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

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## HOW MANY REMEMBER?

Here it is Ed Mulligan's third story and a good one it is. The pictures are 1st an aerial view of the MATANIKAU River area. The arrow points to the approximate location in the 3rd BN CP and the aid station areas mentioned in the story. The thin ridge running from hill 66 down to hill 80 was the front lines for the 164th Infantry from 23 Nov 1942 until 15 Dec 1942 and is substantiated by the campaign map that accompanies the photo. By 23 Nov 1942 Japanese troops had been cleaned off of Point Cruz. The X marks the approximate location of the 3rd Bn 164th Inf C Pond Aid Station. Thanks Ed for the three fine stories.

Editor



**Aerial view of the Matanikau River area. The arrow points to the approximate location of the 3rd Bn CP and the Aid Station areas mentioned in the enclosed story. The thin ridge running from hill 66 down to hill 80 was the front lines for the 164th Inf from Nov. 23 until Dec. 15, 1942. This is the same area as shown on the campaign map.**



**Front lines Nov. 20, 1942 on Guadalcanal. By Nov 23, 1942 the Japanese had been cleaned off of Point Cruz. The X marks the approximate location of the 3rd Bn CP and Aid Station. Photo of campaign map in the Army Book "Guadalcanal", The First Offensive.**

A couple of days before Thanksgiving in 1942 on the island of Guadalcanal the 2nd. Bn. of the 164th. Inf. was in reserve while the 1st. and 3rd. Bns. were fighting beyond the Matanikau River.

On Nov. 22, 1942 word was sent to the 2nd. Bn. Aid Station group that the 3rd. Bn. Aid Station could use some help for a day or two. Three men, Lystad, Olson, and Mulligan volunteered: (you, you, and you, GO). As the bridge over the Matanikau was still under construction, we hiked up to the 3rd. Bn. CP and Aid Station on what was later nicknamed dysentery ridge as December wore on. After reporting to Capt. Panettiere and his crew of medics, we found some vacant fox holes just to the right of the CP area and settled in for the night on a narrow strip of ground about ten yards wide between the top of the exposed ridge and the drop-off into the deep ravine directly behind.

Rest and sleep that night was interrupted by units of the 2nd. Marine Div. coming thru for an attack in the morning. Noise and lots of noise and activity as the only trail thru the deep ravine ended at the 3rd. Bn. Aid Station.

By late morning the marine advance had been stalled, and as things were quieting down, I heard the sharp whistle of a bird. It occurred to me that if this was a typical western movie the attack should come at any moment. It did with a sharp explosion directly in front and ten yards from the aid station as the first large mortar shell landed. A minute later a second shell halved the distance to the aid station and caused some casualties. I placed a soldier in a marine jacket on a stretcher and checked his serious wound as I removed his 45 and belt. That was carefully set by my side, as I now had a marine pistol and would not have to carry that old 30-03 rifle. As I turned to face the aid station and the Bn. CP to locate Capt. Panettiere, there was a blinding blue flash just over and back of that area as shell number three hit a tree directly over the CP and spraying the entire area with fragments. I forgot that precious 45 — which was just as well as an army officer asked

what I did with it three days later — because there were four new holes in my left trouser leg that needed to be checked for inside damage. Shell number four dropped over the edge of the bank of the ravine directly behind the aid station. Shells five and six landed five yards east of where number four hit. In the space of three or four minutes the Japanese had put six 90 mm mortars within a 15 yard circle that contained the 3rd. Bn. CP., the Aid Station, and four company CP's in open fox holes. The Army book "Guadalcanal, The First Offensive" mentions this disaster with the Battalion Surgeon, four Lieutenants, and a first sergeant as being killed besides many wounded that included Lt. Col. Hall the Battalion commander. A check of the 3rd. Bn. Aid Station records, at a later date showed twenty-five casualties that day.

Capt. Panettiere was critically wounded with a shell fragment in his chest. Despite his 225 pounds, the sharp terrain, and the distance, I helped carry him out — after all it was in the "right" direction. Members of the Infantry companies helped to evacuate the casualties as there were no helicopters in those days. Not even jeeps at this time, as the bridge across the matanikau was not completed.

Late that day the 2nd. Bn. joined the 1st. Bn. at Point Cruz to strengthen the line held by the 164th. Inf. According to the book "Under The Southern Cross" the 2nd. Bn. received praise from the higher officers of the Army and Marines for the lack of noise and confusion during this speedy night move.

