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The 164th INFANTRY News

Vol. 23 Number 3

1984 is our 39 Ass'n Yr.

SEPTEMBER 1984

Our President Says . . .

It is hard to believe but summer is about over and in just a few short weeks we will be hosting the 164th Reunion. Plans have now been finalized and just waiting for action on the 12, 13, & 14th of October. Chairman Ray Summers and Co-Chairman Wenzel Privratsky inform me that ticket donations are coming in well and being turned over to the ticket chairman, John Schuld. Reservations are also being received at a brisk pace. "Chuck" Norton or "Lad-die" as most of you knew him in the service, is the Transportation Chairman and has done a good job. He informs me that he will have transportation in the form of Vans (15 passenger) for those of you who need to get a lift from Bismarck to Dickinson. On Friday, October 12th he will have one Van leaving at 1:30 p.m. from the Airport in Bismarck and another at 3:30 p.m. He asks that you let him know by writing to him at Box 1628, Dickinson, ND care of reunion committee. Bill Tillotson, Past

President of 164th Ass'n has volunteered to serve as the Bismarck representative in charge of transportation so if stuck, please call Bill when you get in and you may catch a ride with some of the local members coming to the reunion. Ok??

We held an Executive Committee in Dickinson on August 8th that I felt was productive. Past President Bill Tillotson, Herb Mack, Keith Parsons and myself. We have several items of concern that will be presented to the Association at the business meeting on Saturday, October 13th at the Ramada Inn in Dickinson. Bill, Herb, and Keith stayed for the Reunion Committee meeting and for that we wish to thank them for their contributions to the success of this years reunion. Herb, our hard working Secretary-Treasurer is pushing life memberships this year and I certainly agree that most of us can achieve this goal by being a proud member for life. Keith still needs a lot of

help with the 164th News and he is doing an outstanding job so let's all "get with it" and give him the help he needs by contributing news items to him, both past and present.

Dickinson is on the edge of the Badlands and the gateway to Theodore Roosevelt country. It is beautiful country and we know you will enjoy it along with the western hospitality. We look forward to seeing all of you by your attendance at the Reunion. Meet old friends and enjoy the fellowship of meeting in a good, old fashioned, bull session. This is one place we can win the war "all over again". It's more fun in this Dickinson environment than the first time. Hope that this finds all of you well and in good health.

Please Note: The picture page in this issue is of 164th members serving on the reunion committees along with some officers during a planning meeting at Dickinson, ND, August 1984.

You Might Like To Know

Howard Erickson of Fargo, N.D., one of our members threw his hat in the ring and announced his candidacy for Department Commander of the North Dakota American Legion.

Being an active individual in State Legion activities for 34 years Howard entered the race with a long record in the Legion. He is a member of Gilbert C. Grafton Post #2. Howard was born in Daniels County, Montana on 10 July 1920 and is one of seven children. His family moved to Fargo, N.D. in 1921 where he attended school up to and including 2 years at NDAC now known as (NDSU). He is a veteran of quite a number of years in that his military career started when he joined Headquarters Company of the 164th Infantry in 1937. He transferred to E Battery of the 188th Field Artillery in 1941.

Howard entered active duty on 1 April 1941 at Fort Francis E. Warre, Wyoming. At the time of WWII starting he was shipped to Fort Lewis, Washington then on to Officers Candidate School (OES) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Upon graduation he went on maneuvers in the vicinity of Camp Claiborne, La. He then served with the Field Artillery Board at Fort Bragg, N.C. and Camp Robinson, Ark. Upon completion of more training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma he went overseas and served in the Philippines and Okinawa. After returning to the U.S. after the war Howard again joined the North Dakota National Guard when it was activated in 1948. In January 1951 he was called to active duty with the 47th Infantry Division wherein he served in the Div artillery. It was in August 1951 that Howard was sent to Korea where he served as Artillery Survey Officer for the 3rd Division Artillery. He returned to the North Dakota National Guard in March of 1953 and remained in varied assignment and command positions until his retirement in 1970.

His civilian work has spanned many years and many varied activities, as an example some of his early work years like starting out at age fourteen during the summer months as a farmhand.

