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The 164th INFANTRY News

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JUNE 1984

Our President Says . . .

Let me start out by congratulating the reunion committee in Bismarck, N.D. for their efforts and diligence in making the 1983 164th Association Reunion one of the finest that we have ever had. Good food, very well conducted meetings, splendid fellowship apparently enjoyed by all attending and excellent facilities. A great job very well done.

I am most pleased and honored to have been selected and elected president of this great organization for the coming year and assure you I will do my best to direct the activities towards a very good year. I thank you, Bill Tillotson for doing such a fine job during your year as president and I sincerely hope that I can along with my fellow officers and appointed committees can follow you by doing an equally good job.

The 1984 reunion committees have been appointed and have met several times, beginning in January. Plans are being developed and are in varied stages of taking shape. Hopefully a first mailing will be going out to all "Hundred and Sixty Fourth" members in June or early July. We, in Dickinson, will be anxiously looking forward to the "Beach Head" in October '84.

Committee members have been appointed by Ray Summers General Chairman Wenzel — Privratsky Co Chairman who were elected at an early meeting to fill those positions for our 1984 reunion here at Dickinson, N.D. It has all the earmarks and appears to be one of the very good reunions. Yes it looks like we are going to have a good one!!! Our sincere hope is that all of you are making serious plans to attend and meet with us on 12, 13 & 14 October 1984.

Our convention headquarters will be at the Ramada Inn in Dickinson, N.D. A listing of hotels, motels, costs, & etc. will be included in our 2nd mailing which is scheduled to be sent out in August. We have "blocks of rooms" reserved at the convention headquarters as in other hotels and motels, so we do not anticipate any problems in obtaining adequate space for members attending to stay. The committee chairmen, Ray and Wenzel will furnish more information on the reunion in the September issue of the 164th News.

Until next issue, I hope this finds all of you well and "getting fired up" to visit us in Dickinson in October.

Gordy Lamont
President 164th Inf. Ass'n.

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Letter . . .

Secretary 164th.

Have a little for postage and had two tough years in the hospital. Won't go to a Vets hospital (too much inexperience there). The last time I went in they left me on a cold slab for 5 hours I finally had to holler for a blanket so! So far as the V.A. is concerned I haven't much use for them. Best to you.

Sam Baglien

HOW MANY REMEMBER?

Sixty seven years ago there were men being transferred to new units thusly breaking up many of the old units and commands under the guise of reorganization i.e. more efficient units or so the age old story goes. But such things happen in war time. Many of the 164th troops were reassigned to various units as replacements but let's reveal some things that exist but may not be generally known to many. The following is a letter of which a copy is in the historians files:

American Expeditionary Force
Office of the Commanding General
France, February 20, 1919.

Major General Peter Traub
c/o War Department
Washington, D.C.

My Dear General Traub,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend to you and the officers and men of the 41st Division my compliments upon their excellent appearance and bearing at the inspection in the embarkation camp at Brest on January 31st, just previous to your departure for the United States.

The 41st Division has had the longest and hardest career of service in the American Expeditionary Forces. One of the first five divisions to arrive in France, organized and trained as a combat unit, it was immediately broken up and a majority of its personnel was sent to combat units, and the part these men played in a matter of history of the 1st, 2nd, 26th and 42nd Divisions with which they were identified. Those who remained with the 41st Division to handle and prepare replacements for battle have had a hard and unexciting part to play. Yet the Division's accomplishment has been as important as the work of any of those units who had the better fortune to remain as combat division and win glory at the front.

The officers and men may return home with knowledge of duty well performed, and the assurance that they

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142nd Engineer Combat Battalion To Come Back Home

Story by Sp5 Terry A. Messmer

North Dakota's new battalion has finally received a home and a unit designation. Its headquarters will be Bismarck, North Dakota and its name is the 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy).

The 142nd is authorized to carry the colors and honors of North Dakota's original 164th Infantry, which distinguished itself during WWII. After the war, the 164th was disbanded with major components incorporated into the 142nd.

According to CWO 2 Donald E. Baglien, force structure officer for the North Dakota Army National Guard (NDARNG), the battalion's move is part of an overall Army master plan. "By 1989, approximately 50% of the Army's total strength is to be held in Reserve and National Guard components," Baglien stated. "The rationale behind this move is both economic and readiness," he added, "it is cheaper to maintain a reserve or guard unit in a condition one (C-1) readiness than its full-time counterpart, an active duty force."