Thus the situation remained until Dec. 15, 1942.

Ed Mulligan

7 Dec. 1983

Keith Parsons,

Enjoy the paper very much so keep up the good work. The extra \$5 is for whatever you think best.

I am retiring Dec. 31st so hopefully I'll be able to get to a reunion now and then. Will be at the Medics reunion in Bottineau next summer.

Best regards,  
Orein DeLap

## Something To Think About

It is sincerely hoped by this individual that as space avails itself from time to time that some of these type articles will prove to be of interest to you members. May they serve a purpose of causing recollections of some of your own experiences that you have had. All one may hopefully accomplish is to pass on to others some of the memories of those experiences so that comrades and future generations may benefit in the perpetuation of knowledge gained, revel in their fantasies and learn from the harsh lessons of battles as related only by those who were there. There are so few who really can fathom the realities of battle for only you who were there really know. The main reason for this is to create an interest i.e. Yours in sending us your stories. May we hear from you for I respect your interests and wholeheartedly request your stories.

The following is from the Bismarck Daily Tribune, dated Tuesday Oct 13, 1885.

Lt. Col. Bentley makes Honorable Mention of the First Regiment Dakota National Guard on their first annual encampment.

Col. Bentley has issued the following congratulatory order to the First Regiment Dakota National Guard: General Orders No. 8 Bismarck Dakota Sept. 29, 1885.

The regimental commander is prompted by both duty and pleasure to extend sincere congratulations to the officers and men of this command, for their remarkable success achieved at the first annual encampment of the D.N.G. The soldierly appearance and conduct of both officers and men, were justly entitled to great praise. Especially so when it is remembered that the regiment had been organized less than three months, and this encampment was the first meeting of isolated companies composing this command, their ready adaption of the ways and duties of soldiers were beyond my most sanguine expectations; of such citizen soldiery.

Dakota may well be proud. I desire to express my sincere thanks to Col. E.F. Tounsend of the Eleventh United States Infantry, and to Surgeon P.W.B. Macauley and Lieutenant H.O.S. Heistand, of his staff, for the extreme kindness and interest with which their valuable instructions were imparted. I trust the mention of their names will ever call forth the liveliest expressions of good will from this entire command.

To Capt. J.W. Rockwell, Chief of Ordinance of the Department of Dakota, we owe a debt of gratitude not

easily paid. Battery A attached to this command would have been almost a blank but for his kindness; we could not have properly saluted his excellency, Gov. Pierce, our Commander in Chief; our morning and evening gun even would have been imaginary, but for the interest he manifested in our success. I wish especially to extend my thanks to company commanders for cordial support, and the ability and interest manifested in bringing their companies to the encampment in such excellent condition, which was of such signal service to the Regimental commander.

I wish to extend thanks to Maj. Hinman for his labors in charge of the regimental camp previous to my arrival, and also to Surgeon Darrow and assistant Surgeon Kutsnewsky, for discharge of their duties. Lt. L.E. Wade quartermaster, and his assistant, Sgt. Vennum, deserve our thanks for faithful labor under disadvantages. Sergeant Major John T. Coxhead is deserving special mention for faithfulness and ability. I also wish to thank in as public a manner as possible, Adjutant Geo. A. Bain, for the signal ability displayed in the discharge of his arduous duties, ever watchful and ever faithful to the welfare and zealous in the interest of the command. His duties were performed with untiring devotion, and with credit to himself and the regiment.

Master Louis Dennis my faithful little orderly is accorded honorable mention for his faithfulness and zeal. As a result of such faithful labor of officers and men the first regiment made a record of which its commander and I believe the whole territory is proud. It carried off all the prizes offered in the Brigade, of the seven companies of the first regiment competing in the manual of arms drill and target practice company E of Yankton, commanded by Capt. C. Hameister, carried away first prize; Company B of Fargo, Capt. H.B. Simington, won the second prize. Company A, of Bismarck, Capt. Frank J. Call was but .41 of one point behind with Company H, of Jamestown. Capt. B.M. Hick's, almost in sight of a prize, and all honorably mentioned in the official report of the judges. Companies F and D of Bismarck and Redfield, commanded by Capt. Frank L. Stacey and Capt. Antone Lott, made good records.

