note: And that my friends is how things developed forty years ago for the men and officers of the 164th Infantry a part of the Americal Division in support of the Marines and who fought onto glorious achievements. Allow for and take the time to remember. May we reproduce for you here in respect to you all the following.

General Orders 12 February 1943 No. 33

1. In order that all members of this command may know that higher headquarters understand and appreciate your accomplishments on Guadalcanal the substance of the following radiograms is published:

From General Harmon (Comgenso Pac): "All forces, Army, Marines, and Navy have given us all pride in splendid and rapid advance against Jap forces and then final elimination from Guadalcanal."

"No one doubts the capacity of our forces to consistently whip the Jap in offensive action. We look forward with confidence."

From Admiral Halsey (Comso Pac): "Thanks and congratulations."

From General Marshall (Chief of Staff, United States Army): "Other messages of congratulation have emphasized the excellence of your achievement. My personal thanks. Please pass to American forces on Cactus, congratulations on splendid successes. They fill us with confidence in the future."

2. To all members of our forces, I therefore express my gratitude for the efforts and sacrifice made which have achieved the victory and merited these expressions from the higher command.

AM Patch
Major General,
U.S. Army
Commanding

Editor's Note: To relate some estimated figures it is believed by many that no more than 1500 to 2000 Japanese

were actually ever evacuated off of Guadalcanal. Also it is estimated that there were between 42 to 43 thousand Japanese personnel on the Island, thusly there were between 39,000 to 40,000 men lost by the Japanese in their struggles to keep Guadalcanal.

It has been said and is the belief of many who were there that the 1st battle starting on 14 Oct 1942 was the one that set the precedence of offensive action by the U.S. forces setting the pace that actually broke Japan's will to win. Remember that many of the Japanese forces there were well seasoned troops. Action by the 1st Bn marines, 3rd and 2nd Bns, 164th Infantry did in effect seal the fate of Japan's Sendie Bn.

If you who were there will but recall the burial actions necessitated after that battle. It is hoped by this individual this has provided some food for thought recalling actions by many brave men forty years ago. Ah yes! Let us remember and give just and due tribute to those who so well deserve the credit for stopping Japan's effort in the South Pacific.

Where is the bitterness of war? Is it deeply buried in the hearts of those who fought it, who now have mellowed in memories and those of you who were there have enough memories to last a lifetime as one recalled in a conversation with this editor. Hell we didn't take prisoners early in the Guadalcanal operations because we were green and under the command of the joint task force attached to support the marines who fought straight out battles. In later battles wherein prisoners were taken and interrogated we learned a lot about the enemies strengths, unit assignments, supplies, armaments & etc. Thusly no doubt many of our own were spread because we learned to fight smarter and harder.

Ah yes! There are many stories that ought to be told or at least recorded for future generations remember the 164th Infantry Regiment is recognized as the first American regiment to fight the Japanese on battlefields chosen by them and to beat them. Congratulations go to all who took part. Remember it took all of the teams to do the job but that part you

did set one hell of a record and made the rest work like the devil to keep up. Note: The December issue will have a Guadalcanal story you may be interested in.

Letters . . .

June 26, 1982

Carl Stemberg
Rt. 3 — Box 181A
Waupaca, Wis. 54981

Dear Arvid:

What is the letter addressed to Radisson Hotel for? What is the \$30.00 I'm sending you for?

I like to attend the 1982 reunion. It will be my first. Would be nice to trade a few insults with the guys. I got to know in Hq. Co. 1st Bn. My only distinction in the outfit was that I was the only pvt. in the company towards the end. Got to know the cooks pretty well as I was the dogrobber.

Coming to St. Paul from Waupaca is fairly direct. Hw. 10 all the way.

I am retired and the time element is not important. Please advise me in detail about arranging for food and overnight lodging. Economy is of some consideration, of course meaning limited funds.

Hope to get a reply and eventually seeing you. Met Marv Mauch in Chicago some time back and I am sure 1st Sgt Samson remembers me.

