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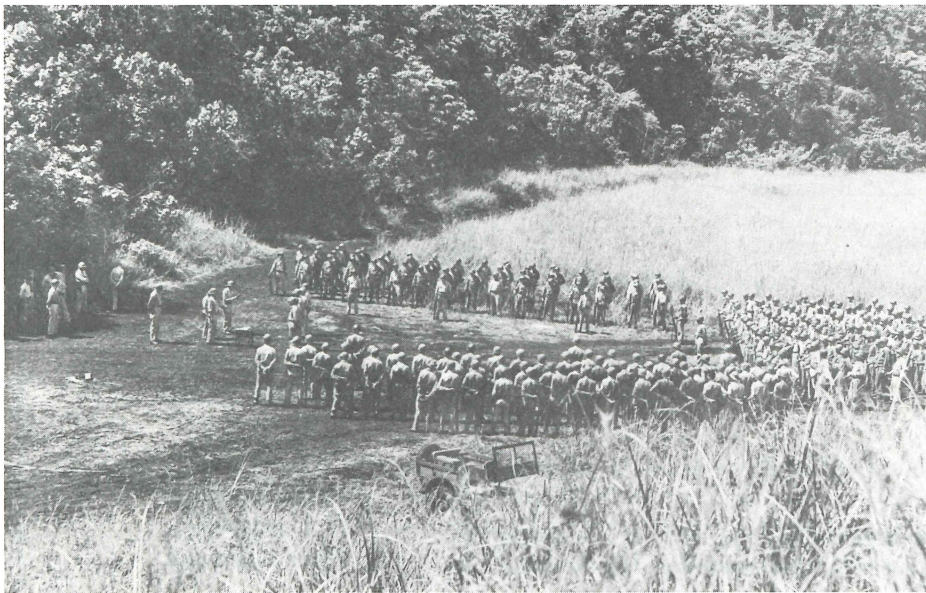
July 1992

Notes From The Editor

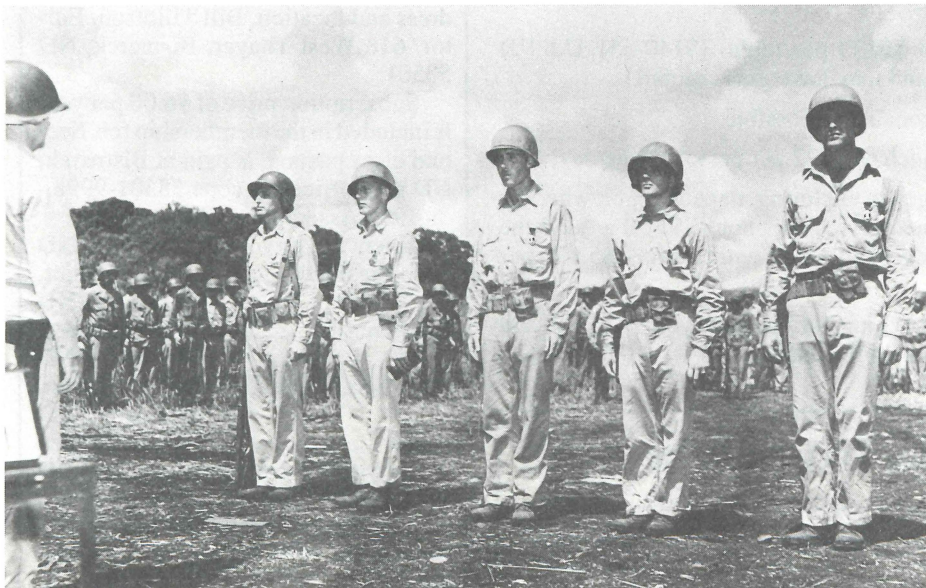
Publication of *The News* was delayed so that we might receive travel information from the Colorado Air National Guard.

Reproduced in this issue of *The News* is a black and white replica of a patch Gen.

Fred Flo ordered. The patch is attractive with a dark blue background and white and gold lettering. Anyone desiring a patch please send a stamped self addressed envelope to Frank Weisgerber.



Members of an Infantry Battalion formed for the presentation of decoration to men who acted beyond the call of duty in action on Guadalcanal. 1/4/43. The 3rd Battalion of the 164th Inf.



Guadalcanal Trip

1 October 1992

Please note Guadalcanal Trip Information memo and list of names of persons scheduled to go on the trip.