Along with the Bismarck unit, the 142nd will have two companies; Company A will be located in Grand Forks and Company B will be in Washburn. Company B will have two detachments,

Letters . . .

Dear Keith,

My wife & I enjoyed the reunion in Bismarck very much and thought the committee did a great job. We look forward to attending more good conventions.

During the convention at Bismarck, it occurred to me after listening to General Murray describing the facilities at Camp Grafton including the proposed museum, that it might be feasible to hold our annual convention some year at the camp inasmuch as they have the camp winterized. The idea is not necessarily original with me but I bring it up to see if anyone else likes it enough to bring it up at a meeting. It might bring back some memories for those who have been there and would be of interest to all of us. Those who know more about it than I do could tell us if it is a practical suggestion.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Yours very truly,
George M. Christensen

one in Hazen and the other in Beulah.

The 142nd's August 1985 activation date will be preceded by some relocations, Company A, 164th Eng. Cbt. Bn., Mott, Hettinger, and Hazen, will be located only in Mott and Hettinger. Similarly, Company B, 164th Eng. Cbt. Bn., Williston and Beulah, will be located in Williston.

Detachment I, 957th Engineer Company Ribbon Bridge, Grand Forks, will be moved to Langdon to make room for the 142nd's Company A. In addition to these changes, Grafton, the 957th's Headquarters and its remaining detachment, Cavalier, will be authorized strength increases.

Baglien points out that, of these localities, Washburn and Langdon will be new additions to the "Straight Arrow" family.

Letters . . .

Enclosed is dues for 1984.

Really appreciated receiving the 164th News this past year, particularly the article on the landing on the Canal in October — the 40th anniversary.

I do plan to attend this years reunion.

Am leaving Jan. 7th for trip to New Zealand and Australia with a return stopover in Fiji — plan to look over Camp Samambulk.

Thanks for your efforts in putting together activities & Publication.

Sincerely,
Gerald L. Wright

Dear Keith

Enclosed find check to cover cost of dues for another year.

Regretably I must inform you that another member of Company L - 164th Inf. has answered the final roll call. Roy Molstad who served with the unit from federalization through 1943 died on 20 December 1983. Roy retired from the U.S. Border Service at Neche, North Dakota some three or four years ago. He was a good soldier and a fine man and we shall miss him.

Request that those members who are active in North Dakota Legion or V.F.W. clubs exert efforts to have some of the monies obtained from gambling funds be used to enhance the Serviceman's Home at Lisbon, North Dakota. Gifts such as this will brighten the final days of less fortunate comrades and other servicemen.

Sincerely,
Thurston D. Nelson
Rt. 1, Box 27
Hillsboro, N.D. 58045



Left to right: Ray Patton, Joe Juen, Mrs. Juen, Mrs. Berndt and Bill Berndt. Evelyn volunteered as photographer so didn't get in the picture.

Dear Keith,

Evelyn and I had to go to Philadelphia recently. We scheduled ourselves a little early into St. Paul and notified Mr. and Mrs. Joe Juen and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Berndt. They met us at the airport and we had breakfast and a short "A" Co. - 164th mini reunion. It was nice to visit with them and they were so complimentary of the 1983 reunion in Bismarck.

Sincerely,
Ray Patton

April 11, 1984

Dear Sir:

I thought perhaps some of your readers will be interested to know that on April 2, 1984, my husband, Lynn Mathews, succumbed to the lung cancer with which he had been afflicted for nearly four years. He had been confined to his home for over a year.

He was very proud of his service record and had many happy memories of friends with whom he served. He did so enjoy attending his last reunion in St. Paul. As time lay heavily on his hands, he spent many hours recalling his army experiences as well as going over souvenirs in his scrapbook. He had a great deal of pride in that 164th!

Sincerely,
Ardis Mathews
1044 Sioux Avenue
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031
(Associate Member #607)

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How Many Remember? . . .

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Headquarters
General of the Armies
Washington
Mr. C.D. Locklin
AG Gotzian Block
Grand Forks, North Dakota
My dear Mr. Locklin:

In the absence of General Pershing, who is still in France, I will answer your letter to him of February 18th, in which you asked for "the reason why the General Staff split up the Forty-First Division, sending a large number of the privates to the First Division, then in the lines and assigning the officers and noncommissioned officers to duty behind the lines."