Best wishes
Sincerely,
Carl Stemberg

July 2, 1982

Dear Arvid:

Enclosed is a check for five bucks for tickets at the 40th annual reunion of the 164th Infantry.

I was an enlisted man in Co. A., North Dakota National Guard from 1913-1916; then I joined the Navy and was in it for four wars of the 20th Century.

Best wishes to you and all surviving members of these conflicts.

Cordially,
Capt. J.M. Amberson
MC, USN (Ret.)

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:

Arthur E. Ulness	.....25 Feb 82.....	Fargo, ND
Harry M. Olson	.....8 Mar 82.....	Helen, MT
William P. Jones	.....12 June 82.....	Albuquerque, NM
Andrew Mitzel	.....Aug 82.....	Casselton, ND
Henry Schepers	.....10 July 82.....	St. Paul, MN

New Members

Welcome on board!

Harry E. Schulte
Box 254 RR1
Gary, SD 57237

Lionel Garant
71 Consul St.
Fall River, MA 02720

Harry Burd
6018 E. 34th St.
Tuscon, AZ 85711

Kenneth M. Prosser
4821 S. Pacific Hy
Phoenix, OR 97535

Roger S. Smith
1739 4th AVE NE
Jamestown, ND 58401

Donald W. Well
Star Rt 1 Box 800-41
Tehachapi, CA 93561

June 28, 1982

164th Infantry
Bismarck, North Dakota
Attn: President

Since I am the dear friend that took care of Wm. P. Jones during his handicap period of four years, I grieve to tell you he passed on here in Albuquerque, NM on June 12th. He was very very proud of this infantry and many times felt so badly that he couldn't attend your reunions. The last few months he promised friends of the 164th that he would make this reunion this year but our Lord had other plans for him.

I wish to ask you a favor. I am in possession of two books on wars your infantry participated in and have no way of knowing who this gentlemen in Alb. is. Could it be possible to find me a list of those men in Alb. so I can return these to him.

I thank you as his dear friend for mailing all of your newspapers; he could hardly wait to receive them as several people through your publication have contacted him.

Thank you very kindly. I know your guys were the very best in this world.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Alma C. Van Develde
c/o 712 Palorues Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Lesson In History . . .

Here's your lesson in history: It all started back in the year 1636. The parent unit of the 182nd Infantry Regiment was organized in that year. Note the date and remember the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, 140 years after the 182nd was formed. The Regiment carries battle streamers from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, two Civil War Campaigns and the Meuse-Argonne in World War I. Plus of course, streamers from our own campaigns.

The 132nd Infantry Regiment carried the nickname "Second Illinois" and traces its history back to 1861 and six campaigns of the Civil War, from Tennessee to Atlanta. The Second Illinois also carries battle streamers from World War I, for Picardy, the Somme Offensive, Lorraine and the Meuse-Argonne, again plus our own campaigns.

The 221st Field Artillery Battalion traces its roots back to 1852, when it was designated the 1st Battalion of Light Dragoons, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, then redesignated the Boston Light Dragoons the same year. In 1865 it was combined with the Prescott Light Guard and the Rosbury Horse Guards, to form the 1st Battalion of Cavalry, Mass. Volunteer Militia. Company A retained its title of National Lancers until 1916, when it became known as the 1st Squadron of Cavalry, Mass. National Guard. It progressed through various reorganizations, finally becoming the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Yankee Division, serving at Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne, also the Ile de France and Lorraine Campaigns.

After World War I it became the 110th Cavalry, Mass. NG, then at the beginning of Federalization of National Guard units in 1940, reorganized to the 180th Field Artillery Regiment, 200th FA Battalion and finally the 221st FA Battalion, Americal Division.

The 164th Infantry Regiment, NDNG, then known as the First North Dakota, saw action in the War with Spain in 1898 and the Philippine Insurrection in 1899 . . . (Ok we will expand on this in future issues, Editor).

Hi —

Just a line. I joined "M" Co. N.D. Guard, March 16, 1914. Served on border and WW#1. Also, five years in WW#2.