Anyone that does not want to or cannot meet the requirements stated in the Guadalcanal Trip Information letter reprinted in this issue of *The News* please notify Frank Weisgerber so that a substitute name can be submitted to The North Dakota Adjutant General's Office. These conditions were stated by the Colorado Air National Guard. Each individual will have to make his own arrangements to catch the flight from Colorado if he does not want to travel to Bismarck.

The first 20 names on the published list are the selected persons to make the trip. Alternate names will be submitted in the order shown on the list. Those persons not selected but on the alternate list should be ready to meet the requirements.

We welcome all suggestions except Close Order Drill or a Ten Mile Hike for activities on 4 October. We will accept a Bunk Fatigue suggestion, however. Please note the word "Preliminary" on the Guadalcanal Trip Information Letter.

Members of an Infantry Battalion after receiving decorations for gallantry in action. L to R: Pvt. Anton Beer, Bismarck, ND; Sgt. Victor Gronvold, Oslo, MN; Pvt. Bernard Campbell, Oslo, MN; S/Sgt. Lawrence Boisen, Sentinel Butte, ND and Pfc. Bernard Harrington, St. Cloud, MN. Guadalcanal. 164th Inf. Regt. 3rd Battalion. 1/4/43.

Capt. Tony Beer did not have to take a demotion to get his Silver Star Medal. He really loved that M-1 rifle.

Guadalcanal Trip Information

(Preliminary)

Date	Depart/Location	Arrive/Location
1 Oct	0630 Colorado 1000 Bismarck	0905 Bismarck 1220 Elmendorf AFB, AK
2 Oct	0600 Elmendorf 1030 Midway 1430 Majuro	0910 Midway Island 1310 Majuro, Marshall Island 1655 Henderson Field, Guadalcanal
3 Oct	Remain at Guadalcanal	
4 Oct	Remain at Guadalcanal	
5 Oct	0900 Guadalcanal 1230 Majuro	1115 Majuro 1935 Honolulu
6 Oct	Remain in Honolulu	
7 Oct	0900 Honolulu 1830 Travis	1720 Travis AFB, CA 2225 Bismarck

- All times are "Local Time" at the location listed.
- Route goes through Alaska to eliminate headwinds between U.S. & Hawaii.
- We lose a day going, and gain it coming back.
- West coast travellers can board in Colorado and debark at Travis, AFB, if prior arrangements are made.
- Passports are required. No exceptions.
- Immunizations required: Yellow Fever (Public Health Service Form 731 must be displayed at time of entry)
- Malaria Prophylaxis is required. This must be prescribed by your physician based on your condition of health. You must remind your physician that this is a chloroquine resistant area and Mefloquine is recommended.
- Immunizations Recommended: Tetanus/Diphtheria, plus normal immunizations recommended by your physician.
- Also recommended: Prescribed or over-the-counter diarrhea medication.
- A "Solomon Dollar" (\$\$) is about \$2.70 U.S.
- Housing will be \$\$52 for cheap single, to \$\$130 per night. (\$140-351 U.S.!!!) (Cheaper rooms do not have running water and may have grass roofs!!)
- Motels in Hawaii and Alaska will be as reasonable as possible.
- Battlefield tour at Guadalcanal may be as much as \$\$22 per person. (One day)
- The second day may be used for individual/group exploring, depending on what the planning committee wants to do. There is bus service for about \$\$1.50 around the area, taxis about \$\$1 within Honiara, and Budget and Avis Rentacars for \$\$53-70 per day. Many walking tours available.
- Everything looks expensive, so make a good packing list. Bring all your own film and remember your camera because none are sold on the island.

The following roster of names has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, North Dakota, for the Guadalcanal trip:

Pay Patton
Ralph Gaugler
Fred Flo
Charles Walker
Tony Hannel
William Hagen
Norm Samson
George Christensen
Elmo Olson
Ben Glatt
Ray Conlon
Jim Fenelon
Tony Beer
Bernie Wagner
Don Robinson
Dennis Ferik
Doug Burtell
Alvin Tollefsrud
Ken Schauss
Harold Krause

Alternates:

Earl Cherrey
Ray Sinkbeil
Ed Sinkbeil
San Vitracenko
Rowland Bemis
John Holt
Orville Dodge
William Johnson
Art Anderson
Vern Tittsworth

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Vice President Ben Glatt, Bismarck, ND
Sec./Treas. Frank Weisgerber, Bismarck, ND
Asst. Sec./Treas. Don Robinson, Bismarck, ND
Editor Bill Tillotson