This is glory enough for the First Regiment at the first encampment, and no stronger incentive is necessary for the encouragement of every company in the regiment. If you can do so well in the short time you have been organized,

you can if you will manifest and continue the same zeal for another year, put the finest drilled companies in the land to their best performances. Of course all cannot win first prize, but where all do so well that point has to be divided into hundredths to decide, it is honorable alike for all. It is also a source of great gratification to me to know that visitors to the encampment and the citizens of Fargo speak so highly of the conduct and gentlemanly bearing of every soldier upon the encampment ground and when visiting the city. For this high appreciation of the good name of the regiment, I desire to extend personal thanks to every man, trusting that your respect for yourselves and the regiment may never grow less. And if permitted to go into camp another year that we may rendezvous, officers and men, fully prepared to do our whole duty and labor for higher attainments in our self imposed positions as citizen soldiers of Dakota Territory.

By command of  
Lt. Col. Wm. A. Bentley  
Commanding

Geo. A. Bain  
1st Lt, First Regiment D.N.G.  
Adjutant.

From the General Order No. 8 we know that there definitely was a National Guard of the Dakota Territory prior to the states of North and South Dakota being divided. Actually some of the early history of the Dakota Territory lists military organizations as 1883 when Company A, Dakota Militia in Bismarck was known as the Governor's Guards. The Infantry units of the Territory were formed into 2 Regiments in 1885. The 1st Regiment in the northern part of the territory, mostly what now comprises the state of North Dakota and the 2nd Regiment in the southern part now comprising the state of South Dakota. The Regiments were designated on Aug 12, 1885 as First Regiment Dakota National Guard and 2nd Regiment Dakota National Guard. These units made up the 1st Brigade Dakota National Guard. Editor.

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## Letters . . .

Mr. Keith P. Parsons, Editor  
The 164th Infantry News  
610 Avenue B West  
Bismarck, N. Dakota 58501

Dear Keith:

Your quarterly Newsletter is always eagerly awaited with interesting articles and letters from the many veterans of the fabulous 164th, and especially Company H guys.

Since joining the Association in 1980 or earlier, I look forward to the reunions every two years. Traveled to Jamestown in 1980 and to Minneapolis/St. Paul in 1982. I hope again to bring four other vets of the WWII group with me to Dickinson, N.D. in October 1984 (and our wives).

Your request for articles gives me this opportunity to relate an event that took place in January 1943 on Guadalcanal after returning from a one week "field trip" on patrol.

The enclosed news item from today's newspaper gave me the inspiration to write. God Bless that young man for what he was able to do to save his step-fathers life. He is a real hero for youngsters to admire with his courage and deed.

The story I want to relate took place on Guadalcanal in January 1943. My buddy, Charles Borgia and I were walking along the beach road after a bath in the Pacific Ocean. We heard a Heavy Weapons Carrier or Anti-Tank Carrier roaring along the road when suddenly the driver could not maneuver a sharp turn. The Carrier hit the coconut palm trees and flipped over. About six G.I.'s in the vicinity and us two ran over to render assistance in any way possible. The driver was caught under the traction wheels and someone else inside was pinned down with 4.2 mortar shells dropping out of the rack on top of him.

With the strength that God gave us we were able to raise the vehicle enough to pull out the traction-trapped driver. The other G.I. inside was rescued later when a crane came over to upright the carrier. The poor guy inside was being hit by all the equipment falling loosely from the racks. From the report we got later on, they both survived with severe injuries. That was an experience not easily forgotten, and I'm thankful we were able to help.

Now that my story has been told, keep up the good work with the Newsletter. Hope and pray to see you and

the guys from 164th in October. Send all particulars.

"The Kid from Brooklyn" "Bula-Bula Joe". (See Page 6, *It's Superboy*)

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Cascio

Dear Keith,

This is the last address I have for Alvin Graf.

Alvin A. Graf  
1455 E. Katie Ave.  
Rt. 12  
Las Vegas, Nev. 89109

Also could you put this reunion notice in the paper. Co. "F" 164th Inf. W.W. II and Korea, July 7 & 8th, 1984 at Carrington, N.D.

Contact John M. Paulson, 80 - 2nd Ave. N., Carrington, N.D. 58421.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
John Paulson

Dear Keith,

First of all, let me say how much my wife and I have enjoyed each and every reunion we have been to and how much we look forward to the next one. I have however, come away from every reunion with the thought that someone I knew was there and because our paths didn't cross I never knew it. I have attended a couple of the Americal Division Reunions, and they have a post set on an easel by the registration desk, divided into sections for each regiment, and field artillery, and one marked "other", where you can sign your name and room number, at the time you register, and this poster sets there all through the reunion so that anyone can check it from time to time. It would be convenient if we had something like this, even if it laid on a table, boxed off into rifle companies and headquarters companies and one marked "other". It would be particularly helpful for newcomers to the reunions.

