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The 164th INFANTRY News

Vol. 25 Number

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MARCH 1986

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for my 1986 dues, also I'm sending you a copy of a letter I sent to my sister 44 years ago. She had kept it all these years and recently returned it to me. Perhaps you may want to use it sometime as it may serve to bring back some memories for many of the old members of the 164th Inf. Reg.

*Best regards for 86
Ray Lindberg*

A Letter Home: Dateline Oct 1942 My First Day on Guadalcanal

It was a beautiful morning, brilliant tropical sunrise on October 13, 1942. It was on this day that I first saw Guadalcanal. It looked so peaceful, like a sanitorium to us unacquainted lovers.

When Higgins boats dumped us on the beach, our first impression of "The Haven of Rest" was changed. Here was saw for the first time Beach defenders, barbed wire entanglements, gun placements and fox holes of various shapes and sizes to fit the case.

Our Battalion was designated to a bivouac area in the cocoanut plantation of the Lever Bros. Here too beauty was a minus. The pock marked earth combined with the battle scarred palms was truly a picture of destruction. In this area it seemed the makers of Lifebuoy instead of hiring cocoanut pickers had gotten Lumberjacks and they had quit when their jobs were only half finished.

Having settled here for the time being at least we wandered about the beach (which we later learned was mined) talking to the marines—scuttlebutt was free and we collected plenty—Tales about the various battles they had had. Each one had a different version. We also saw some Jap money, some which was invasion money.

About 10 o'clock we ate our canned rations which consisted of meat and beans a can of Dog Biscuits and a Ration D bar for dessert. After this was done our Company was to help unload boats. Never before had I seen men work with such zeal and enthusiasm, due to this fact, we soon had enormous stocks of rations, ammunition, tents and other things too numerous to mention, piled up on the sandy beach. It was in this condition that our first bombing raid caught us. Marines yelled "condi-

tion yellow," which meant unidentified planes in the vicinity (we learned this later). Excitement was great, and I actually believe there were fellows like myself who silently wished the Nips would come. Our wish was granted. "Condition Red" someone yelled—The Marines told us to find a hole. I found a shallow ditch which seemed like ample cover at that time and a good observation spot. Straining my eyes skyward, I saw silver streaks flying in perfect formation. Our ack-acks acked and tiny white puffs of smoke could be seen directly beneath the planes. It remained that way, an array of cotton balls—a cushioned path for the bombers. My curiosity soon came to an end, however, when a whistling bomb fell some hundred feet away. We saw men scurrying with stretchers. The report on the results was—one army man killed and two Marines wounded. So happened the first casualty of Regiment. A second wave of bombers followed the first wave. Incidentally, this one had 23 in it and the 2nd had 14. Bombs fell to the South of us but their explosions were quite audible nevertheless. So ended our first raid during which many questions were raised such as: In my bewilderment I tried to account for our Air Force, which had let these "helpless" Japs in. Second, why hadn't our Ack-acks knocked them down? These questions were cleared up by the "Leathernecks" when work was resumed on the boats. Their explanations—we had about a dozen "Wildcats" (Grumman Fighters) on the island which were sadly in need of repair. The maximum range of the Anti-Aircraft guns were 28,000 ft. which the Nips knew and consequently flew at an

higher altitude. We also wondered if the raids would come regularly, and to this they said "yeas" they would until more planes were received to bolster the infant air force now on the island.

We finished unloading the boats about 5 p.m. Supper followed which was tasty despite the fact our cooks were jittery too. Immediately following our first cooked meal the Weapons Platoon of our Co. (of which I am a part) was assigned the first relief of the Guards whose duties were to guard our rations from the rice eating Marines.

The general orders were violated shamefully, we allowed Marines to help themselves, in exchange for versions of their exploits, some of which sounded fantastic at the time but through experience we learned differently. When Pistol Pete and Pete Jr. started shelling us from the hills, I quit my post promptly. The dash I made to the nearest unoccupied foxhole would have broken many college records. Speaking of dying from fright, I don't believe its possible, because during the next 2 hours my fear increased every minute. Sand from the sides of the fox holes kept filling my lap but to remove it would have meant a decrease in depth and that was definitely out of the question. After the situation seemed normal again, I did not go back to my post, but on the contrary, I went to our Bivouac area which took considerable time due to the fact that during the shelling, Mother Nature had spread a veil of darkness, so black, that when first emerging from the fox hole, I pushed my new type helmet up, thinking that it was covering my eyes.