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James F. Ulmer Bismarck, ND Nick Pasternick Williston, ND
Don Eide Williston, ND Ray Gibbens Calvin, ND
Everett Gibbins Williston, ND



NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY
PO Box 5511
Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-5511

TEL: (701) 224-5110
DCTN: 344-5111

30 June 1992

SUBJECT: North Dakota State Veterans Cemetery

TO: Bill Tillotson
618 West Thayer Ave
Bismarck ND 58501

I understand you have some questions about the procedures and rules governing the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery located at Fort Lincoln State Park near Mandan. First I would like to bring you up to date about progress at the Cemetery. Currently all landscape work has been accomplished and the blacktopping of the roadway and parking lot has been completed. Interments will begin after the 6th of July. We then must concentrate on a memorial fund from which the interest can be used to run and maintain the cemetery. This will guarantee perpetual care.

Eligibility rules for interment in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery are basically the same as the requirements for burial in National Cemeteries plus... present and past North Dakota National Guard members. Also eligible are North Dakota residents who are/were members of the Reserve Forces of the Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps. Length of service in the National Guard and Reserve, for enlisted personnel will be completion of at least one term of enlistment and officers who have completed at least four (4) years of service and receive a discharge shown as "General" "Honorable" or "Under Honorable Conditions". Eligible spouses are; the widow, or widower of any person listed above. Normally the veteran and spouse (and other eligible dependent children) will be interred in the same gravesite as in National Cemeteries. The cost for interment is not yet established, however there will be no charge for the plot. The costs for the family will be: The funeral itself, a vault and a headstone if the decedent is not a veteran.

Regarding preregister...we are accepting applications for burial at the cemetery at this time, see enclosed. This application is not necessary at this time, however it may save some time when the need arises.

I am enclosing our flyer (ND Veterans Cemetery Builder's Recognition Program) that explains the different categories of donors. Please do not pay attention to the pledge dates on the form. The plan is to display inside the interment center those names of people who donated in support of this program.

If you have any further questions please contact me. Phone: (701) 224-5111


WILLIAM J. FRAHM, Col, NDANG
Executive Support Staff Officer

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY Guidelines

For the mutual protection and benefit of Veterans, members of the National Guard, Reserve and their spouses, the following guidelines have been adopted by the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. All plots and visitors within the Cemetery shall abide by these guidelines.

1. **Payment of Transportation Costs.** All transportation costs shall be paid by the veteran's family or from private funds.

2. **Preparation for Burial.** a. All bodies shall be prepared for burial, and services conducted by licensed mortuaries, and morticians in and for the state of North Dakota, under the rules and regulations of the state of North Dakota, board of morticians. b. Each family shall have the right to select their own mortuary firm for ar-

rangements.

3. **Cremated Remains.** Cremated human remains must be provided in a container acceptable to the director.

4. **Burial Services.** All committal services will be conducted in the interment center, unless otherwise arranged with the Cemetery Director.

5. **Burial Plots.** Burial plots will be provided in the order of interment as the need arises.

6. **Plot Charges.** There will be no charge for burial plots, however, there will be an opening and closing charge for all non-military interments.

7. **Visiting Hours.** The cemetery will be opened everyday throughout the year at 8 a.m. and closed at 5 p.m. local time, except on Memorial Day. On Memorial Day, the cemetery gates will remain open until 7 p.m. local time. Exceptions to these stated hours must be approved by the Cemetery Director.

8. **Restrictions.** In keeping with the honor bestowed to these hallowed grounds, visitors are requested to conduct themselves with dignity and sacredness. Accordingly, visitors will not be permitted to:

- a. Litter the grounds;
- b. Cut, break or injure trees, shrubs, grass or other plantings;
- c. Use the cemetery for any form of sports or recreation, to include but not limited to, jogging, skating, skiing and bicycling;
- d. Use the cemetery as a picnic grounds;
- e. Use the cemetery for public gatherings of a partisan nature;
- f. Allow pets to run loose; or
- g. Otherwise engage in any other demeaning activity or boisterous action.

9. **Fresh Cut Flowers.** Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time during normal working hours. Only temporary metal flower containers are permitted. Floral items will be removed from graves when they become faded or unsightly.

10. **Artificial Flowers.** a. Artificial flowers may be placed on graves during the period of October 15th to June 15th.

11. **Christmas Flowers.** Christmas wreaths or blankets are permitted on graves during the Christmas season commencing 1 December and will be removed by caretakers on 1 February each year.