The general organization project for the formation of the American Expeditionary Forces, provided that each army corps should consist of six divisions. The first corps to go to France was made up, so far as practicable, of seasoned organizations. The project called for the employment of the first two divisions to arrive, as combat divisions; The third division was to be designated as a replacement division to form schools, etc., and to provide for the effective maintenance of the army corps. The fourth and fifth divisions to arrive in France, were to be combat divisions; and the sixth division, which would complete the corps, was to be a base division through which it was planned replacements would flow into combat divisions of the corps.

Actually, the first four divisions to arrive were the First, Second, Twenty-Sixth and Forty-Second. The last named reached France in the fall of 1917, an especially critical and gloomy period for the allies. It then appeared that all the available American troops might soon be involved in actual combat, so the provisions of the project, so far as concerned the first army corps, were modified to meet the existing serious situation by having all four of these divisions placed in the line to receive training for combat service. Serious shortages in personnel had already developed, due to the usual casualties, on account of sickness, etc., and to the fact that organizational strength of an Infantry Division was increased, requiring the addition of a large number of men. For example, at one time during the fall of 1917, the First Division was short over 8,500 men and there was a serious shortage in the other divisions.

Under these conditions the question of employing either the Twenty-Sixth or Forty-Second divisions as a replace-

ment division, was seriously considered, but it was finally decided that it was less important than the immediate training of both these divisions for combat service. By the time Forty-First Division began to arrive, December 11, 1917, the necessity for replacements and for the consequent designation of a replacement division had become imperative. For the good of the of the American Expeditionary Forces as a whole, it became necessary to designate immediately a division for this purpose. The Forty-First was in the process of arriving and its units were still in the rear areas without the special training which was being given the troop after their arrival. It appeared to be the logical choice for a base division and it therefore, became necessary to sacrifice the natural desire of its personnel to fight as a unit, to this larger purpose for the good of the whole. Subsequently it became a depot division.

As the esprit of a unit is one of the most valuable elements which goes to make for its fighting efficiency, General Pershing bitterly regretted the necessity for taking any action which would adversely affect this spirit. Unfortunately, such action repeatedly became necessary in the development of the American Expeditionary Forces. Great emergencies had to be met promptly; once the troops arrived in France they had to be used as circumstances dictated, and these circumstances were usually the result of our previous state of national unpreparedness. A number of our combat divisions which went abroad had to be diverted to work in the rear areas and had no combat experience whatever. The Forty-First Division was more fortunate in this respect.

The individuals were sent forward as replacements, rendered valuable service on many battlefields. This was notably the case with the large contingent sent to the First Division, which contributed materially to the record made by that combat unit. The service of the remainder of the Forty-First Division in

its capacity as a depot division, was no less valuable, though of course, to those who participated in this service, it was naturally disheartening not to have a part in the actual battle and in ranks of their own organizations.

During the course of the Meuse-Argonne battle the need for replacements grew so serious that it became necessary to reduce the strength of all infantry companies from 250 men to 175, and the necessary replacements to keep the units up to this low strength, could only be obtained by breaking up the newly arrived divisions almost the same day they landed in France. It would have required a month or more to have equipped and prepared these last divisions for the battle, and to have moved them to the front. Even so they would have entered the struggle without previous battle experience. The operation had to be pressed daily in order to bring it to a victorious conclusion. The only course, therefore, was to replace the casualties in experienced divisions which were on the ground, at the expense of the esprit de corps of those units which were so unfortunate as to arrive in France at the eleventh hour. The individual was usually given the opportunity to do his bit in actual battle, but his old organization, through force of circumstances and necessity, could not be brought forward.

The officer corps of the Regular army itself suffered a similar experience, the majority of the officers being held in the United States to train and equip newly organized forces, — but thirty-two percent (32%) reached France.

I trust this statement of the case will be satisfactory for your purpose, and I thought it best to reply to you now, rather than to delay the matter until General Pershing's return.

Yours very truly,
(signed) G.C. Marshall, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel, A.D.C.

GCM/F.