Back in the area, some of the boys were stretched out in "our friend the shallow ditch." Our minds were in such a turmoil that to sleep was impossible. So we were all awake when the first salvo from the Nippon's Cruisers screamed overhead on its way to Henderson Field. (So called because of the heroic deed Lt. Henderson did during the Battle of the Coral Sea) The shelling continued until 3 a.m. Washing Machine Charley (the Nip who came to (our?) island every single night) assisted the cruisers by dropping flares and he also dropped a few bombs. Charley has

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a brother too. He came too damn early for reveille but the Marines christened him Reveille Joe nevertheless.

Bad as well as good comes to an end, the only difference is the bad's ending seems like eternity while the good seems like a short dream. So ended our first and bad day on Guadalcanal. From this experience I know or have a faint idea of what hell is like. So for you fortunate ones back in the States I say this—

"Nothing is worth having if its not worth fighting for" and Brother we have the best as well as the finest country to fight for plus a million other things which you'll find only in the Good old U.S.A.

P.S. I hope some day to be able to write "my last day on Guadalcanal" and believe me—when I say that it is only beautiful from a boat or plane.

Written by Sgt. Roy A. Lindberg to his sister, Lillian. I was in company "L". Thank you Roy for sharing this letter after all these years for it expresses I'm certain the feelings many felt and serves to whett the memories of those who were there.

"Editor"

From the Secretary's Desk—

It's been a long winter and with time on my hands I did accomplish a few things I've wanted to do for a long time.

I've been interested in our membership distribution, or should I say representation in the United States. We are represented in 45 states and the District of Columbia as follows:

N. Dak.-328; Minn.-123; Calif.-64; Wash.-33; Mont.-22; Ariz.-16; Florida-13; Idaho-12; Oregon-12; S. Dak.-12; Ill.-11; New York-11; Ohio-10; Colorado-8; Texas-8; Wisconsin-8; Mass.-8; Nebraska-8; New Mexico-8; Iowa-4; Kansas-4; New Jersey-4; Penn.-4; Virginia-4; Conn.-3; D.C.-3; Missouri-3; Nev.-3; Wyoming-3; Alabama-2; Kentucky-2; Louisiana-2; Maryland-2; Michigan-2; Tenn.-2; Georgia-2; Alaska-1; Delaware-1; Ind.-1; Maine-1; Mississippi-1; New Hampshire-1; N. Carolina-1; Oklahoma-1; S. Carolina-1; W. Virginia-1; Arkansas, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont-0.

On 7 January 1986 I sent out 553 dues notices, and the responses has been great and we now have 640 paid up members for 1986, with an additional

57 Life Members. On 15 February 1986 I mailed 25 second notices to individuals who have not paid dues for 1985 and 1986. I received a response from 6, and that means 19 members will be removed from the mailing list.

A special thank you to all the members who responded to the All Veterans Centennial Memorial appeal for funding help. The response and your generosity far exceeded the committee's expectations.

Herbert Mack

Letters . . .

10 Jan 1986

Hi Herb & Keith

I am late on paying my dues for 1986. Enclosed is check for dues plus one dollar for a self-imposed penalty. I received the December issue of the 164th News. It was very interesting with news of the reunion in Fargo and letters from soldiers of the "ol" 164th Infantry.

I would like to give my grateful thanks to the individuals, who put in their time to keeping the 164th Infantry Reunion going year after year. I would like to list them but there are so many all we have to do is read the 164th News.

I have a suggestion that when writing to the 164th News that you please include your Battalion and company along with your signature.

Sincerely

Victor (Vic) Anundson

"G" Co.

Valley City, ND

4 Mar 1986

Box 234

Corvallis, MT 59828

To: 164th INF NEWS

Box 1111

Bismarck, ND 58502

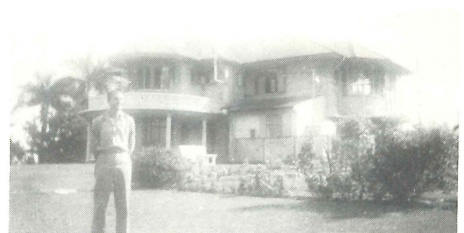
Dear Keith

Enclosed are three pictures: -1 is of 164th Regimental Hqs. on Fiji with Mel Hallen, -2 the ladies on Leyte washing clothes, -3 is of Susie, who picked up the laundry.