Goodwater
Reserve, MT 59258

Gary, S.D.
9/4/82

164th Infantry Assn.
Bismarck, ND
Dear Sir:

Last month I drove up to Casselton, ND to attend the funeral of a good friend and buddy, Andrew Mitzel, who wasted away with cancer.

We had gotten together at the Co. D reunion at Rugby last year. He was ill then but had a remission later which lasted until this last May. Then the disease took over in full force. Others from Co. D who attended the funeral were Leslie Skar, who was an active Pall Bearer, Anton Herding, Clement Fox, Melford Halvorson and Max Forester. Max later mailed me the application blank for membership in the association for which we will enclose our check for \$5.00. Max suggested we ask for the copy of the 164th News telling about the upcoming reunion in St. Paul in October.

Thank you in advance for this and hope to see more of you in the future.

Sincerely,
Harry E. Schulte
Box 254, RR1
Gary, SD 57277

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I'm enclosing the two books of raffle tickets. Wallace passed away on April 22, 1982.

I hope your 40th Anniversary Reunion will be the best ever.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wallace Robertson
430 E. St. Charles
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

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August 9, 1982

Editor
The 164th Infantry News
Box 1111
Bismarck, N.D. 58502
Dear Sir:

On August 7, 1982 the Far West Chapter of the Americal Division Veterans Association conducted a Memorial Tribute in honor of the 40th anniversary of the landing at Guadalcanal, at the Officers Club, Presidio of San Francisco. Many members of the 164th Infantry Regiment were in attendance and all expressed a wish to get information out to the other 164th members who are not part of the ADVA, to join up and enjoy the activities. The 164th is putting up a good showing in the San Francisco Bay Area and could potentially have a preponderance of members in the Chapter.

A film on the Americal Division was shown, Mark Durley of the 164th put on a slide show of his recent trips to the Solomons and everyone enjoyed a good dinner. The meeting started with Adjutant's Call in the Lounge and ended with dancing in the ballroom. Anton Hannel, 164th won the top door prize of an ocean salmon fishing trip for two on board the sportfishing boat, Wacky Jacky, out of San Francisco; Harold Aarhus, 164th won 3rd prize of 1.75 litre of bourbon. Two out of five went to the 164.

Our next meeting in the Bay Area will be in January; in Southern California in late Sept. or early Oct.; Spokane, Washington last week in October; Seattle, first week in November; Colorado and Arizona later in the year. Notices will be sent to all names on your roster.

I have enclosed a program that we had for the meeting. If you could make some mention in your Newsletter of the activities we are starting here in the Far West it would be greatly appreciated by the undersigned and by many of your Association members in the area. We need all the members we can get to make this a more vibrant and interesting Chapter. Your consideration will be appreciated. For more information contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
Lloyd J. Morrell
Regional Chairman and
State Adjutant-California
Americal Division Veterans
Association
47 Collins Drive
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Eve (415) 933-2188

August 21, 1982

Mr. Keith P. Parsons
Editor
164th Infantry News
Office: 610 Ave B West
Bismarck, ND 58501
Sir:

In the issue of April, 1982 of the Americal Newsletter, it was announced that there will be a reunion of 164th Infantry.

May I know if there is 164th Infantry Americal Divisions WWII who are one of the Combat Regiment Liberated Cebu last March 26, 1945 and if it is old outfit, will you please donate if there are available shoulder patch or insignia so that it could be displayed permanently in our post home Americal Division American Legion Post 45 based in Cebu City, Philippines.

Thank in advance, I hope there will be a reply.

I remain.

Very respectfully yours,
JUSTO C. DE LOS
SANTOS
Service Officer
Historian Researcher

P.S.: The 164th Commanding officer
Liberation of Cebu march 26, 1945 was
Col. Mahoney.

MPLS, MN
Aug. 31, 1982

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a check for \$8.00 for my 1983 dues. So the \$3.00 you can use for the 164th. Hope that it will help for some of the postage in sending the paper or as needed.