12. **Permanent Plantings.** Permanent plantings will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants/artificial flowers will be permitted on graves during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday and on Memorial Day.

13. **Commemorative Items.** Statues, vigil lights, glass objects of any nature or any other commemorative items are not permitted on the graves at any time.

14. **U.S. Flag and Cemetery Flag-pole.** a. The flag of the United States will be displayed each day of the year during the hours the cemetery is open. b. The flag of the United States will be brought to half staff one-half hour before the start of the first committal service of the day and returned to full staff one-half hour after the last service is completed for the day. c. On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States will be flown at half staff until 12 noon, local time, and full staff from 12 noon until 7 p.m. All graves will be decorated on the work day immediately preceding Memorial Day and Veterans Day with small United States flags, which will be removed on the first work day after those holidays. U.S. flags are not permitted on graves at any other time.

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ND Veterans Cemetery ...

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15. Removal of Decorative Items.

During lawn mowing and ground maintenance season all floral items will be removed from graves on the first and third Mondays of each month.

16. **Appointment of Director.** The director of the state veterans cemetery shall be appointed by the Adjutant General.

17. **Eligibility.** a. Any current member of the United States Military, the North Dakota National Guard or a North Dakota resident who is a member of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard reserve. b. Any Veteran of wartime or peacetime service who is eligible for burial in a "National Cemetery", VA Manual M40-2. c. Past North Dakota National

Guard members and North Dakota residents who were members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve forces. Enlisted personnel must have completed at least one term of enlistment and received a "Honorable", "Under Honorable Conditions" or "General" Discharge. Officers must have served a minimum of 4 years of satisfactory service. d. Any person authorized for interment by the Adjutant General of North Dakota.

18. **Non-Veteran Spouse/Dependent Children Entitlement.** a. Any non-military spouse and eligible dependent children of an eligible veteran or Guard/Reserve member may also qualify for burial in the North Dakota State Veterans' cemetery providing that the interment of the qualifying non-military spouse is in the same burial plot as that provided for the

eligible member. b. The subsequent burial of the non-military spouse or dependent children or the eligible member must be prearranged prior to the first interment. c. The non-military spouse or dependent children burial must comply with all rules applicable to the burial of the military member.

19. **Headstone.** Each grave in the cemetery will be marked with an upright headstone. A headstone is provided without charge for all veterans eligible for burial in the cemetery. This benefit does not apply to National Guard or Reserve members who are not veterans. These headstones shall be purchased by the next of kin.

20. **Additional Information.** Call (701) 224-5111.

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETARY

Dedicated to the men and women who have served this state and nation with unequalled distinction and honor.

The state of North Dakota, in tribute to the devotion shown by our veterans in defense of the ideals and values we hold so precious, honors them by providing a location where they may find eternal peace in a setting rich with military history and quiet dignity.

A North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery was established by an act of the 1989 Legislative Assembly. This cemetery will be located on a 35 acre tract of land in the southwest corner of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park south of Mandan, ND. Because of the current economic situation in the state, the Legislature did not provide funding for the construction of the cemetery. Due to the importance of establishing the cemetery, it was decided to proceed with the project using engineer units of the North Dakota Army National Guard to perform the major portion of the construction work.

The National Guard will provide equipment and personnel for much of the work on the cemetery and has secured

\$100,000 for materials through a National Guard Bureau Grant. This will not be enough to complete the cemetery. Additional funds will be needed to install an irrigation system, complete the visitor center, provide trees and other plantings, procure equipment for maintenance, and do all the other things needed to make this an appropriate resting place for our fallen comrades.

If you or your organization is interested in becoming a part of this worthy effort complete the attached form and mail it, along with your contribution, to the address shown. Your gift is tax deductible. If the form has already been used make your check out to the "North Dakota Militia Foundation" and mail it to Box 5511, Bismarck, ND 58502-5511.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. You will be rewarded by knowing you have assisted in making the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery a fitting memorial for those men and women who have served our state and nation with such dedication.

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETARY

MAIL TO: North Dakota Militia Foundation
Box 5511
Bismarck, ND 58502-5511

Enclosed is a contribution to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in the amount of \$ _____

Please Credit: Organization/individual _____
 Memory of _____

Name of: Officer _____
 Donor _____

Street Address or Box _____
City, State, Zip code _____

(Check Applicable box)

164th Infantry Regiment celebrates 50th Anniversary of Guadalcanal invasion

By Col. Vern Fetch, NDARNG, Support Personnel Management officer

Veterans of the famed 164th Infantry Regiment, North Dakota National Guard, will be honored during ceremonies at Camp Grafton, Devils Lake, ND, in August.