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The Last Roll Call

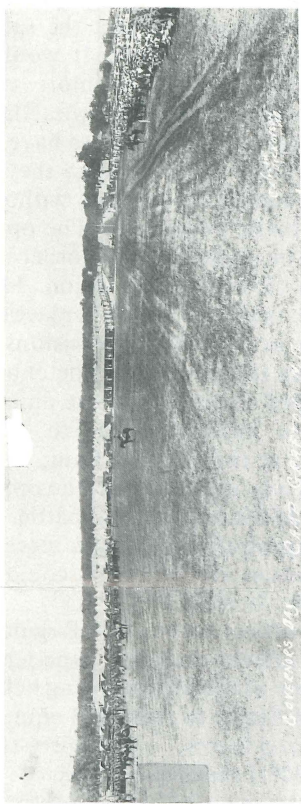
It has been reported that the following named members of the 164th Infantry have answered the LAST ROLL CALL since our last issue:

*Michael F. Szezepanows	18 March 84	Omaha NE
*Alvin N. Thurn	24 March 84	Kansas City KS
Lynn Mathews	2 April 84	Fairmont, MN.
Leonard J. Massine	April 84	Minot ND
Isben Spagrud	30 April 84	Devils Lake ND
Vernon C. Martin	13 May 84	Valley City ND

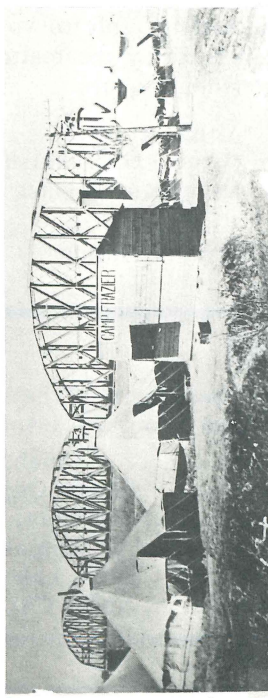
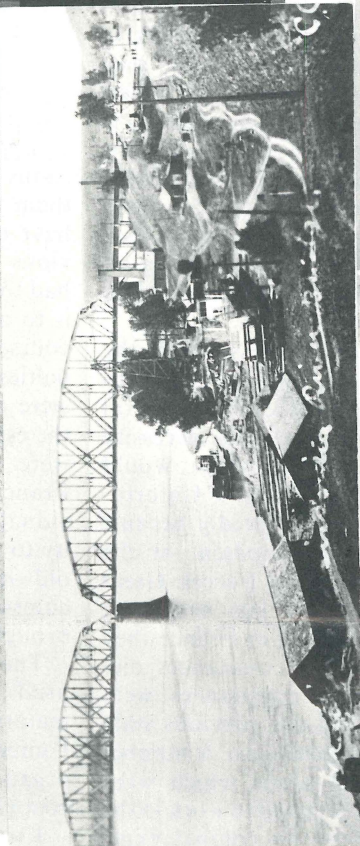
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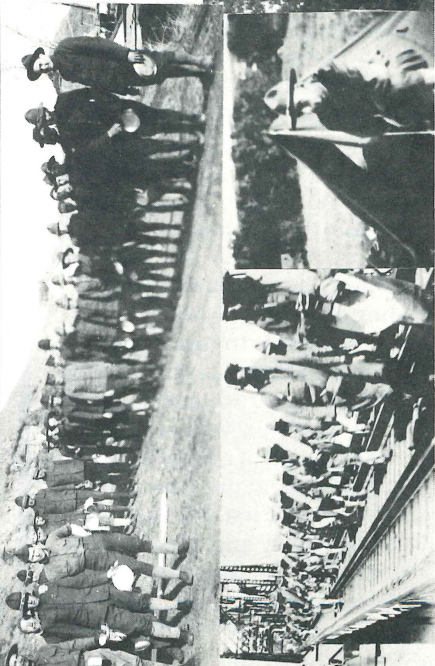
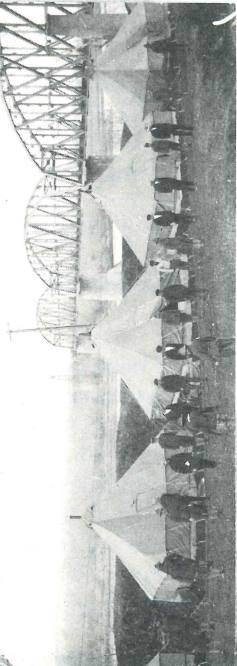
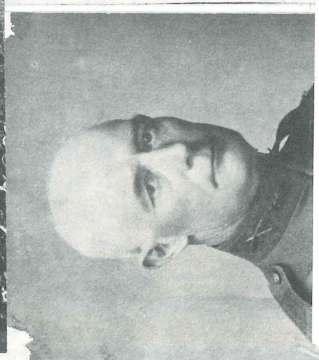
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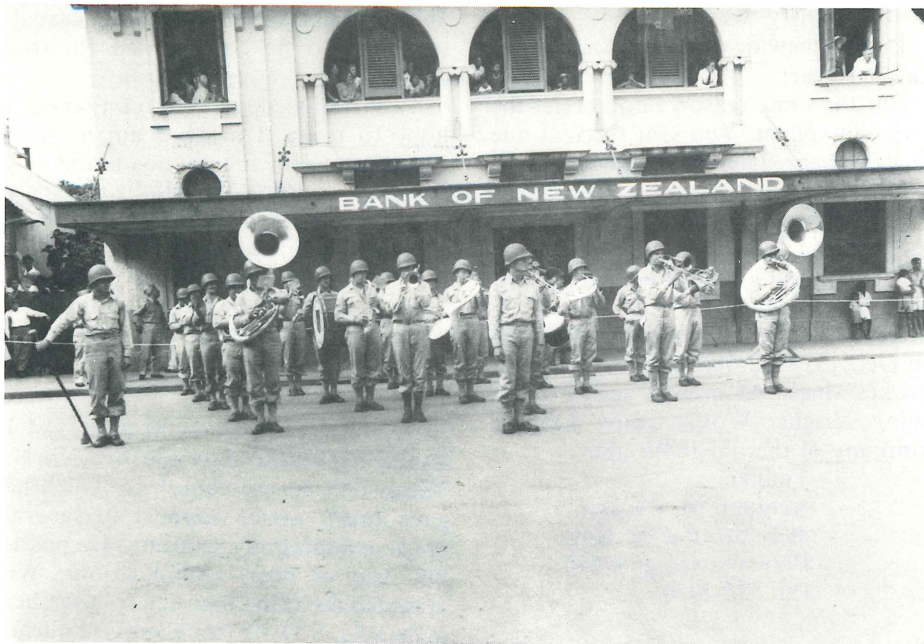