Well most of us remember those same kind of days long hours hard work and little pay but it had to be done and many good lessons were learned from those experiences. But as time went on Howard advanced himself to better working conditions such as at age sixteen he took a job of delivering ice cream after school and during the summer months. Howards later work years found him in the employ of General Motors. He started out as a stock handler, then on to parts picker and on up the ladder to receiving clerk. His next move was to shipping clerk and then on to a salaried position as Chief Clerk in the Warehouse. It was during the time with G.M. that he was given leave of absence for World War II and the Korean Conflict. Someone once said that Howard saluted the first day he went to work for G.M. and after many years and upon the closing of the warehouse he was made manager of a Rapid Ordering Officer in Fargo, N.D. and in 1974 G.M. established its own sales force
(See Howard, Page 4)

Letters . . .



8-22-84

Dear Editor,

You just never know where that 164th bunch will show up. In mid July we attended the summer picnic for the people at the Baptist Home in Bismarck. Evelyn's father is a patient there.

Along with the picnic was a lot of live polka's, German folk songs, and all kinds of music that had those old people stomping their feet and clapping hands.

And guess who my camera caught at the microphone, just like a bird and singing his heart out. He also became a roving troubadore and went from table to table. You guessed it — none other than our favorite editor, Keith Parsons.

Nice show — we enjoyed it.

R.J. Patton
151 Redstone Dr.
Bismarck, ND 58501

816 110th Place S.E.
Everett, WA 98204

Dear Brothers of 164th,

Hope to make the reunion in Dickinson. However if you get any snow I won't go, I have not been to a reunion in 20 years and it's time.

Those retired from the N.D.N.G. and U.S.A.R. and everything else. So the only thing stopping us is health, weather and making up our mind.

We just returned from N.D. after spending 7 days there, we traveled the state and I will add that it's one very beautiful spot even if it hasn't rained in Williston since Custer and the 7th Cav. went thru there.

Yours truly,
Lyle P. Aljets

August 13, 1984

Dear John:

I made the first reunion at Dickinson and I'm looking forward to making this one.

Know it will be good.

Neil Tangen
4136 Morrill Lane
Minneapolis, Minn. 55406

July 2, 1984

Keith P. Parsons, Editor
The 164th Infantry News
610 Ave B West
Bismarck, N.D. 58501

Dear Keith,

I may be too late to get this in the next News and if so, it was my own fault. I missed that it was a quarterly publication and thought I had more time. If you can possibly squeeze it in I would appreciate it. I have enclosed an application for membership, along with a check. Don't know if I qualify, as I was in the 221st FA Bn, but I have so many 164th members here in the Far West Chapter I want to continue receiving the News and don't want to freeload.

We have a large number of 164th members attending the Far West convention in Las Vegas. We will be taking some pictures and I will get some off to you for your use in the News. Thanks for including me on your mailing list.

Sincerely,
LLOYD J. MORRELL
Regional Commander
Far West Chapter, ADVA

OK Lloyd. We will put it in the paper even though it is late. But I'm certain many will be interested in the info and welcome you aboard. As you note we did change it to the past tense.

Editor

Aug. 17, 1984

Dickinson Chapter of 164th
Inf. Assn. of U.S.A.
P.O. Box 1628
Dickinson, N.D. 58601
Gentlemen:

Enclosed and attached you will find a stub and a check for \$5.00. My wife and I hope to attend the reunion but first have to clear up a few medical problems that come to people of our age group.

We attended the 1982 reunion and had a grand time with all my war buddies.

Hopefully yours,
John Dimuzio
625 Main St.
Leominster, MA 01453

12 Aug 84

I'll be there!

John F. Hagen
East Nine Empire Avenue
Spokane, WA 99207

Aug. 19, 1984

Dear John F. Schuld,

Sorry I will not be able to attend our reunion. I've been hospitalized four times the last two years but I'm fighting back. Had my left lung out 9 years ago April 1, 1975. My belly split open in

1954. I've had six hernia operations. I don't try to go to the Vets Hospital although I have a disability card but the one I did go thru after my Civilian Doctor retired, they didn't do me any good so I quit going there. Had three hernia operations at the VA is not good two damn many kids and I don't think they know a damn thing. All they give you is a handful of pills and tell you to go home. The last time I went there in 1983, they did the same thing (pills). I got my wife to bootleg me into the Community Hospital at Riverside. Had her call my cancer Dr. Cooper and he met me at Emergency. My right lung was OK and he set me up with another doctor and a heart specialist. All I had was the flu, pneumonia and a cardiac arrest. They pulled me thru "Intensive Care". My pulse rate was 218 to 222 per minute. They got me thru. The only thing I had to kick about was the ambulance charge which I had to pay cash for \$475.00 from Yucca Valley to Riverside and no insurance. They got me down to 95 lbs. and now on my way back to 110 lbs.