Fifty years ago, the 164th landed on Guadalcanal in support of the 1st Marine Division, thereby becoming the first U.S. Army element to take offensive ground action against the Japanese in World War II.

"Je Suit Pret" — I am ready — was the motto of the 164th Infantry, and as part of the famous jungle-fighting division, the Americal, won high praise for its fighting at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal and for its continued action during the Americal's island-hopping offensive to neutralize Japanese ground forces in the Pacific.

The Guard is very proud of the men who served in the 164th Infantry Regiment and will honor them in a military parade at Camp Grafton Aug. 1, 1992.

This is a personal invitation to all veterans and their families to attend the ceremonies, which begins at 2 p.m. at the parade field.

Veterans of Guadalcanal are invited to a reception at the Edwards House, Building 4120, starting at 1 p.m.

Those Guadalcanal veterans planning to attend the reception should R.S.V.P. to Col. Vern Fetch, P.O. Box 5511, Bismarck, N.D. 58502-5511 or call (701) 224-5115, no later than July 24.

In addition to Guadalcanal veterans, the parade will honor all past members of the 164th Infantry, the 188th Field Artillery Battalion as well as all North Dakota Veterans of World War II.

50th Anniversary of the Guadalcanal Landing

A reprint from the ND Air National Guard Magazine gives information of the Camp Grafton Event. Listed here are several Devils Lake motels for those who plan to stay overnight.

Artclare Motel, Highway 2 East, 701-662-4001
 Davis Motel, Highway 2 East, 701-662-4927
 Topper Motel, Highway 2 East, 701-662-4089
 Super 8 Motel, Highway 2 East, 701-662-8656
 Days Inn Motel, 701-662-4918 or 800-622-1191
 Trails West Motel, 701-662-5011 or 800-453-5011

Last Roll Call

Peter H. McDonald, Rolla, ND June 7, 1992
 Helmer Mohagen, Grafton, ND January 2, 1992
 Vernon Melhouse, Valley City, ND March 6, 1992
 Lorry M. Rotvold, Mesa, AZ May 21, 1992
 Howard Van Tassel, Lewiston, ID April 9, 1992
 Jay Schlempp, Baileyville, IL June, 1992
 Eugene W. Olson, Detroit Lakes, MN May 9, 1992

Letters ...

4-27-92

Dear Bill,

I read the enclosed article in the Feb. issue of "Minnesota Flyer" magazine. I called the editor today and received his permission to reprint the article in the "164th Infantry News."

May I suggest heading up the article as follows.

ZERO FIGHTERS OVER NORTH DAKOTA

Japanese Warbirds Coming to U.S.

"900 miles to the northwest of Australia lie the Solomon Islands. It was there that some of the bloodiest fighting of the South Pacific occurred in WWII. Most of us remember the names Coral Sea and Guadalcanal among those battles.

After the war, great numbers of relics were left behind by the defeated Japanese. Scavengers made off with much material,

and some was sold to buffs around the world. In later years, the Solomon Islands government passed laws forbidding the retrieval and export of further materials. Sources estimate that over a hundred aircraft, both Allied and Japanese, still remain on these islands. One such treasure trove is the island of Balalai, a former Japanese airbase. It was here that entrepreneurs from the United States discovered as many as thirty Zero fighter planes, five Betty bombers and other types.

Three years ago, Patrick Murphy, a restoration expert, and Chuck Hagen, a Northwest Airlines Captain from Eden Prairie, MN, teamed to begin efforts to win export licenses for examples of these aircraft, in order to bring some to the United States. Part of the agreement was that a restoration facility be built in association with a local Museum at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal. That has been accomplished and the proper export licenses have now been signed between the Solomon Islands government and Hagen's group, Aviation Classics, Inc.

In January of this year, the retrieval operation will have begun and two Zero fighters will be on their way to this country. Hagen and his associates have selected a professional restoration shop in Casselton, North Dakota, to do the work necessary to put the Zero's back in the air. Aviation Classics is looking for additional investors who would like to be part of this endeavor. If you would like to know more about the organization, or be a part of the group who will make the dream of seeing these warbirds flying, contact Chuck Hagen at Leading Edge Aviation, 13801 Pioneer Trail #306, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, or call him at (612) 942-8925."