Berens, W. - Camp



My old camp - across country





Mar. 27, 1984

William H. Tillotson
618 W. Thayer Ave.
Bismarck, N.D. 58501
Dear Bill,

Enclosed find two pictures: one of the Troopship U.S. Hunter Liggett and the other of Flag Day Parade — 164th Infantry Band — taken June 14, 1943, Suva, Fiji.

I had intended to get these to you before Christmas, but lost the 164th Infantry Association roster that I had until recently finding it. We had a great 164th reunion last October, one that I will forever remember.

It has been raining for past several weeks, however today the sun is shining and looks like a good. Hope you enjoy the pictures.

Best Wishes,
Franklin A. Schoeffler
325 West Palouse River
Drive
Moscow, ID 83843



Letters . . .

April 21, 1984.

Mr. Keith P. Parsons Editor,
164th Infantry News,
P.O. Box 1111

Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

Dear Keith:

In reply to your letter dated 14th I must admit many of my close friends have urged me to get on record some of my past life and more so due to the fact I have spent more than 40 years in exclusive work in the interest of veterans and their dependents.

The statement of being busy is a worn out excuse for not doing some thing but I seem to get so involved in many types of activities that the days do not seem long enough to accomplish many projects I enter into.

However I promise myself almost daily to get to work on the above project and do it as time will permit. I have a very good friend in Alexandria, Virginia the wife of a retired V.A. doctor in D.C. that tries to get me to cut a tape every time I am down there visiting in their home. I will try and get a short item for the paper some time soon.

Right after WWI, I spent some ten years in a small bank at Lawton where I had been supt. of schools just prior to entering service. James J. Scott son of the local newspaper editor came back very badly wounded. While he was recuperating he wrote a small book entitled "Jimmie buck Private" only a few years ago I was able to get a copy of the book from a surviving brother that had been a student of mine at Lawton now deceased.