Sincerely,  
Joe Dinnelly  
Babylon, N.Y.

Daniel A. Sullivan  
2117 N. Mantle Lane  
Santa Ana, Ca 92701

Would like to hear from anyone who knows of Earl D. Johnson who was with the 3rd Bn and was from Two Arbors, Mn. Anyone having any information may contact Daniel A. Sullivan.

Editor.

All is quiet in the western part of the state. We haven't heard from the Dickinson crew so we can't tell you much about plans for the 1984 reunion as yet. Possibly will have a complete run down next paper.

Editor.

October 1983

Dear 164th Vets,

Does anyone remember my uncle, Private Sherman R. Olson 37027753 164 Inf. Co. "B" 2nd Platoon? He was from Arnegard, North Dakota and was K.I.A. near Pt. Cruz on Guadalcanal on Nov. 5, 1942.

I am interested in any memories you might have of Sherman at Guadalcanal, the North West, or Camp Clairbourne. I would appreciate anything you remember of him. Thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,  
Allan J. Olson  
101 West Chariot Avenue  
Elbridge, New York 13060

How about it fellows? Who remembers and cares to contact Allen on this matter. KPP

12/9/83

Greetings 164 Vets,

Happy holidays to you and put the extra in the stamp box or whatever.

December 7 brings back the 164 memories. Many these days don't know what that day was at all. Sad but we seem to go from one crises to another.