Greet all the boys from your old Ex Officer,

Samuel Baglien

P.S. I pray you have a wonderful reunion. I'll be 83 years young in September.

1004 Hwy 53
Evelith, MN 55734

164th Inf. Ass'n.
Bismarck, N.D.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that Victor A. Malinius, a former member of the 164th (Co. H.) passed away suddenly at home on July 7th of heart complications.

Vic enjoyed going to the reunions and seeing his old buddies.

I'm sending a check for \$5.00 to pay his 1984 dues. Thank you —

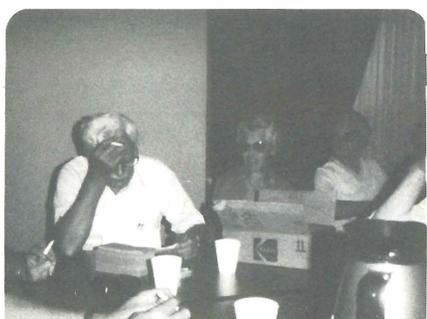
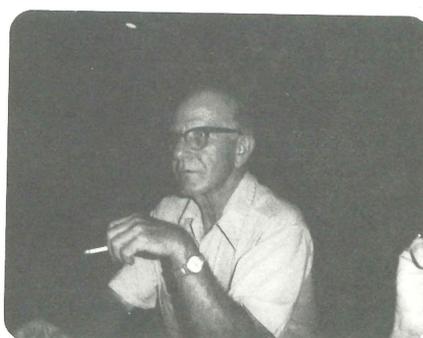
sincerely,
Sincerely,
Mrs. Victor (Elvie)
Malenius

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KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

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**1984 164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION REUNION WORKERS
 AT
 DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA
 GETTING REUNION READY YAH ALL COME! HEAR?**

To All Members of 164th Infantry Association From The Reunion Committee

Howard . . .

with Howard as district manager. He wound it down in Oct 1980 and retired so now feels he has the time and vigor to pursue one of his dreams.

I would be negligent in not mentioning a most important part of his life, that of his family. It seems that about 43 years ago he and Annabelle Nanson got married. To that union there was two daughters born. They are Rita and Peggy and there are 5 grandchildren. Annabelle is active with the Legion Auxiliary and is a past commander of their local auxiliary unit.

"Credit for the material used for this article is given to the Veterans Viewpoint No. 1 Winter 1984." and the editor adds congratulations Howard upon achieving one of your goals and keep slugging it out and hope to see you at the 164th Reunion at Dickinson.

This article used in place of How Many Remember this issue however more How Many Remember articles are scheduled and of course we are always looking for your stories may we hear from you?

According to our research we find and believe that the 164th Infantry News originated in Dickinson, N.D. in 1961. We quote from the October issue 1961 from Brocopp Reports under Committee on Publications. "It was suggested at the last annual reunion at Grand Forks that the organization creates some sort of a newspaper which would be published at least quarterly. Mr. Agnew agreed at that time that he would give it a start by publishing at least three newsletters as chairman of the 1961 reunion." So now you know how it came about.

Editor

Association Gets Guard Film

On 26 July 1984 a group of 164th Inf Assoc members i.e. President Gordon M. Lamout of Dickinson, Past President William W. Tillotson, Harry R. Vadnie, Gilbert Shirley, Herbert J. Mack, Sec and Ralph L. Gaugler met with the adjutant General of North Dakota at Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N.D. for the purpose of formally being presented a copy of the film depicting the North Dakota National Guard.