Yesterday I was looking through the material containing numerous articles written by Jimmie when he was very active in the early days of the D.A.V. organization. Jimmie passed away while living at the home in Lisbon May 1956. Among other things I found the enclosed pictures that I cannot give any more details than you may be able to conclude by looking at them. If you can use any of them in the paper use what may be suitable and then return same to me.

I am hoping not to encounter a conflict of dates at the time of the reunion in Dickinson this fall. That is just what has happened the past two years. Maybe this year I can give the reunion the priority.

Most sincerely,
Floyd E. Henderson
Box 1884
Fargo, North Dakota 58107

164th Infantry-Sec.

I am renewing my membership for another year.

But for some reason I do not get the little newspaper. You sent three at one time last year. Those were the only ones received.

I have talked to our rural carrier, she said she delivers everything.

I would really like to be getting that little newspaper.

Ken Prosser suffered a heart attack on Oct. 13, 1982, has had several small strokes since. At present seems to be doing alright. Would enjoy hearing from any of the old 164th guys.

Thanks,
Kenneth M. Prosser
4821 So. Pacific Hwy
Phoenix, Oreg. 97535
Ph. 535-2930

Olympia, WA
27 April, 1984

Keith P. Parsons
The 164th Infantry News
Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Keith:

I read Ed Mulligan's story in the March Newsletter with considerable interest. It certainly brought back memories of the 3rd Battalion operation west of the Matanikau, especially that mortar barrage on 23 November that Ed so vividly described. I was CO of M Company at the time and I was talking to Lt. George Wood, my Executive Officer, when those rounds started coming in. After the first shell hit we dove for the nearest fox-hole. One shell landed close enough to lift my helmet off and spray gravel and coral rock over us. By the grace of God I didn't get a scratch but Lt. Wood caught a large fragment that put a hole in one of his arms.

I ended up at the battalion rear aid station with a tag on me that read "Shell Shock". The cobwebs cleared up though and the next morning I went back up to the ridge, but only after eating the best breakfast I ever had in my life — bacon, real eggs and real fried potatoes, scrounged from the Sea-Bees by the M Company cooks. For a few days I suffered a guilty conscience every time I saw someone open a can of C-rations.

I can add a note to Ed's story about that trail leading from the CP area to the bottom of the ravine behind us. It was almost straight down and it took four or five men to handle a stretcher, one man just holding on to the wounded man to keep him from sliding off. The aid-men and the infantrymen who

helped in the evacuation of the casualties were to be commended for that day's work.

Sorry I missed the 1983 reunion but I hope to make it in 84. I am in good shape, especially in light of a brand new left hip, courtesy of Madigan Army Hospital. I should be ready for a whirl around the dance floor by October.

Best regards,
Al Wiest

1 April 1984

To Editor Parsons

On Tuesday 27th of March 1984 I attended a beautiful service for Alvin N. Thurn (Al) in the church to which he gave much active support in several areas including my scouting. He possibly died of heart complications. We attended the same high school together at Eureka, S.D. he being one year ahead of me. Then we both went to Jamestown College (Jamestown, N.D.) and roomed together at the Gross residence. It was during this time that we had enlisted in the 164th Inf. "H" Co NONG.

So when the 164th was called into active duty in Feb 1941 Al, myself and a mutual friend Cpl Wallace Lundy — KIA — Philippines were together for awhile in the same encampment. That was the strength of the 164th, many people knew each other and were good friends.

Later before leaving Camp Claiborne, Al went to serve with the medics and thereafter in Guadalcanal before returning to the States. He will be missed by family and friends.

Herbert O. Meidinger
4140 Booth Place
Kansas City, KS 66103

Editor:

Enclosed is a check for dues for 1984 and a couple for the kitty. I was impressed by the article on "Captain Sam", as it brought back a lot of fond memories of the old days at Camp Grafton. I joined the guard in 1931 I can't recall the incident but possibly I was on K.P. that day as you know we as buck privates all took our turn.

I do recall seeing "M" Company's mules taking off across the parade ground in the middle of retreat with the machine gun cart. I don't know who wrote the article, but it sounds like a tale one of our old Top Kicks would tell. To those that remember they certainly were the "Good Old Days".

Best Regards,
Everett A. Forde
700 Como Ave #5
St. Paul, MN 55103

How Many Remember? . . .