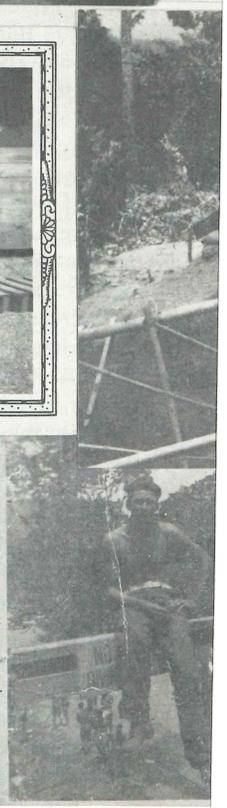
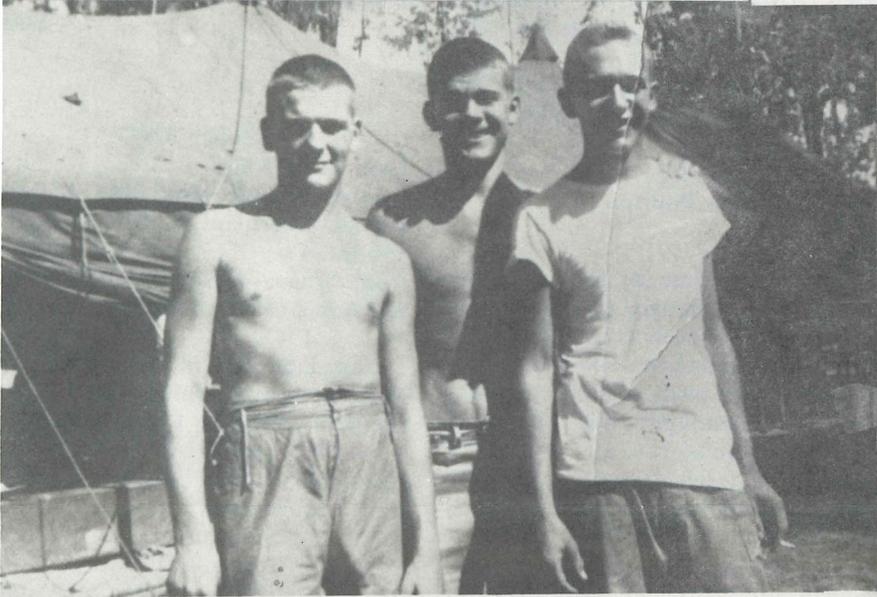
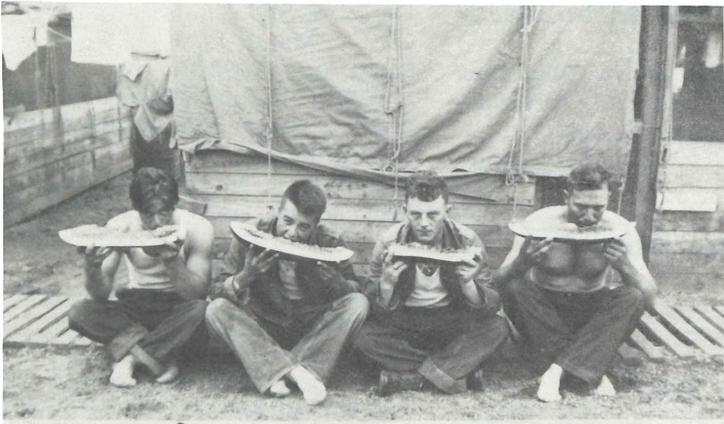
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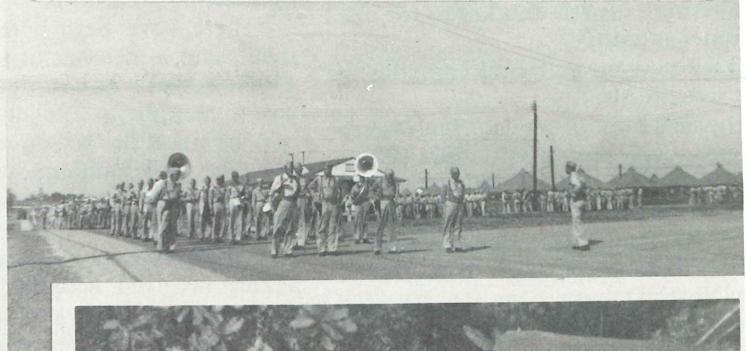
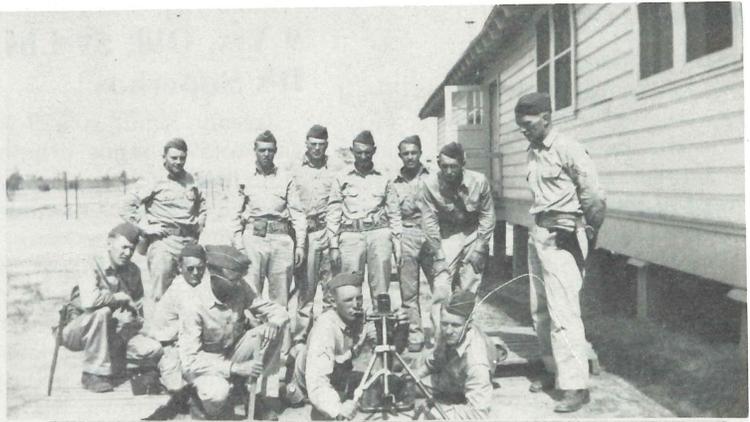
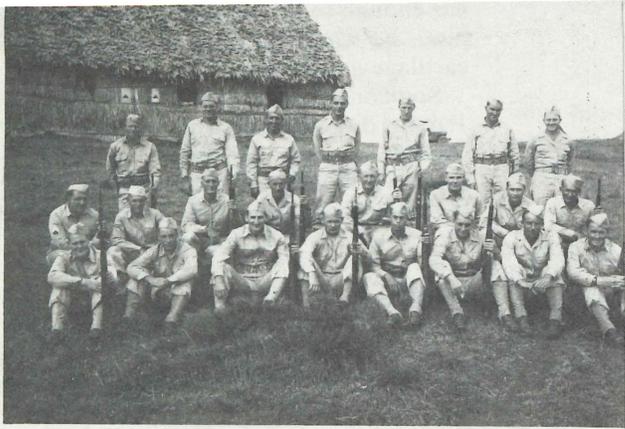
### The Last Roll Call

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

*Roy C. Molstad	.....20 Dec 83	..... Neche, ND
Henry V. Mott	.....Dec 83	..... Fargo, ND
John R. Steele	.....Feb 84	..... Cando, ND
Alfred Thomason	.....5 March 84	..... Mandan, ND
Allen O. Olson	.....29 Feb 84	..... Northwood, ND

\*Denotes individuals not presently members of the association at time of passing.





We thank the following for use of the pictures in this issue of the paper and also all the others over the past.

Editor

- George Lingley
- Bob Murry D Co
- Harold Larson C Co
- Leroy Wahouske B Co

## Letters . . .

Brothers of 164th,

Enclosed find a check for 1984 dues if there is any left over put it in the kitty.

I am still putting in my 40 hours a week but there are very few weeks left as we hope to retire early 1984 and spend our summers in North Dakota. We got into some of Williston's 107° this summer and survived, our worst part of North Dakota is I gained 15 pounds.