If you see any of these birds flying overhead with "Meatballs" on their wings, don't shoot them down - they're friendly!

Submitted by
 Les Wichmann
 "B" Service Co.
 2813 Nash Road
 Minneapolis, MN
 55430-2035

Letters ...

7-3-92

Dear Bill:

The last time the Association met in Williston, I was planning a book concerning the first battle that Company E was involved in on Guadalcanal. Someone from Association Headquarters (perhaps it was Keith Parsons) asked me to furnish a finished copy of the book for the Association's Historical Library.

The scope and content of the book are described, generally, in the enclosures. I will be happy to donate a copy of this book to the Association Library if it is desired. I am willing to forward a copy to Association Headquarters, with the understanding that if it is considered undesired, on review, the book will be returned to me. I will pay return postage in such an event.

I don't know whether this matter falls within your area of responsibility, but if it does not, I ask that you forward this letter to the proper decision maker, for response to me.

Sincerely,
John E. Stannard
1770 Hickory Trace
Gallatin, TN 37066

May 26, 1992

Dear Bill,

On May 16, 1992, a group of Americal Veterans met in Las Vegas, NV, and formed the Far West Regional Chapter of the Americal Division Veteran's Association. This Chapter includes the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. We had 71 members at the time. Anyone who resides in the states listed is welcome to join. For information and application forms please write to: Joe D. Feeler, 2923 Truman NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

The following were elected at the charter meeting:

Regional Commander

Joe D. Feeler, Co H 164th Infantry

Sec/Treasurer

John Crowhurst, 2/Bn Medics 182nd Inf.

Sgt/at Arms

Jan Allen Heath, A/1/52 198th LIB

Chaplin

Herbert L. Holt, Co D. 182nd Infantry

I will not be able to attend the reunion in Williston, but I am planning to be at Bismarck in 1993.

Sincerely,
Joe D. Feeler
2923 Truman NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

May 25, 1992

Dear Bill:

Greetings to you and yours on this Memorial Day 1992. I have just finished reading the latest issue of *164th Inf. News*, of April 1992. I want to commend you for having put together another good piece of reporting for our members.

I was very much impressed with the center page spread of the "Battle of Guadalcanal Remembrance Day," and the Senate Joint Resolution 248, as presented by Senator Kent Conrad. I've enclosed a copy of my letter to Senator Conrad, thanking him.

Bill, I'm hoping and counting on you for a special request. Is it possible to get a full size copy of the Proclamation as printed on page 1 of the *164 Inf. News*? As a printing teacher, I can arrange to have 1000 full size Proclamations (in color) at no cost to anyone (gratis). The Proclamations can then be distributed to our members at the Reunion. Sound good? Now its up to you and officers.

Keep up the good work in publishing the *164 Inf. News*.

Sincerely
Nick Cascio
Company H
38 Forte Ave.
Medord, NY 11763

Guadalcanal maps made 2 months before we invaded

These are the original Japanese battle-field maps of the 8921st Corps., Imperial Japanese Army. These maps are in Japanese. It took 10 years of trying to get the interpretation by someone who understood and could read military language. The American language translation is right next to the Japanese printing.

If you spent one day on Guadalcanal, you will want this set of maps. To my knowledge they are the only pre-invasion maps in existence and, as such, are a priceless treasure.

You can trace every step you took in the

battle area. Pick out the area on the beach where you first landed. Follow up the exact route you took through the jungle, through reed grass, hills and rivers. The Lunga River is translated to Runger River. Those who have seen the maps agree that this is a priceless and historical set of maps. Henderson Field is clearly shown and noted that it was to be completed in August, 1942. Auxiliary airfields that would have been built are shown, landing areas, defense areas — it's all there.

I have carried them for 50 years, and now feel they should become available to

all Guadalcanal vets. This offer will be available for a short time, after which the originals will be donated either to the Guadalcanal Memorial Museum in Kalamazoo, Mich., or the Twenty-fifth Infantry Lightning Div. Museum at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. At the same time you place your order, you can vote which museum you would prefer. Majority decision will determine where the maps will go. I will show the final ballot results in the Guadalcanal Echo.

I will be going to Guadalcanal in August. At that time, I will be videotaping raw footage of the areas where most of the fighting occurred. This tape should be at least three hours long, and should, along with the maps, be a treasure to pass along to our families. The tape will be \$40.00 each, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Orders for the tape can be placed right along with your map order.

Don't forget to vote. From the first 1000 I mailed out, 99% were for the Guadalcanal Memorial Museum.