I do hope to see a lot of the 164th People in St. Paul in Oct. And I'm sure that they will have a good time. And to visit with all our buddies that we served with. Also to meet some that we have not seen for a time. As all the ones I have

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Thank you respectfully,

KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

been to we enjoyed them very much. So I hope to see you all in St. Paul for the reunion.

Sincerely,
Albert Rode

Valley City
6/19/82

Hi —

We plan at this time to make our 40th Reunion. Greet Pete Grant of Co. G. and Raymond Anderson of Co. F. Both in your area.

See you in October.
Vern Martini
Co. G.
Valley City

International Falls
August 2, 1982

Dear Arvid,

Sorry but we will be unable to attend the 40th anniversary reunion this fall. We hope you have a real good turnout, and have real good time. Will try to make it again next year. Give my regards to Dr. Flannery and all the medics.

Yours truly
2nd Bn. Medics
164th —

August 10, 1982
2701 Ferndale Ave., Apt. #5
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Herb:

Received your letter with the No. 1 164th Infantry card and am taking immediate action to send you a check for \$5.00. Thanks a lot. Our address is as listed at the top of this letter. We would appreciate passing on to the members of the 164th Inf. Assn. so that they might drop us a note. I hope Parsons gives the address some space in the next issue of the 164th Assn. paper.

It is nice to live close to Doug and his family. That is something we haven't been able to enjoy since he started school at the Naval Academy — and that is some time ago (he has one son of his own that is now married.)

The weather is not anything to shout about here. The humidity is very high here — only the last three or four days has the temperature been in the 60's which at level reminds me of one of the nice days in North Dakota. (Give me North Dakota).

Gen is ready to go across the street to The North Grand Mall. That makes it nice for us to shop and put in our exercise walking.

Must quit — thanks for your thinking of me at membership time.

Pop
Harold E. Barker

Letters . . .

31 August 1982

Editor
164th Infantry Newsletter

The enclosed is a copy of a statement given at the 7 August 1982 meeting of the Americal Divisions Veterans Association's San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. Note that the information on the 164th is sketchy, to say the least. I am quite proud of having been a member of the 164th and this "addendum" to the combat record of the other units of the Americal in WWII falls short of giving the unit its due credit.

Please, let us not wait for the "complete and unabridged edition" of the history (which may never come to pass). Lay it out, in detail, in the **Newsletter**. Where was the 164th in the War with Spain? What did it do during the Philippine Insurrection? Was it in WWI? Where are the credits for Korea? Allow the space for this letter's reproduction to some details of battle (and other) honors.

Then, for good measure, why don't you get someone to write and continue short history — say 500 to 1000 words on each engagement — to appear in the **Newsletter** as a standard feature article. I would like to see more articles such as the one you condensed from the Williston, ND, newspaper and fewer letters. Why not a "We Have Heard From . . ." column in which you give the names and addresses of individuals who have written about dues and the like.

I feel for you every time a **Newsletter** arrives as I was the editor of a college's news sheet for 15 years. Believe me, I know the struggles involved.

Sincerely,
W. Mark Durley, Jr.
1485 North Blosser Road
Santa Maria, Calif. 93454

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks Mark. I needed this. Well fellows let's hear from you. I think Mark has a very good idea and I would like your input in as much as your story is for real. May we receive them please.

Your Editor,
Keith P. Parsons

August 1, 1982

Greetings:

Am forwarding \$10.00 for the raffle tickets.

Present time still do not know if I will be able to make the reunion. Will know more in a month. Certainly looks like it will be a good one.

Sincerely yours,
Wendell W. Wichmoiw

July 25, 1982

164th Infantry Association
Arvid Thompson
1187 Farmington Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55117

Dear Arvid and Reunion Committee,

I do not know for sure if we will be able to make the reunion in St. Paul in October, so figured I had better get my tickets mailed in.

Hope someone draws out our name for one of the 164th prizes.

As ever your wartime buddy,

Clarence and Edna Dalzell

P.S. We sure had a grand time at the Minot reunion.

Kenneth M. Prosser
4821 So. Pacific Hwy.
Phoenix, Oregon 97535
Phone — 535-2930

164th Infantry News

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the complimentary copy of the 164th Infantry News. Really enjoyed reading about the members of the old outfit.