Col. Garvin was the Regimental commander while we were on Fiji. Everytime a group of 2nd Lts. arrived from the states to join the 164th, he gave them a welcoming speech.

It always began like this:

"This is good outfit, promotion is fast. There is only one man between you and company commander." I've forgotten the rest but I will never forget those first three sentences.



Maybe you can use the pictures. I would like to have them back.

Sincerely

Cliff Ottinger

Ok Cliff we will see that the photos are returned to you. Also do any of you fellows out there remember the rest of that welcoming talk?

W. Mark Durley Jr. sent the following picture of the 164th S-1 Section. It was taken on Bouganville in 1944.

The individuals from left to right back row: Sgt. Wickman, W.O. Struck, Lt. Durley, Sgt. Shink. Front row: T/Sgt. Falardean, Lt. Collins and ?

Can any of you supply us here at the paper with the name of the gentleman

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in the right front row next to Lt. Collins? We would certainly appreciate any or all the help we can get on this.

Thanks a lot

Your Editor

Keith P. Parsons

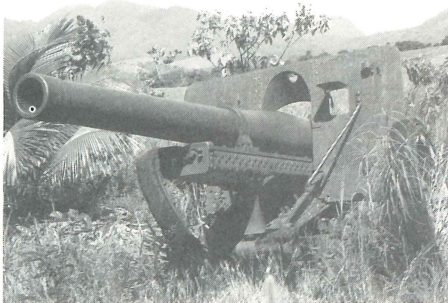
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Bismarck, ND 58502

17 February 1986

Dear Herb,

Thank you for my first copy of the 164th Infantry News. It's such a pleasure to be finally aboard. I had heard in recent years that such an organization existed, but was never able to get a handle on it til Ira sent in dues for me. Wahpeton's "I" Company has, of course, had annual reunions since 1946. I attended the first one, and then got into the family raising mode, and failed to go again until recent years. No doubt other companies have scheduled



annual reunions. In recent years these continue to become more meaningful.

Ira gave me "Steck's" (Ted N Steckler) address and we re-established contact after forty years. He mentioned you had grown up together in Dickinson and attended the same school. He became "I" Company's Captain after Captain Knott was wounded on that Ridge across the Matanikau on that most memorable 21st of November back in 1942.

I don't know if you ever got back to that Island. Surely a number of the 164th must have done so. I took my wife back in October 1984 to see

Guadalcanal and many of those places I had spoken of so often through the years—the Lunga, Henderson Field, Bloody Ridge, Koli Point, Grassy Knoll (Mt Austen), the Matanikau, Point Cruz, and on and on... It was a genuine pleasure to show several hours of slides at our company's last reunion.

The newsletter had reference to donation of funds to a memorial. Fred Kona, out at the Vilu museum which he set up seventeen miles west of Point Cruz asked several times for some help to set up some sort of memorial for the Americans. The Japanese set up theirs out of black marble at his location. They also have one at the Poha River, not to mention the huge one they set up at Gifu, on the slopes of Grassy Knoll (Mt Austen.) Also, a group of Japanese were clearing a spot at the Ilu.

Ours, as you must know, are concentrated at the airfield—and Henderson Field should represent us. If you've returned there, then you have seen the plaques for the First Marine Division, the Raider's memorial, the Coastwatchers, the Seabees, the Fijian troops, and those dedicated to our magnificent pilots. However, I could find no mention of the 164th. Seems the 1-6-4 ought to be remembered out there also.

Then, of course there was Fred Kona who wanted to set one up for the Americans at his museum which is half-way to Cape Esperance and probably not the most propitious spot for the 1-6-4, as we were much more involved with the airfield. I suppose this topic must have come up numerous times at the meetings of the Association. But has any attempt been made to place a plaque in memory of those whom we left behind on that Island? If yes, I wonder what may have become of those efforts, or if something is contemplated in the near future.