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The above letter was postmarked LPM 27 March 1924 from the War Department, Headquarters General of the Armies, Washington D.C. It was an answer to the hue and cry of many about units being broken up and split as referenced to by an article written by Earle H. Tostevin. He made reference on 17 Jan 1918 to the breakup of North Dakota Units reflecting the following. Officers near the trenches. The old First North Dakota regiment is now a part of a replacement division. So far only about half of the regular regiment has reached here, (somewhere in the mountains in France) and of those units who are here about two-thirds of the Fargo, Bismarck, Grafton and Minot companies were sent to another camp.

A number of sergeants and nearly all the officers have gone to various schools right close to the trenches. Somewhere in France 29 Jan 1918. The First Dakota regiment, merged into the 164th U.S. Infantry, the pride of the Flickertail State, has been completely "botched." The regiment of course still exists, officers in the main as before, but the men who composed the rank and file as it left the shores of the good old U.S.A. have been transferred, and new men come in to fill the gaps. Tears streamed down the face of Col. John H. Fraine, as he saw his joy and pride of twenty-eight years destroyed by the experiences of war.

You folks back home will soon be receiving letters from the boys of the various companies from new addresses in new regiments and yet whithal, though there are sorrows and heartaches over the parting, there is no complaining. The rest of us remaining in the old 164th may train new men. All the American officers coming here are sent to the training schools to learn modern trench warfare.

So it appears that the National Guard; Insignia; setting sun in gold on red and blue field i.e. The Forty-First Division was organized in September 1917 at Camp Greene, North Carolina, from National Guard troops of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico and the District of Columbia.

The organization was as follows:

- 81st Infantry Brigade
- 161st Infantry; Washington
- 162nd Infantry; Oregon
- 147th Machine Gun Battalion
- 82nd Infantry; Brigade
- 163rd Infantry; Montana

- 164th Infantry; North Dakota
- 148th Machine Gun Battalion
- 66th Field Artillery Brigade
- 147th (light), 146th and 148th (heavy) F.A.
- 116th Trench Mortar Battery
- 164th Machine Gun Battalion
- 116th Engineers
- 116th Field Signal Battalion
- 116th Sanitary Train
- 116th Ambulance
- 116th Ammunition Train

The first unit of the Division to go overseas arrived in France, December 27 1917. The last element, Feb 6 1918. Upon arrival the division was designated as the 1st Depot Division, and was ordered to the "ST AIGNANTRAINING" area. The 66th Field Artillery Brigade (less 147th F.A.) was detached and after a period of training at camp De Souge and Libourne it was attached to the 1st Corps on 1 July 1918. This Brigade performed duty as Corps and Army Artillery throughout its service in France, and was actively engaged in the Campane-Morne Defensive, the Airne-Marne offensive, the St. Mihiel offensive and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The Division (less the 66th A.B.) remained in the Staigan area until Feb. 1919 when it was returned to the United States. The Division had ten commanding generals, starting with major General Hunter Liggett 16 Aug 1917-19 Sept 1917 and was commanded by Major General Peter E. Traub from 28 Dec 1918 to Feb 21, 1919.

It may well be noted here that during the period of 1917-1919 men of the 164th Infantry there were a total of 472 awards earned and losses are listed as totals killed in action (K.I.A.) 176, wounded in action (W.I.A.) 641, died of wounds (D.O.W.) 62, died of disease (D.O.D.) 40, killed by accident (K.B.A.) 3, prisoners of war (P.O.W.) 6, for a total losses listed as 928. *Note:* This tab-

ulation covers those men who were originally enlisted and inducted into the Armed Forces from the 164th Infantry (1st NDNG Inf) to include some men of the (2nd NDNG Inf) at Camp Greene N.C. who were transferred into the 164th. It is noted that the majority of these men were transferred to the 16th, 18th, 26th and 28th Inf. Units 1st Division, apparently war efforts were much the same then as in WWII i.e. changes changes changes.

Letters . . .

4821 So. Pac. Hwy.
Phoenix, Oregon
97535

164th Inf. News

We received the March issue of the 164th News. Glad to receive it. I see you changed the mailing address from Arizona to Oregon.

We have lived in Oregon for 14 years.

