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The 164th INFANTRY News

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1993 is our 47th ass'n yr

August 1993

Notes From The Editor

One of the topics to be discussed at the Annual Meeting is the details 164th memorial to be placed at the Veteran's Cemetery near "Old Fort Lincoln" south of Mandan, ND.

The visit of David Vouza at this Reunion will have to be postponed to a later meeting. Time and difficulties in communication kept us from having him at this reunion.

The Reunion Committee expects to have a well attended Reunion. Most events will be held at the Radisson Inn. The food should be excellent, as it has been in the past.

The Editor welcomes Zane Jacob to the Association. Zane found out about the Association through a personal computer owned by the Editor's daughter, Carol, in Lincoln, Nebraska and a computer net-

work called "Prodigy." So we may have a new method of recruiting members.

James F. Carroll, 4 Cedar St., Lynbrook, NY 11563, telephone 516-887-3938 has embroidered 164th Infantry shoulder patches and crests available. This information is from the Americal News Letter. Crests are \$4.00 and patches are \$3.00.

Received in the mail was a box from John Miller who went overseas as First Sergeant of A Company, attended OCS at Camp Stevens, Noumea, New Caledonia, was assigned to AT Company and later as CO Regimental Headquarters Company. In the box are newspaper clippings telling about the 164 campaigns, a number of pictures and a history of Company A written by Corporal David O'Rourke. Unfortunately the history ends prior to the Regiment going overseas.

Late Note: Information received August 17, 1993 from Harry Horseman, National Historian, Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans, reveals the information that David Vouza was entertained by the 1st Marine Division Veterans in Houston at their annual reunion, taken on a trip to Washington, DC prior to the reunion and has since returned to the Solomon Islands. We can't hope to top this so perhaps we should re-evaluate our position on entertaining Mr. Vouza.

164th Inf. Personnel Section, St. Vincent, New Caledonia (Nov/42?) Submitted by John A. Fischbach



1st Row: Don Van Slyke, Lester Forde, John A. Fischbach, George Seidlinger, Hilmar Olson. 2nd Row: Robert Carter, Thorvald Lillevik, Clarence Althenthal, Willis Sewall. Back row: Clifford Struck, John R. Erickson, Emil Schweigert, Henry Sehrt, Robert Hess, Walter Ensminger, Coleman Heath, Court Marty, Carroll Walsh, Kenneth Freed, Stanley Libera, Vern McGregor, Tom R. Mikkelson.

164th Memorial Donations

Henry S. Rose, Jr.	\$50
Vic Athias	25
Adrian Holten	10
Vic. Powers	10

New Members

John W. Gregory, St. Louis, MO
Frank D. Maria, Elyria, OH
Joe Cuellar, Corrales, NM
Henry S. Rose, Jr., San Angelo, TX
Zane E. Jacobs, Seaside, CA
Cliff Loken, Renton, WA



164th Infantry Association 47th Reunion

September 24 - 26 1993
Radisson Inn
Bismarck, ND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION BEGINS
7:00 P.M.	SOCIAL HOUR
9:00 TO 12:00 P.M.	DANCING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 - 9:00 A.M.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:30 A.M.	MEMORIAL SERVICE
10:00 A.M.	BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 NOON	LADIES LUNCHEON COURT YARD
12:00 NOON	MENS LUNCHEON GP ROOM
2:00 - 4:30 P.M.	TOUR - TBA GUADACANAL SLIDES
6:30 P.M.	SOCIAL HOUR
7:30 P.M.	BANQUET
9:00 P.M.	DANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.	BRUNCH
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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

The Great Bougainville Artillery Battle, First Installment

The location of the 164th Infantry Regiment on Bougainville is well known to those who served with the Regiment on the Island. The third Battalion occupied the left flank of the Regimental sector and the Regiment occupied the left flank of the Americal Division sector. K Company occupied about the center of the Island perimeter and the right flank of the Third Battalion sector with A Company to the right of K. The Second Platoon was on the right flank of the Company sector. From

that position Mount Bagana, an active volcano, could be seen to the right front. The Torakina River flowed between the mountain and Hill 260. To the left of Hill 260 were a series of rain forest enveloped razor back ridges in a semi-circle almost to the perimeter held by the 37th Division. These ridges were about 1500 to 2000 yards from K Company positions.