John C. Seelie
2512 Drew St.
Englewood, FL 34224

Translated Japanese Guadalcanal Map Offer

Price for each map is \$10.00 each or \$30.00 for the set, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. To order by phone, call 1-813-697-6989 or send check or money order to John Seelie, 2512 Drew St., Englewood, Florida 34224.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Guadalcanal Mem. Museum _____ 25th Infantry Museum _____

June 18, 1992

Dear Frank:

In our telephone conversation you mentioned that General Flo was seeking \$5,000 from the 164th Association to pay for a plaque at the National Memorial on Skyline Drive, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

I could support this request if the following information was listed on the plaque.

1. Names of all members of the 164th Infantry Regiment that served on Guadalcanal until the date the Regiment left Guadalcanal.
2. List all individuals KIA.
3. List all individuals wounded in action.
4. Indicate date of landing and date of departure of the Regiment.
5. Be sure that the 164th is listed as reinforcing the 1st Marine Division and dates.

Now as to the proposed monument sketches prepared by Walt Johnson and Doug Bartel, maybe it would be a better honor to our departed comrades to have the monument placed in the National Guard Cemetery in Bismarck, North Dakota. I would recommend that the proposed monument list all individuals that served in the 164th Infantry in WWII with special emphasis on those KIA and wounded in action.

I plan to attend the reunion in Williston and will be willing to discuss the various possibilities.

Yours truly,
 James M. Fenelon
 Life Member
 164th Infantry Association
 2510 S. 6th St. - Apt. A-31
 Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

6-24-92

Dear Bill,

Sending \$20.00 to renew my dues and also membership application for Gordon Bostrom. Gordy was 15 when we went to Claiborne and turned 16 on Bougainville. He was discharged in 1945. He re-upped a few years later and after 27 years retired Top Shirt. Keeping it in the family, he has one son in the Marines, and the other in Special Forces. Gordy is my nephew.

If you print my address and telephone number, I'd be happy to hear from all the guys. Last week I caught a salmon so big, his shadow weighed 17 lbs.

James P. Hanson, Sr.
 15810 83rd St. Ct. E 35
 Puyallup, WA 98372-3980
 Tel. (206) 845-4812

Dec. 17, 1991

Subject: Return to Guadalcanal for a visit and ceremony at the American Memorial on October 13, 1992

"Dates to Remember" in the November issue of the 164th Infantry Association describes plans for a trip to Guadalcanal, arranged by Adj. Gen. Alexander McDonald, on or about October 13, 1992, on military aircraft, with space for about twenty Association members. I wish to be considered for a slot to take advantage of this opportunity. I have been a strong supporter of the Association since its inception.

In August, 1987, my wife and I flew with Valor Tours to Guadalcanal to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Memorial, on the 45th anniversary of Marines' landing. Oakland's Channel 2 sent a camera crew and reporter to document the event. Because I was the only combat ground veteran in the tour group, most of the camera shots and remarks were centered on me. (The only such veteran living in the San Francisco Bay area.) Subsequently the documentary was shown three times by TV Channel 2, Oakland.

I enlisted in Co. K, 164th Infantry, Dickinson, early in 1934, rising in rank from Pvt. to Platoon Sgt. by the time of induction into federal service and training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, in January 1941. Aboard ship in spring 1942, heading overseas, I was promoted to 1st Sgt. In New Caledonia I was commissioned 2nd Lt. and sent to Co. C as Rifle Platoon Leader. Approximately sixty days later, on the "Canal", I was promoted to 1st Lt., still in Co. C, 1st Bn. commanded by Lt. Col. Frank Richards. Before the unit was deployed to Fiji, I became X.O. of Co. C under Capt. Fred Flo (now Brig. Gen. retired).

Numerous attacks of malaria and dengue eventually put me in a "fire department" role on Bougainville, and later, in 1944, to Hq. Special Troops as Adjutant. Now a Capt. under Lt. Col. Wm. Smith, I

served in that capacity until I was sent back to the States after Japan's surrender, spending the final three weeks in Japan. I was discharged at Ft. Lewis, and went into the ready reserve, serving various 30, 60, and 90 day special assignments in the Army, being honorably discharged a Lt. Col. in 1974 in October.

I would be honored to be a member of the special tour group, and, having been involved in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Memorial in 1987, I feel that I could be helpful in making the experience more meaningful to other returning veterans of the 164.