Thanks Guys
Kenneth Prosser
4821 So. Pacific Hwy.
Phoenix, Oregon 97535

Keep it coming to Oregon

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Thank you respectfully,

KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

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Unit Served With and Dates _____

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have won the confidence and respect of their fellows in the American Expeditionary Forces.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) John J. Pershing

After the breakup of the 41st Division, which included the 164th Infantry Regiment. The Division was designated the Replacement Division I Corps and later was redesignated in name to the ABSE and Training Division I Corps on 5 March 1918 it was given a new official letterhead i.e. "Depot Division I Corps".

The 164th Infantry was reassigned as follows:

Hqs Co arrive at Groundrecourt, Meuse, 24 Jan 1918, 1st Corps School.

Field & Staff arrive at Groundrecourt, Meuse, 24 Jan 1918, 1st Corps School.

Supply Co arrive at Groundrecourt, Meuse, 24 Jan 1918, 1st Corps School.

A, B, C & D Co arrive at Groundrecourt, Meuse, 23 Jan 1918, 1st Corps School.

Machine Co arrive at Langres Haute Marne, 22 Jan 1918.

M Co arrive at Langres Haute marne, 23 Jan 1918.

HQ 2nd BN arrive at Chatillion-Sur-Seine, 23 Jan 1918, 2nd Corp School.

E, F, G, H, I, K & L Co arrive at Chatillion-Sur-Seine (COTE-D-OR), 23 Jan 1918.

The troops located at Groundrecourt became known as school troops 1st Corps School.

Troops located at Chatillion became known as school troops 2nd Corps School and the troops located at Langres were known as school troops officers candidate school. These troops performed house keeping duties, administration and instructors for the schools and trained replacement troops

they received prior to them being sent up to the front lines.

This action had caused some concern by many because the basic units and commands were split up. The following letter tends to clarify in part the reason for that action.

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Letters . . .

Dear Sir:

Enclosing my check for dues.

Sending a few pictures, maybe of some interest. Maybe someone, remembers who they, are, that I couldn't name.

Hello to all Co B. friends. I live here in E. Grand Forks, Mn. I work for East Grand Forks School Dist. 595.

Hope the pictures come out O.K. Please send pictures back if possible.

LeRoy Wahouske
Box 14
East Grand Forks, MN
56721

WE SEE WHERE ONE STATE HAS RECENTLY REWARDED 170 OF ITS EMPLOYEES FIFTY GRAND FOR MONEY-SAVING IDEAS BY SAVING THE STATE TWO HUNDRED SIX GRAND (\$,\$). IF THIS EFFORT WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE TAXPAYERS, WE COULD, MORE THAN LIKELY, SAVE THOUSANDS OF GRANDS (\$,\$,\$) WITH MANY OTHER GOOD IDEAS!



Sept. 7, 1983

Dear Keith,

Finally getting around to paying my 1984 dues.

Also have a address change: 8021 Old Pac. Hwy. No. Sp. 4, Castle Rock, Wa 98611.

We returned home from South America at the end of March and finally decided to retire. Don't know if I can stand it but am going to give it a try.

The Co. I worked for didn't forward the March or July issue of the News to me so I would appreciate you sending them to me if you have the extra copies.

Hope the reunion is a good one this year. I probably can't make it as we are in the midst of dealing on some property at Hermiston, Oregon, which I am sure many of the old members recall. Hermiston doesn't look like it did in December 1941 and early 1942 at the time some of us were there. It is pretty much all irrigated farm country now and the town is probably six or seven times as large as it was then.

Sincerely,
Robert E. (Bob) Burns
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May 10, 1984

Editor 164th

Dear Keith:

Bingo! Thank you for printing my letter in the March issue. I reached my goal of contacting army soldiers who were with my uncle on the day he was KIA. Erwin Swapp phoned me and related his harrowing experience of crawling past my uncle and assisting him and his wound. The lack of the photo was no problem (in my letter) since all I had to do was send a xerox copy to Erwin.

I've compiled alot of information and newspaper clips on Co B. at Guadalcanal and would like to submit them to your people putting together the 164th's History (coming out in 1985 or 1986). Can you send me their address?

Also, may I be put on your mailing list for the 164th Inf. News? I have made many acquaintances in my research. Plus, the paper is educational and informative and I've already started a nice collection of issues for my family archives.

Sincerely,
Allan J. Olson

Enclose \$5.00 for yr. 164th News (I have Dec 83)

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