Major Gener C. Emerson Murry (the Adjutant General of North Dakota) presented the film to our President Gor-

August 1984

Greetings from the Reunion Committee at Dickinson, North Dakota, host city for the annual Reunion to be held October 12, 13 and 14. All of our committees have been working hard and most of the arrangements have been made for what we hope will be the best Reunion ever.

For those of you who may have been missed in our mailing we are enclosing a registration form in this issue of the 164th news. We are also enclosing our program for the Reunion, and a list of motels and rates.

Please address any correspondence to 164th Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 1628, Dickinson, N.D. 58601.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Dickinson.

Ray Summers
Chairman

Wenzel Privratsky
Co-Chairman

REUNION PROGRAM

Dickinson, North Dakota
All activities and
program at Ramada Inn.

FRIDAY, October 12, 1984

Registration	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dance and Mixer	8:30 p.m. to midnight

SATURDAY, October 13, 1984

Registration	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
164th Inf. Ass'n. Meeting	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Men's Noon Luncheon	12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Ladies' Luncheon	12:00 Noon
and Entertainment	
Company Reunions and Film History of N.D. National Guard	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Social Hour	5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Memorial Service	6:30 p.m.
Reunion Banquet	7:00 p.m.
Dance	9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, October 14, 1984

Attend church of your choice

Brunch	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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REGISTRATION FORM

\$30.00 per person

NAME _____ No. of Persons _____

ADDRESS _____ Amount Enclosed _____

MAIL TO: 164th INFANTRY REUNION COMMITTEE
BOX 1628, DICKINSON, ND 58601

don M. Lamont in appreciation of the support our 164th Infantry Association has given in their efforts in producing this film.

The film is 27 minutes in length and depicts the development, early years up through the present modern day units of our National Guard to include our Air Guard.



Hopefully the film will be shown at the 164th Infantry Associations Reunion at Dickinson, N.D. on the 12, 13 & 14th Oct 1984.

The film will be stored and maintained at the Adjutant Generals office at Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N.D.



CITY MOTEL 1520 West Villard	Telephone # Single \$16.00	Double \$18.00	Four \$22.00
DICKINSON MOTEL 1554 West Villard	225-6044 Single \$18.00	Double \$20.00	Four \$24.00
ECON-O-INN 642 West 12th St. Exit 13	227-1891 Single \$22.85	Double \$25.85	Three \$30.85 Four \$32.85
HIGHWAY HOST 493 Elks Drive Exit 13	264-7300 Single \$22.88	Double \$26.89	Three \$30.89 Four \$34.89
HOLIDAY INN I-94 and Hwy 22 Exit 13	227-1853 Single \$36.00 Poolside \$40.00	Double \$41.00 \$45.00	\$5.00 each additional adult
HOME TERRACE 515 West Villard	225-8167 Single \$12.00	Double \$16.00	
IVANHOE INN- HOTEL 22 East Villard	227-0121 Single \$12.95	Double \$15.95	
NODAK MOTEL 600 East Villard	225-5119 Single \$16.00	Double \$18.00	
OASIS MOTEL 1000 West Villard	225-6703 Single \$22.00	Double \$24.00	Three \$28.00
PRAIRIE WINDS INN 529 West 12th St.	225-9123 Single \$21.00	Double \$22.00 to \$24.00	Three \$30.00 Four \$32.00
QUEEN CITY MOTEL 1108 West Villard	225-5121 Single \$16.00	Double \$19.00	Four \$23.00
RAMADA INN 71 West 12th St. Exit 13	225-6791 Single \$28.00	Double \$32.00	
RANCHER MOTEL 1331 West Villard	225-8159 Single \$14.00	Double \$20.00	
SUN AND SNOW MOTEL 21st and 6th Ave. W. Exit 13	225-3399 Single \$19.95	Double \$24.00	
SUPER 8 MOTEL 637 West 12th St.	227-1215 Single \$21.88	Double \$24.88	Three \$26.88 Four \$28.88
TRAVELERS MOTEL 711 East Villard	225-5366 Single \$16.00	Double \$21.00	Three \$27.00
UPTOWN MOTEL 405 East Villard	225-5149 Single \$16.50	Double \$18.50	Three or Four \$24.00

Taxes additional to rates shown.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE FOR 164TH MEMBERS

From Bismarck, N.D. Airport to Dickinson, N.D.
Leave Bismarck, N.D. at: 1:30 PM Friday 12 Oct 1984
3:30 PM Friday 12 Oct 1984

Please notify the 164th Infantry Reunion Committee — Attn. Chuck Norton,
Box 1628, Dickinson, N.D. 58601 of time of your arrival. Also please contact the
above if you are in need of other arrangements.