Lt. Col. Anton A. Hannel,
 retired
 1001 Rosewood Ave.
 San Carlos, CA 94070

5-11-92

Hi Frank-

How are things with you folks? Are you going to Louisiana this summer? Last Dec. 18th Edna had a quadruple bypass open heart surgery. She is getting along real good now. We are now enjoying our good health and retirement. My neighbor and I are golfing quite often at Elgin.

One of these days when we are in Bismarck I'll give you a call. Maybe we could get together for coffee.

I am enclosing an application for the Guadalcanal trip in August. I hope I'm not too late.

Please accept my application to go on the Guadalcanal trip in August.

S.Sgt Harold W. Krause 20-710.705. Former member of N.D. National Guard - Co. A 164th Inf. Served on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Leyte, Cebu and Negros. Was awarded a commendation for meritorious service in combat on Negros. Member of the 164th Infantry Association since 1951.

Harold W. Krause
 Carson, ND 58529

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Letters ...

Hi Frank:

I hope I'm still considered eligible for membership in the 164th Inf. Assoc. I sorta got left out after Hebe passed on. Just like 14 of us were left at Ord to go to school. Ray Helleckson and I often mention it and regret that they did not live up to the promise we would rejoin the Regt. I still have my Jesu Pret pin. I lost out when Lois got sick to be with her and no regrets. Now I'm picking up and will move her body to the new cemetery where she wanted to be.

Turk
Col. Ulmer (Ret)
Bismarck, ND

Dec. 22, 1991

Gentlemen:

I request to be considered as a member of the group which the Adjutant General of North Dakota is arranging to transport to the Ceremony at the American Memorial on Guadalcanal.

I was a member of Company "A", First Battalion, 164th Infantry Regiment, Americal Division, when we landed on Guadalcanal on October 13, 1942.

I was with the 164th Infantry Regiment when we boarded the troopship for transport to the Fiji Islands.

In May 1944, I was evacuated from Bougainville to a hospital in Guadalcanal because I lost the sight in my left eye from a bomb flash and concussion. There, I visited the cemetery before I was transferred to a hospital in New Hebrides. From New Hebrides, I was flown by PBY to Hawaii, then by B-24 to Letterman General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, where I remained until February 1945. The central vision in my left eye was destroyed.

From there, I was reassigned to Fort

Benning, Georgia, where I trained with the "Here's Your Infantry" group, who depicted an infantry platoon destroying a Japanese machine gun pillbox. Our platoon presented this performance in Iowa and Missouri using a football field to simulate the action to destroy the pillbox at one of the goalpost locations. The "Here's Your Infantry" performance was used to promote the sale of U.S. War Bonds during June and July 1945, throughout the States of America.

On 18 August 1945, I was discharged from the Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia. We drove back to Bismarck, ND, where I went to work for the North Dakota State Highway Department.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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9 July 1992

Dear Frank:

We are just about ready to go on the Pacific Reunion Cruise. We leave for Hong Kong for three days and then back to Manila for three days prior to the Cruise itself on the Ocean Pearl. Just a few of the 164 people are going with us, Steve Chemistruck and Eric Engbrecht from Anti Tank Company, Malcolm McKay and Don Eichelberger and also Mark Durley. We have one Marine and his wife, an Air Force person and his wife and two single ladies from our community, good friends of my wife's. We are all going to do our best to represent the 164 to everyone present on board the ship and on the tours and the dedication of the Memorial. I will be reading the "Proclamation" at the ceremony

and leaving a copy with Canon Bindon for the records of the proceedings.

I have enclosed 40 patches that I had made up in the design that I had previously mentioned to you. I had to have 50 of them done at one time in order to get them done at all and they cost about \$4.00 a piece. I wanted to have some distinctive way of representing the 164 on our jackets when on board the ship or when we were involved in some ceremony or other, so I went ahead and had them made. Perhaps the patches may not satisfy the desire of the Board, but at least you all will have something to think about. If they are satisfactory, more can be obtained at a lesser price, I am sure.

I am sending the patches to you with the thought that you might wish to sell them to the members at the Reunion in Williston, thereby getting some use from them with people who would want one themselves. If you desire to make some reimbursement for those 40 patches (no big deal about his though), I would be happy to accept \$2.50 a piece, but my main interest in having these for the cruise was to get recognition and identification for the 164!!!

I am going to take some slides of the Memorial Dedication Ceremony and will be sending them to you for the reunion so that all can see what a great day this was for all of us who were present. Will write again as soon as I get back which will be around the 16th of August.

Best regards,
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