Seen Doctor Schatz a week ago. He says he's feeling good & he looks just like Doc. Schultz. He has to stick around as long as there is any 164th left. He has best of care from their daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren & friends.

Hope to make the Reunion 1984.

Yours truly,  
Lyle P. Aljets  
816 110th Place S.E.  
Everett, WA 98204

164th Infantry  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed my check for the sum of \$5.00 for dues.

We spend six months in Mesa, Ariz. for the winter months, and then back to Williston, North Dakota for the summer months.

Busy playing golf, and enjoying the sun here in Mesa.

Haven't been to any conventions for several years, but hope to make the one for 1984 — I have taken quite a few pictures at the conventions that I have attended, also some movie pictures.

I see Hibbie Swanson from Dickinson, North Dakota. Almost every week, we play golf together quite often. He lives only around a ½ mile from us, here in Mesa, Ariz. We live at Fountain of the Sun.

Have a good 1984.

Sincerely yours,  
Bob Price

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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

(From Page 3, Nicholas Cascio)

## 9 Yrs. Old, 59 Lbs., It's Superboy!

Jeremy Schill is a 9-year-old who weighs 59 pounds dripping wet. His mom thinks he's too skinny, but he says he's a lot stronger than he looks.

Maybe he is.

The third-grader was credited last week with picking up the rear end of a Ford LTD (weight: 4,100 pounds) after it slipped from a jack and dropped on his stepfather's chest in the yard of their farm in Jamestown, N.D.

His stepfather, Rique Schill, 31, is convinced Jeremy did it. "I could feel the weight of the car lifting," he said. His mother, Vicky, 25, is convinced, too. "He outdid himself," she told the Daily News in an interview. "There's no other explanation."

Actually, say scientists, there is another explanation.

It is the unexplained psychosomatic energy apparently triggered by stress, which enables people to perform feats of strength and endurance that defy logic — racing up falling stairs to rescue people threatened by fire, for example, or exerting great force.

"There have been a few studies of this," said a member of the American Psychosomatic Society, "but it is difficult to measure or explain the relationship between the stress event and the so-called superhuman power."

The "power," he said, is due to such factors as hysteria, extreme stress and post-crisis distortions of reality, where people involved actually believe they did something they did not do. "I've heard it called desperation energy," he said.

It is this "desperation energy" that may explain what Jeremy did.

Schill was lying on his back under the rear axle of the car last Sunday, removing its shock absorbers, when the jack holding it up slipped on the snowy ground.

"The axle fell right on my chest," he said later, "I didn't panic, but I did shout. Then I began to feel like I was suffocating."

Jeremy, who was near the car, also shouted. That brought his mother running from the house. When she saw her husband's predicament, she tried to lift the car but could not. Desperate, she called to Jeremy, "Try to lift it!"

Jeremy lifted up on the rear bumper and, his parents say, the car moved. "It was not enough for Rique to slip free," said Vicky Schill. "But it did ease the pressure on his chest for a minute."

A second jack was used to raise the

car enough to rescue Schill. At the hospital, he was treated for broken chest cartilage and bruised ribs.

Someone suggested that perhaps all Jeremy did was rock the rear bumper enough to ease the weight on Schill. Jeremy's mother doubts this. "It was more than that," she said. "I could tell."

(Daily News, Sunday, Jan. 29, 1984)

## Letters . . .

September 26, 1983

Dear Stan and Bill Tillotson:

It will be enjoyable to get back to a reunion again. We also have some business to take care of in Bismarck, so the trip will take care of two items.

We have made reservations at the Kirkwood Motor Inn for two nights.

It will be good to visit with some of the fellows again.

Sincerely,  
Dennis R. Ferik

P.S. Registration forms for the reunion and donation are enclosed with our check.

Oct. 26, 1983

Gentlemen,

Enclosed you will find my check for \$10.00 for dues and whatever you can use it for.

Because of poor health to the wife and myself, we have been unable to make the past three reunions. The wife passed away Jan. 10th and I was coming along pretty good and thought for sure I could make it to Bismarck. But things were not to be. I sure missed seeing some of the old Buddies.

Sincerely,  
Albert J. "Bud" Luther  
Glen Rt.  
Aitkin, MN 56431

SOME OF OUR POLITICIANS WHO HAVE CONCERN ABOUT NATIONAL DEFICITS CRY— "WE NEED MORE TAX MONEY!"