The Reunion Committee

Letters . . .

March 14, 1984

Dear Sir,

Please send me a membership card. As somebody stole my billfold with all my membership cards and credit cards.

Thanks,
Horace F. Nearhood

Horace F. Nearhood
2564 Lima
Toledo, Ohio 43613

June 1, 1984

164th Inf. Assn.
Stanley Pfau

I served with 164th Inf. Rgt. 2nd Bn. Co. "E" 1st PLT, during WWII. Would like to know how to join the 164th Inf. Assn. What your dues are, when your next reunion will (date and where), or any information regarding the 164th Inf. Assn.

I am planning on attending the Americal Division Veterans Association Convention to be held August 31 to September 3, 1984.

I am told that quite a few of your members from 164th attended the A.D.V.A. Convention last year here in Concord, California. If so, hope some of my old buddies will attend the convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thank you,
Carlos N. Anaya Jr.
11937 Basye Street
El Monte, Calif. 91731

June 20, 1984

Mr. Herbert J. Mack,

Yes, I would like to join the 164th Infantry Association. I was with the 164th Infantry Regiment Company E 1st Platoon 2nd Battalion, During World War II from Oct. 1943 to Dec. 1945.

My five dollars for the first year dues are enclosed. Please let me know when my next year dues will be due.

Thank you,
Carlos N. Anaya Jr.
11937 Basye St.
El Monte, Ca. 91732
39572090 Army Ser. #

17-Aug 84

Hi!

My dues for 1985 check for \$8.00, the 3 dollars use as you see fit.

Thank you,
Roger H. Phillips
213 3rd Ave. West
West Fargo, N.D. 58078

7242 East Parkway,
Apt. D-5
Sacramento, CA. 95823
25 June 1984

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

Dear Keith:

Ed Mulligan's third story, under the heading "How Many Remember?", appearing on the front page of the March 1984 edition of The 164th Infantry News, brought back many memories. I was at the 1st. Bn. CP. when news of the action and casualties was received. For a while, most of us went thru a period of subdued sadness as nearly all the killed and wounded in that action were well known among the personnel of our Bn.

I note that Mr. Mulligan mentions The Army book, "Guadalcanal, The First Offensive". I have heard of this book, but have been unable to find a copy. Do you or any of your readers know where I may obtain a copy?

I enjoy The 164th Infantry News very much and look forward to each edition. Please keep up the excellent work.

Sincerely,
F.C. ROCKEY

8-20-84
Grand Forks, N.D.
58201

Hello — 164th Ass'n Committee

At this point it looks as though I will be unable to attend the 38th annual convention a disappointing state of affairs.

I would like to offer a bit of information that may be of value to the memorial committee. ELMER F. BIRKHOLOZ of Grand Forks, a long time member of the 164th Infantry, (M Company, Grand Forks, ND, during part of the 1920's and early 30's) passed away May 15, 1984 at the Valley Memorial Home, Hied Park, Grand Forks. His wife Maymie Berkholz survived Elmer by two months and then she passed away on 15 July 84 at the United Hospital in Grand Forks.

I served in M Co 164th Inf from 1933 till Oct 1940 at which time I joined the then newly formed Battery F, 188th F.A. Grand Forks. I had 4 years, 11 months and 2 weeks of Federal Service of which was mostly served in the CBI theater.

Sorry that I may not be able to see you all but that doesn't stop me from returning the stub and \$5.00 along with best wishes for highly successful event.

Don Jenson

AN AMERICAN POLITICIAN HAS SAID - " I DON'T THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BUY PATRIOTISM THAT IS CREATED ON MADISON AVENUE." END QUOTE.

BUT-

"A TRUE" AMERICAN WILL BUY "PATRIOTISM" CREATED MOST ANYWHERE AS LONG AS IT IS OFFERED "RIGHT" AND IS "AMERICAN PATRIOTISM!"



ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that James C. Buckle has been elected National Commander of the Americal Division Veterans Association for the year 1984-1985.

All correspondence should be directed to the Commander at the following address:

National Commander
ADVA
James C. Buckle
4 Wilson Avenue
Wakefield, MA. 01880
Tel # 1-617-245-8038
William L. Dunphy
National Adjutant

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Thank you respectfully,

KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

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:

Vernelle J. Ness	29 Oct 1983	Greeley, CO
Ibsen Spagrud (corrected)	30 April 1984	Devils Lake, ND
Rex Sullivan	1984	Bayport, MN
Harold J. Upton	6 May 1984	Moorhead, MN
Elmer F. Birkholz	15 May 1984	Grand Forks, ND
John Davis	29 May 1984	Belcourt, ND
Victor A. Malenius	7 July 1984	Eveleth, MN

16 Aug 84

Dear John,

Just a note to let you know I'm still around.

I would like very much to be in Dickinson for the reunion but it is doubtful. We don't drive long distances like we used to and the air connections are not the best.

Maybe I will surprise you. Give my regards to all.

Sincerely,
"Cod" Ordahl



July 11, 1984

Mr. Keith P. Parsons, Editor
The 164th Infantry News
P.O. Box 1111
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
Dear Keith:

The current issue of "The 164th Infantry News" just arrived and I found the article "How Many Remember" most interesting as a historical resume of the 164th Infantry.

It brought back memories from July 27, 1917 the date of my enlistment in the medical detachment. The September move from Fort Lincoln at Bismarck to Camp Green North Carolina for then mobilization of the 41st Division known as the Sun Set Division. Who ever suggested that name must have had a true sense of premonition as the Sun Trully set for the Division in January 1918 in France. From Camp Green to Camp Mills Long Island hence to Camp Merrit New Jersey December 7th 1917 to be loaded on the Levithian on

December 14th, leaving the U.S.A. December 15th arriving at Liverpool England December 24th to Winchester England for a short time to South Hampton England across the channel to Le Havre France from there to LaCourtine France where the 41st Division lost its identity as a division. How well I remember that cold January morning as Col J.H. Fraine with tears in his eyes announced the future assignments.

The medical detachment was divided into three groups, some going to Langres Haute Marne, some to Chattillion-Sur Siene, and others to Gondrecourt Meuse where the 1st corps school was located. Sgt Frank L. Putnam of Carington and I went to Gondrecourt, where our unit took over Camp Hospital #1 at Gondrecourt and remained there for the duration. So far as I can learn Putnam and I are the survivors of the original medical detachment.

Frank L. Putnam was the first superintendent of the State Highway Patrol when it was organized, however he had continued in active duty and was called back into service in World War II with further service in the European Theatre attaining the rank of Col. On his release from active duty he became affiliated with the Veterans Administration in

Washington D.C. until retirement and at present is residing in Alexandria Virginia.

My letter dated April 24th makes mention of pictures being enclosed. I do not recall what pictures may have been sent you. Enclosed is a picture taken at Grafton which was Col. Fraine's last visit to Grafton. I am the only survivor of the group.

Enclosed is check for current years membership and sincerely hope I can be with you October 12-13-14 for the annual reunion.

Most Sincerely,
Floyd E. Henderson

1 May 84

Herbert and family,

I received your card and it touched me to hear such beautiful words saying you were a friend of Mikes and served with him in the service. Mike was a very gentle guy, very good to me and his family. If you would please send me a copy of the June issue of the 164th Infantry News and I thank you for just being so kind.

I appreciate your note, thank you again.

Lillian Szczepanowski
& family

164th Inf. News

Dear Sirs:

Just a note to let you know Ken did get the March issue of the 164th Inf. News. But that was the only one — the June issue did not come.

Although Ken's health is not too good. We are hoping to make it to the reunion in Dickinson.

Thanks for all the trouble — trying to get us the Newsletter.

Kenneth Prosser
4821 So. Pac. Hwy.
Phoenix, Oregon. 97535

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

Name _____

Unit Served With and Dates _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code No. _____

**DUES FOR 1984 — \$5.00 which includes \$4.00 subscription to 164th News.
Send to: Secretary 164th Infantry, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502**

Letters . . .