I'm also wondering who the fellows may have been who placed our regimental insignia on the wall of the Returned Soldiers and Ex-servicemens Club in Suva, Fiji. When I identified myself it was one of the first things the bartender proudly pointed to. It has a prominent place on the North wall. I, of course, became a member on the spot. My wife and I hope to return to the Islands for another visit, either late this year or next.

I'll be looking forward to the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

Harry Wiens

401 La Cuesta Drive

Santa Cruz, CA 95066



The Welcome Home John sign as seen in the picture certainly took John by surprise when he and his better half Gen deplaned at the Fargo airport upon their return from Arizona. The picture was taken by the airport manager Jim Kapitan. Those on the picture are from left to right: Orlyen Stensgard, Gen Korsmo, Hoot Galyen, John Korsmo, Paul Holviek, and Walt Byers. As we know some care enough to make the next step a little easier and possibly create a situation that allows for a smile or two, well done fellas and a fitting welcome for the then President of the Elite 164th Infantry Association. John's reaction and loud retort in What the *#! is this? was well recorded in the minds of many present past Exalted Rulers etc. of the local Elks Lodge -260 located in Fargo, N.D. Incidentally, John is located in Arizona and his address is:

John E. Korsmo

6941 4th St.

Scotsdale, AZ 85253

in case any of you may want to write him.

“Editor”

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Bill Bennett
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11/5/86

Letters . . .



Portland, OR
3-24-84

Dear Keith,

Enclosed you'll find a check for Ten Dollars for two years. I've been doing good so far. Also sending a picture of our last snow 2-17-86. I have enjoyed reading your 164 Inf. paper very much. It's nice today. As the days are longer and somewhat warmer. I'm sorry I just couldn't make the reunion last year. With grandson to raise, can't do it. But I'll try it this year. Keep up the good work, well say. Hang in there hope to see you all.

Sincerely,
K. Co. Paul Dawhamicek

Audrey Erskine
225 No. Benton Drive-1A
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

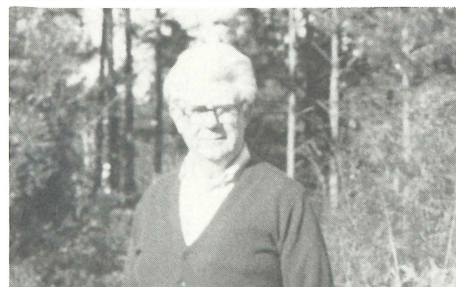
Keith:

Thought you and 164th subscribers might be interested in a trip Pete & I took in Jan./Feb.

Covered 11 states and visited the old Camp Clairborne site in Louisiana. Enclosed are some pictures. If you need the negatives instead, let me know.

The pictures were taken at the foundation of the old Guard Shack at main entrance to former Camp Clairborne were the 164th was stationed in 1941.

It was very depressing to see the unkept area with no sign to indicate it was a former camp. It is completely overgrown by 40 ft. pines being logged off. It was impossible to locate any former unit areas due to the fact all side



roads were overgrown and blocked off. The highway west LA runs from -165 right thru the old camp area to Leesville.

Pete stopped to visit an old army buddy, Carroll Gall at Providence, Kentucky, a member of Co. G overseas.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Oct. in Williston!

Pete Grant

1/20/86

Dear Wally:

Please greet all the gang for me, to George Huffan I apologize for not writing, enjoyed his story of "ready built, fox holes" dug by the nips, messy tho.

Just brought Bette home from hosp. Seems she and I have done our share for the medical profession this year.

Sure miss seeing all the old friends at the Reunions, but seems something always comes up about that time of year, were hoping that this year the doc's. forget to call.

Anyone coming down this way, we would sure like to see them, anyone from the 164th pass this along and hope to see some. John Fiskbach stopped in when he was down this way, sure had a fine chat.

Here's a few bucks for dues, paper or whatever it can be used for. Greet all for Bette & I. It's a wonderful feeling to be a member of such a great outfit. Long live the 164th.

Best Regards
Bette & Bill Tucker
Co. "M" 164th

Fargo ND
Nov 15, 1985

Dear Herb,

Enclosed are two memberships for 1986.

John Holt left with C Co. to

Claiborne on the Fijis. He volunteered for Merrils Marauders & went to the India Burma Theater. He was chairman of the banquet held here in Fargo at the Civic Center during the Reunion.