THE PEOPLE WHO PAY THE TAX HOLLER— "WE NEED MORE GOOD PRUDENCE IN SPENDING THE TAX MONEY WE ALREADY PAY!"

NOW WE HAVE TO WONDER WHO'S GOING TO WIN THIS DEBATE?

B. J. ABBOTT  
OBERLIN, I.A.  
10/14/83

## Letters . . .

Sept. 27, 1983

Dear Comrades,

I am returning your letter of the 14th, as we are unable to attend the Reunion this year. I hope you have a real good one this time in Bismarck.

We were in Valley City in June for the Co. "G" reunion and had a wonderful time. Maybe next year we can make the 164th Reunion. I hope so.

Wishing you all the best at the reunion.

One of the "G" men.

Morris A. Larssen  
2522 Clay Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

Southwest Pacific

July 24, 1944

Dear William,

Received your letter tonight and was very glad to hear from you, I am in the best of health, and hope these few lines find you the same, I am feeling extra good right now as I just drank six bottles of "beer", and guess what I am eating. With that "turkey" one of my buddies was on K.P. and he got a can of turkey and we heated it, it was pretty good, only one thing was the matter, I couldn't chew it, as my plate is at the dental clinic being fixed up. I broke one of them eating a Ovation bar, them chocolate bars are pretty tough. I am an awful sight without my plate, and everybody is teasing me I got a hard time to talk.

Well I am getting ten dollars more in my pay now, since I was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, I should get a pretty good pay this month, as I got the badge in April.

Glad to know that you are seeing a lot of sights. I wish it was like that over here, all we see is jungles, that volcano must have been a beautiful sight when it was erupting. We have a volcano on this island, but I don't think will erupt, it is active. You said you was eight months in the same place, well this is going on my seventh month on the same island, and I'm telling you I'm sick of it. I hope we move out of here soon, but I guess if we move, we might go to a worse place than this. Well it's getting pretty late so I will have to close for tonight. Best of luck.

Alfred

Stanley Pfau  
918 N. 7th St.  
Bismarck, N.D. 58501

Dear Sir:

My uncle PFC Alfred H. Nadeau belonged to Co. L. 164th Infantry he got

killed in action Aug. 8th 1944 on Bougainville Island.

Would anyone in that outfit remember him and could tell me what happened that day. I would greatly appreciate any information you could give me. Included is a letter he wrote two weeks before he died, the details may help someone remember him.

Thank you,  
William E. Nadeau  
Box 237  
Brownville Jct, Me 04415

*What say? Any of you remember the set of circumstances and care to contact William on this matter. Editor.*

Jan. 4, 1984

Dear Editor,

I'm sending a check for \$10.00. \$5.00 to cover dues for 1984 the rest for your pot luck kitty. If this note gets in the News, Happy New Year to all of the 164th and especially the guys from Co D.

A good 1984 to all Leland Swensgard  
2158 St. Anthony Ave.  
St. Paul, Minn. 55104

Hi Fellows:

Bette & I wish you all a prosperous New Year. Missed reunions but get scuttle butt from fellow buddies.

Had 6th back surgery in May, but I'm now able to run races, wheelies etc in wheel chair.

Hope & pray all is well with all of you and may we wish all of you the best always. Drop in if you can. I'll give wheel chair lessons.

-God Bless,  
Bette & Bill Tucker  
Co "M" 164th

My '84 dues enclosed, plus \$10.00 to help with expenses, would enjoy letters when you have time.

103 Meadowdale  
Chickasha, Okla 73018

Mr. Keith P. Parsons  
Secretary 164th Infantry  
Box 1111

Bismarck, ND 58502

Dear Keith:

This letter is late but did want to express the thanks of the members of the 164th Inf. Band for all the hospital-ity extended at the last reunion. What a wonderful time was had by all in being able to get together and play some of the old tunes so familiar to the regiment. The opportunity to meet and see so many old friends in the regiment was mentioned time and time again by members of the band.

Our sincere thanks to all of you for the many details that went into planning such an event. At our meeting before leaving, it was decided that the band will get back together again as a unit in 1985 at Fargo. I do know that several members will be at Dickinson in 1984 but not as a playing unit.

Enclosed find a check for my dues for the year of 1984.

Sincerely,  
Art Nix, Sec.  
164th Inf. Band  
1012 6th Ave. S.  
Moorhead, Mn. 56560

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate it very much if the enclosed article could be placed in the next issue of the 164th Infantry News. I think it will be of interest to your members and it may reach a lot of them that we don't mail to. Hopefully some of them will be interested in attending. The 164th members of this Chapter who live on the West Coast should be there in force.