February 19, 1984

Dear Keith:

Thanks for the copy of the "164th Infantry News" which we received yesterday. I enjoyed reading it and with your permission we would like, from time to time, use some of the articles for the Echoes. With credits given, of course.

Thanks, also, for putting us on your mailing list.

Your question on "Who is at Longville, MN?" The answer is our past, past president Graydon Cadwell who is now retired from the Post Office Department and moved up there from Minneapolis. Should you need his full address it is:

Rt #2, Box 145
Longville, MN 56655

Just for the heck of it I checked our roster for the names you had under "Old addresses that don't work" and can't help you. Seems like we get some of those after every issue also. MOVED, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. Then 6 months or a year later they will write and complain about not getting the Echoes.

Fair winds and a following sea.
Ted Blahnik

July 9, 1984

Dear Keith,

I received the quarterly issue of 164th Infantry News today. Thanks so much. Thought I would make a couple corrections. 1st — Ibsen's name is spelled wrong under "Last Call". It should be IBSEN not ISBEN. 2nd — My address is 51 South View Estates, not 515 View Estates.

Mostly, I feel rather badly about the spelling of Ibsen's name in a publication that is distributed nationwide. This happened quite often unfortunately and

upset him greatly. There is something about a name that is sacred to so many people.

Best wishes for a good summer.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Spagrud

Editors Note: Thank you very much for your letter dated 9 July 1984. It is noted that an error was made in the spelling of your husbands name in the last issue of the paper and herein is my apology for that error as I am the one who should have caught that error in proof reading the paper prior to print.

*Thank you sincerely,
and best regards,
Keith P. Parsons, Editor*

The 164th Infantry News
Box 1111
Bismarck, ND 58502

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the death of my husband, John Davis, who was a member of the 164th Infantry. John passed away May 29, 1984.

John always looked forward to getting the "News" and to read news of his former buddies. Some of those who wrote to John after his name and address appeared in the News were: Tom Fischer, Moorhead, MN., Frank Simon, Lehr, N.D., Martin C. Rud, Rhame, N.D. He appreciated the letters and I want to thank each of them for their thoughtfulness in writing to John. Also when John was in St. Luke's in Fargo Tom Fischer and Glenn Rott came to visit him.

John told us a lot about Camp Clairborne, the 164th, Americal Division, and his days overseas in the South Pacific and I wish we would have taped all that he told us. John had been very ill since two heart attacks last July 1983. His heart kept getting weaker and

weaker until it finally quit on May 29, 1984.

In the March 1983 issue of the News, the picture at the bottom of page five of Father Tracy celebrating Mass in New Caledonia — we believe the dark-haired soldier kneeling is John. He told us he served Mass for Father Tracey. Wish we could get a copy of that snap if it is John we would like to have it.

John was devoted to the 164th Infantry and would have liked to attend the reunion but was not well enough to go to the last two. Will say "Goodbye" to John's buddies for him.

Sincerely, his widow,
Mrs. Stella Davis
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Belcourt, ND 58316

TO JOHN DAVIS

In the land of the Turtle Mountains
The home of the Chippewa Tribe
There lived a beautiful maiden
Who's beauty you could not hide
From this same fantastic land
From which the wonders haven't gone
Was a young and handsome warrior
Who goes by the name of John.
This young and brave warrior
Was sent to a distant land
To defend his country's honor
And to make many a brave stand
Now this young warrior who was noble
and fine
was wounded very badly
as he stepped upon a mine.
They thought he wouldn't make it
though he never let out a cry
So with the help of God and a lot of guts
our John wasn't going to die.
He came home from the war a hero
brave and true.
To start a brand new life
in the land of the sky so blue.
He married his lovely Stella
in the land his forefathers trod
and they lived happily ever after
under the loving eyes of God.
They raised a lovely family — 3 girls and
5 boys
They had a few sorrows
But there were a lot more joys
They now live in happiness
under those same skies of blue
and our John is still a brave warrior
Proud, brave and true.
So John May the wind always blow in
your favor
And the sun always upon you shine
because you helped save our country
which will always be yours and mine.
*Written for John by a friend, Jim Doyle
— May 1983*

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