Enclosed is \$5.00 for my membership subscription to the 164th News.

I would appreciate hearing from other members of Co. A.

Sincerely yours,
Kenneth M. Prosser



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7/29/82

Dear Friends:

Payment for dues and whatever and would appreciate a little information.

Was there ever an Americal Division shoulder patch? If there was could you tell me where I could get one?

I sure wish I could come to the reunion but don't see any way to do it. Sure would like to hear from some of the old Service Co. guys.

Sincerely,
Earl T. Hanson
P.O. Box 277
Riggins, ID 83549

Note: Hope you enjoyed the patch our Secretary Herb sent you.

September 10, 1982

Dear Mr. Sande:

I am writing in response to my life-time dues to the 164th Infantry Assoc. Last fall at the Minot reunion I paid the \$50 to Mrs. Doug McMahn for life membership but have never gotten a card or anything showing a proof of that? If so, would like to receive it. Thank you.

Will be in St. Paul for reunion.

Leslie Skar
2113 No. 10th St.
Fargo, Nd

To: Arvid

From: W. Mark Durley, Jr.

Date: July 1982

Subject:

Cannot make reunion this year. Will be in France visiting WWII battlefields and tasting wine.

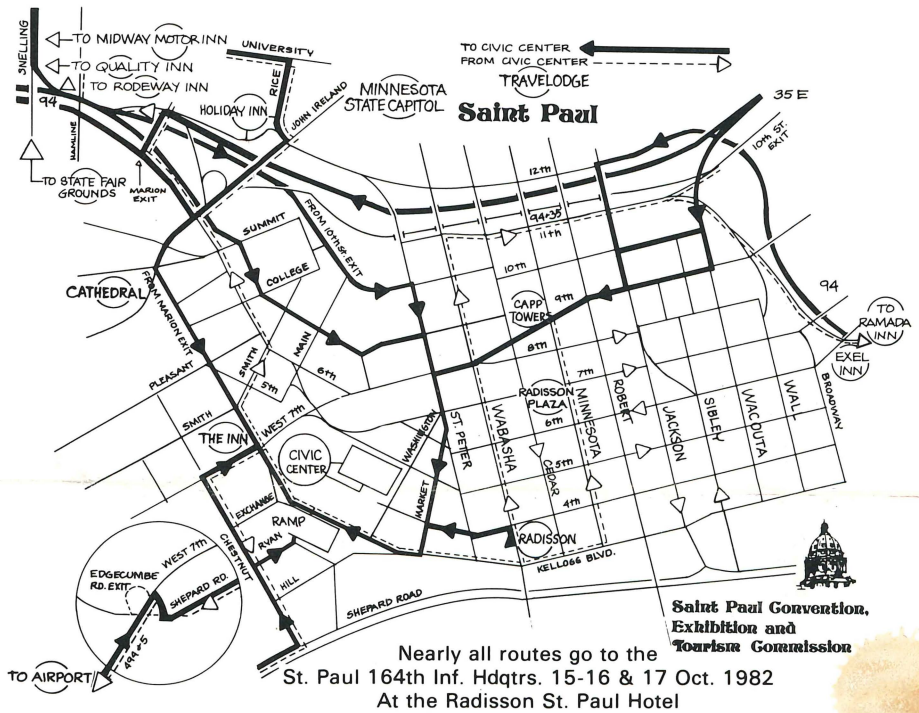
August 7th will be at Northern California Chapter of Americal Division Assoc. where I'll show my pictures of Guadalcanal and Borgainville taken in

1972, 1975 and 1979 trips to those (and So. Pacific) islands. Was in Australia last November for two weeks, interviewing Jack Read (DSC/US of A)

Coastwatches and numerous others involved in Borgainville operating during CW period and post-Americal military operation. Had a ball.

Mark

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



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ALVIN TOLLEFSDRUD
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Please be advised that William L. Dunphy has been reelected National Commander of the Americal Division Veterans Association for the year 1982-83.

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