John G. Holt
501-14th Ave. North Unit 201
Fargo, ND 58102

Al Palmer was in B Co. at Camp Rucker and was also in Korea. He is a Past State Commander of the VFW here in North Dakota.

Al Palmer
85-18th Ave. North
Fargo, ND 58102
Hast

11-4-85

Keith

Hated to miss the Reunion at Fargo but had another appointment I couldn't evade on that date-Sept. 30th thru Oct. 25th. Will make the '86 Reunion!

Raymond Sinkheil

NOTICE PLEASE

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

Thank you respectfully,

KEITH P. PARSONS
Editor

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The Williston Reunion Committee requests and will appreciate any and all early registrations. Registration fee for 1986 at Williston, ND will be \$60.00 per couple.

Early registration fees in the amount of \$60.00 per couple may be mailed to the:

164th Reunion Committee
O.P. Heller
P.O. Box 1222
Williston, ND 58801

Please note:

The committee will refund all monies to any of you who register and send in your registration dues and determine later that you cannot attend.

Letters . . .

1611 Sunset Dr.
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Jan 17, 1986

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is my check for the 1986 dues. I look forward to receiving the 164th Infantry News. Through letters published I can keep in touch with some of John's friends from whom I would not hear otherwise. I enjoy the pictures and learning of the current activities of your wonderful group. My thoughts were with you during your reunion in Fargo last fall.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John A. Gossett

1709 Lunceford. Sp. 14
Couerd'Alene, Idaho
Jan. 11, 1986

Dear Keith,

Enclosed find my dues for 1986. I enjoy the paper a lot and look forward to getting it everytime.

I'm planning on attending the reunion in Williston this year. What date are they having it?

I attended the last one they had in Williston and really had a ball, meeting all my friends & comrades from Guadalcanal.

I think Bernie Ellingson from the Rugby Co. will be coming too.

See you at the reunion.

Sincerely,
Ray Huseby
Co. E

January 11, 1986

Dear Keith,

I just received the 164 News and decided I had better send in my dues for '86. I would hate to miss even one issue of the News.

Someday, I hope to attend a reunion, but as my wife and I do our traveling in the summer, we have been unable to add another trip in Oct. We spent July and August in Fargo and vicinity last year, visiting friends and relatives and attending the Fargo H.S. Reunion. We were urged by friends to stick around until Oct., but our family decided we had been away long enough. Maybe-someday??

I am enclosing a check for my '86 dues and a little more for 164 expenses.

Sincerely,
Harold P. Aarhus
"Baker" Company

Feb 13, 1986

Dear Herb:

Regarding the white streamer "Combat Infantry Battalion". I was the last Sergeant Major of 2nd Battalion, 164th Infantry. We brought the records, flags, equipment, etc to Ft Lawton, WA for deactivation of the 164th. As we placed the journals, books, flags etc in boxes to be sent to someplace in Georgia (I think), I took the streamer that went on the battalion flag. I wanted a memento of the regiment.

Since this was my first reunion since leaving the army in December 1945, I thought it would be nice to present it back to the association for a museum some day. So this is the streamer that has been all around the world with the regiment.

We enjoyed the reunion at Fargo. Perhaps at some future reunion we can have some of the members tell of their experiences during and after their days of the 164th. I didn't know that so many had stayed in the army and later retired.

Kindest best wishes to all.

Sincerely,
George Dingley

Jan 10, 1986

Hi,

Enclosed is my dues for 1986.

After I left the 164th Inf. I served in one Parachute Infantry & two Glider Infantry Regiments.

Recently I wrote to the Airborne Assoc. & received all three Regimental Pins. I would dearly like to get the 164th Inf. Regimental Pin as I lost mine long years ago.

Isn't anyone else interested in having

the old Regiments Pin for their memento cigar box collection? I'm sure if there are enough others that would like to have this memento we could have some made up & who knows, probably clear a little profit for the Association in selling them to the members & their friends.

Of course all that would depend on interest by the group.

Hell, I may be the only one who hasn't got one.

James Llindegren
Box 260
Ypsilanti, NoDak 58497

Henry A. Newgard
307 5th Avenue E.
West Fargo, ND 58078
December 20, 1985

Herb Mack, Secretary
164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
Box 1111
Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Herb:

I am interested in becoming a member of the 164th association, since I was part of the group at Camp Rucker. Hoot Galyen gave me your name and address to send to you for an application. I'd appreciate your sending me one.