Thanks for your consideration and also that you have put me on the mailing list for your News.

Sincerely,  
Lloyd Morrell

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or ANNUAL RENEWAL 164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Served With and Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letters . . .

Dear Stan:

I've been wanting to attend one (at least) of these reunions and I may (or may not) make it this year. You see, I am one of the luckiest people in the world who always seems to have last minute interferences which alter my planning.

In case I don't make it (not an unusual happening), I'm sure the association can find other uses for the cash (check) enclosed. And please deposit this check as soon as possible (it's good), but I hate having absent checks when I attempt to balance my checkbook with my bank account at the end of the month or several months which I have experienced in some cases.

Yes, I like get-togethers, snacks, music, entertainment, bars, meetings, cocktail hours, banquets, dancing, etc. But, if I'm A.W.O.L. at the time, my greetings and salutations to all.

Walt R. Abbott  
P.O. Box 446  
Oberlin, La. 70655

United Nations? Hell, that's Unitec Confusion!



October 28, 1983

Dear Herb:

Please enroll Melvin Spooner, East 4329 Longfellow, Spokane, Washing-

ton 99205 in our 164th Infantry Association. A check is enclosed for his association dues.

I have been trying to locate Mel since the early 1960's. On October 23, Clarence McClure of Spokane called me to give me Spooner's address. McClure also let me know that he did not have the brass lapel buttons with the U.S. and the 164-A that I am trying to locate for my uniform. Years ago I had borrowed those buttons from Bud Knott and then returned them to him.

Would you ask Keith Parsons to make a Zerox copy of the first page of my diary information and send it to me. I have had another inquiry about the diary so I need a copy. I will send him the rest of the pages as soon as I can take the time to type them out.

Dorothy and I really enjoyed the reunion this year in Bismarck. We hope to get to Dickinson in 1984, if things work out for us.

Sincerely,  
Dennis R. Ferk  
Rte C-32, Box 34C  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
87501

Mr. Keith Parsons:

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 in payment of 1984 dues and \$5.00 for kitty.

My wife and I are still talking about the wonderful time we had in Bismarck for '83 reunion. What a joy it was to see so many buddies and friends of years past. This was my first reunion and really feel guilty saying that, but it we'll not be the last one. All who had a hand in this reunion are to be commended. I think the highlight of the reunion was the gathering of the famed 164 band members and the music they presented.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,  
Donald W. (Dutch) Well

Dear Keith,

I won't be able to attend this years reunion, but will be waiting for your report on the reunion in the News.

Am enclosing a few pictures of some of the Co. C. members taken in Clai-borne, Fiji and Bougainville. I hope you will be able to use some of these pictures. Greetings to all in attendance.

Sincerely,  
Harold L. Larson  
Box 486  
Larimore, ND 58251  
Co. C.

P.S. Am mailing my \$5.00 donation directly to Gilbert Shirley.

*Harold, it is hoped that I can and will have space in the March issue for some or all of the pictures you sent in plus some others we have here. Thanks alot. The Editor.*

October 5, 1983

Dear Keith,

I saw Art Nix Sunday and got your name and address so I could join the association again.

I first joined the 164th Infantry Sept. 15, 1930 when it was the Howitzer Co. and was a continuous member until I was hospitalized in the Fiji Islands when I landed there from Guadalcanal. When we got word of being called into Federal Service in Feb. of 1941 the Howitzer Co. became the Service Co. I was promoted to Master Sergeant Dec. 4, 1940 and to Warrant Officer in June of 1941.

Enclosed is my check and I plan to be in Bismarck, Oct. 14 & 15, 1983.

Sincerely,  
Ray G. Maxson  
522 Maple Lane  
Moorhead, MN 56560

Dear Bill,

Enclosing Col Mjogdalen's dues — \$10.00. After reading the 164th News to him he decided he had not sent his dues.

Perhaps you could run a small item in the 164th News that Bill has been in Americana Nursing Home 3½ years from strokes. Mind and speech are good but he doesn't walk. Would love to see any of the boys who might be in town.

Les Skaar & John Tuff are his best visitors so he keeps up on the news.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs) Mildred Running  
(Bills old neighbor and secretary)

A big thank you goes to V.L. Towne of Bismarck, North Dakota for his donation for use in helping some of those less fortunate. Some has been put to good use already. Thanks.

Editor

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