Sincerely,
Henry A. Newgard

Wahpeton, N.Dak.
1-8-86

Dear Sir:

I am sending in \$10-\$5 for my 1986 dues. The other \$5 is for the dues for a former member of Co. I WWII 164th Inf. His name is and address is Harry

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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:

*George F. Friese	Unk	Barerton, OH
Edward P. Barry	Unk	San Francisco, CA
Clarence E. Swanson	Unk 84	Hopkins, MN
George Lynch	22 Feb 85	Dunn Center, ND
McKinley Nelson	22 Sept 85	Williston, ND
*Herbert H. Witte	13 Oct 85	Cambridge, NE
Lyle G. Stuart	19 Dec 85	Hettinger, ND
Anton Zastoupl	4 Jan 86	Dickinson, ND
Sterling Walker	12 Jan 86	Grafton, ND
Henery B. Sutter	20 Jan 86	Laundale, CA
Rollins Emmrich	12 Feb 86	Denver, CO
Charles F. Musil	17 Feb 86	Grand Forks, ND
Lawrence Anderson	7 Mar 86	Gresham, OR
Isadore J. Kasprick	19 Mar 86	Grafton, ND
Joseph (Joe) Bride	8 April 86	Bismarck, ND

*Denotes not currently a member

Letters . . .

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Wiens, 401 La Cuesta Dr., Santa Cruz, CAL. 85063. Tele. 1-408-438-0785. I am sending a old letter of our Reunion I changed the dates for the year 1986. Can you send Harry Wiens the Dec. 1, 1985, copy of the 164th Inf?

I get a few calls from the fellows that would to join the 164th Inf. News. Have you any application blanks. If you have please send me some. I am looking forward to a good Reunion this year. In the Sept. paper I run across an address of an old member of the 164th Co. I. I wrote to him then I got a nice card from him. I like to read the 164th News very much. That was a good write up on Guadalcanal in the Dec. paper. We lost 2 members of Co. I 164th Inf WWII. Ray CUFF Paul "Pat" Preston. Ray was from Wahpeton, N.D. Paul Pat was from Mpls. St. Paul area. They were both living in Cal. at the time of there death. I must close for now. As ever IRA

Ira A. Keeney
521 2nd St. No.
Wahpeton, N.Dak. 58075
Tele. 642-3414

5 Feb 1986

The 164th Inf. News
Box 1111
Bismarck, ND 58501
Dear Keith

Am enclosing my 1986 dues. I enjoy the 164th News, keep up the good work. Could the following reunion notice be put in the next edition if possible? CO F, 164th Inf. WWII and the Korean Conflict, July 12 and 13, 1986 at Carrington, ND. Contact: John M. Paulson, 80-2nd Ave. N., Carrington, ND 58421.

Thank you
John M. Paulson

Patrick H. Doolin
810 Eaton Ave
Joliet, IL 60435

Says I'm paying for 3 yrs dues and that 1985 was my first convention/reunion, sure had a good time. Certainly wish I had been to them all.

Thanks Pat.

Hi Keith & all

Here is my dues and a little for the Kitty. Really feel bad about missing the reunion in Fargo. Of all the darned times to get the flu, had it for three days or so. Will try for next year. Give my

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HEADQUARTERS "I" COMPANY OVERSEAS VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II 164th INF.

SUBJECT: 41st Annual Reunion
PLACE: Vets Club
TIME: 6 p.m.-June 28-29th

Wahpeton, N.D. 58075
June 1986

Dear Comrad:

Saturday, June 28, 1986, is the date set for our Annual "I" Company Reunion. We are very anxious that as many of you as possible attend. Important business will be discussed.

Fill out the return note at the bottom of this letter and mail to us so we know how many will be attending. If you know of someone who should be at this Reunion please include his name and address.

If you know of any former Company "I" members that have passed away, please let me (Ira) know.

Bring your wife and a Buddy and his wife. You will like Wahpeton.

We still have a lot of Co. "I" pictures for sale.

Registration will be at the Vets Club.

We would like to have the wives of any former member of Company "I" that were in Feb. 10th, 1941.

Hoping and trusting that we may see you at the annual "I" Company Reunion.

IRA KEENEY, Sec'y-Tres.
521 N. 2nd St., Wahpeton, N.D. 58075

Tear off here and return in envelope enclosed

Dear Ira:

_____ I will come to the 41st Annual Reunion June 28th

There will be _____ of us.
(how many)

_____ Reserve a Motel for (_____) how many &
for what nights?? _____

_____ I cannot come this year.

My Name _____

Address _____

**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 1986 -- \$5.00 which includes \$4.00 subscription to 164th News.
Send to: Secretary 164th Infantry, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502.**

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best to all of old "M" company, sorry I missed you "George" old buddy. The Best.

Wallace Cheney
205 E. Viking Dr, -342
St. Paul, MN 55117

1-12-86

Dear Keith

I received a copy of the paper from (Paul Dickerson) who was in "A" Co with me. I am sending in my dues in the amt of \$5.00 and hoping to see you all in Oct in Williston, ND. Tell Gil Shirley, George Christensen, Les Rhodes, Mac McKay and John Mangelowsky I said hello, we will see them hopefully in Oct.

Thank you
Byron Burdette
RR 2, Box 220D
Bulls Gap, TN 37711

1-10-86

To: 164th Ass'n

Enclosed is my dues for 1986, the extras is for stamps or the Kitty. Sorry I had to miss the last reunion in Fargo. Had planned to make that one but had to go to California on two quick trips as my sister-in-law was terminally ill and passed away. Will see you all in Williston, ND in Oct.

Best regards:
Knut Fosaaen
7071 Beach Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Box 133
Bridgewater, VA 22812
1 Nov

Dear Herb

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars for a "Life Membership" in the association. I intended doing this at the reunion but at the last moment something happened to prevent us from attending.

Thank you
Joe Donnelly

11 March 1986
Mesa, AZ

Dear Herb

Please find enclosed check -4574 in the amt of \$10.00 for use on the proposed all Veterans Centennial Memorial for N. Dak. Veterans. Seen Keith Parsons awhile back. He mentioned something about this, when we had a meeting at our place. Hope all goes well with the project.

Thanking you
Don D. Oster

1-8-86

Secretary, 164th Inf. Ass'n
Box 1111
Bismarck, ND
Dear Sir

Enclosed is a check for \$10.00, to pay for my 1986 membership dues. You can use the extra for whatever you choose. I really enjoy the newspaper and hope to make the reunion this year.

See You Then
Don Moore (Boo)

1-14-86

164th Inf. Ass'n
Dear Keith

Enclosed is my 1986 dues and a little extra for the association's "misc. fund." Enjoyed the December issue of the "News" as I do each one. Just want you

to know I look forward to each issue and appreciate your personal effort.

Best regards
Orein G. Delap

16 Jan 1986

Dear Keith

Enclosed is check for "86" dues and something extra for the pot. Made "L" Co reunion in June-was a great pleasure. Hadn't been with any of them since "43". It was "great." How come no mention of company reunions?

Regards
Jack C. Crull

3 March 1986

Dear Herbert Mack,

Your letter received on the all veterans centennial memorial association and am sending a check to assist the efforts I'm certain it is Harold's wish that it be a success. His present condition isn't good but I know he would want to be a part of it.

I hope Irene is well and things are going well with all your dear ones. We miss our friends back there to include those in Mandan and Williston.

Sincerely
Genevieve Barker

3 March 1986

Hi Herb

Been a long time no see-certainly would appreciate a chat with you sometime. It appears like I'm in low gear and it seems like I can't shift any lower. Age sure grabs a hold of you and there's nothing one can do about it. I suppose you are still in your prime and going strong. I wish you well and hope to stumble into you sometime.

Yours Old War Buddy
Joe J. Haag

10-28-85

164th Infantry News
Box 1111
Bismarck, N.D.
Sirs

I am a new member of the 164th Infantry Association having served in Co. H on Guadalcanal and as yet have not received your fine publication.

I saw a copy while attending the Reunion in Fargo earlier this month and would like to be put on your mailing list. My address is:

L.G. Chilson
715 Holly Ave.
Imperial Beach, CAL 92032

My membership card number is 628.
Thank you
L.G. Chilson

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