The first indication of enemy activity in front of the 3rd Battalion sector was reported by the Platoon leader of the 2nd

Platoon of K Co. to the Battalion S-2. The second Platoon, after climbing a high ridge about 1000 yards from the perimeter the platoon heard what sounded like chopping and muffled voices. The lateness of the day and a steep descent between the platoon and the sounds prevented the platoon from further investigation that day. Any follow-up of this information was never reported to the Platoon leader. The entire perimeter was placed on alert soon after. With two men in each foxhole, a strengthening of the wire apron and listening stations established in front of the perimeter.

The men of K Company were rudely awakened just before dawn when flashes of light were seen coming from the wooded ridges about 1500 yards from the perimeter. Soon was heard the unmistakable sound of artillery rounds passing overhead. Fortunately for K Company, the targets were in the rear areas. A series of explosions were heard coming from these areas.

Soon the Division Artillery began firing. Directions from K Company area helped them to start firing almost immediately and before forward observers were in place. The enemy guns were well camouflaged and protected by log bunkers. The Division Artillery cleared the camouflage around the guns so that the emplacements could be seen. The enemy continued firing even though their position had been revealed. Through field glasses could be seen the Japanese frantically trying to repair the camouflage. In the next installment readers will find out how these positions were destroyed, if they don't already know from first hand experience.

TO BE CONTINUED ...

Letters . . .

30 June 1993

Dear Bill,

Occasionally you print some old pictures of 164th Inf. men and places. I dug these up from some of my fifty-year files for reminiscing and a few laughs.

Photo of personnel section, I'm not sure of the date. Later we moved to the Dumbea River Valley where we (rear echelon) celebrated Christmas Eve midnite mass able to read our prayers by full moonlight.

The other two photos were of Fr. Tom Tracy celebrating Christmas Mass outdoors next to train.

Last Saturday, 6/26, the Twin City Chapter of the 164th Inf. Assn. had our summer picnic at Don & Alice Van Slyke's beautiful place on Turtle Lake (5090 N. Lexington Ave.). In attendance were: Art & Adela Allen, Jess & Goldie Bandow, Clyde &

Gloria Cahoon, Bob & Fran Gehrman, Geo. & Evelyn Huffman, Shirley Rivkin, Wes & Sylvia Rockne, Ray & Ruth Sawyer, Willis & Myrt Sewall, Fran & Mary Sommers, Betty Sullivan, Arvid Thompson, Roland & Lorraine Thone, Don & Alice Van Slyke, plus me.

Norvin Hendrickson called me later saying that he gave up when he ended up in Lino Lakes. He'll have to take map reading over again. Dr. Hubert Flannery not feeling well enough to attend. Stasia Flannery in hospital recovering from broken hip. Rus Opat not well. Rus and Dort Landgren and Ray & Avis Olson cancelled last minute for health reasons. WHERE WAS JIM FENELON??????

Please return the picture eventually.

Sincerely,
John A. Fischbach
785 Armstrong Ave.
St. Paul, MN 551202-3813

Fr. Tom Tracy celebrating Christmas Mass 1941 outdoors next to train enroute from Frisco Cow Palace to Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Sent in by John A. Fischbach.



Bougainville. The volcano in the center and Torakina River in the foreground.

Glen Wick and Gil Shirley from A Co. model the latest addition to their wardrobe. Camp Claiborne.

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Letters . . .

May 29, 1993

Dear Bill

I received the 164th Infantry News again and can say I honestly enjoy it and read it eagerly as it always sparks memories of Guadalcanal and buddies who gave their all.

I sincerely feel that the Poem "The Fighting 164" as submitted by Ira Keeney should be written and placed somewhere on the proposed 164th Memorial as it indeed symbolizes the feelings and thoughts as depicted by many of us Guadalcanal veterans.

Really, give this your priority thinking as it should be so written on the memorial plaque and if time permits I bet at the convention September 24-25-26 a unanimous vote would be to have said poem so immortalized.

Sincerely,
Vince Powers
Co. "B" 164th Inf.
147 Sweathouse Road
Victor, Montana 59875

8/5/93

Dear Bill;

Enclosed my check for \$20 to cover the 3 tickets and plus \$10 annual membership dues. Should my name be drawn I plan to contribute the windfall to the 164th kitty.

Keep up the good work Frank and you, Bill.

Yours truly,
Anthony A. Hannel
LTC USA (RET)
1001 Rosewood Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070

P.S. By the way, I still have not received the videos that Shirley promised us for \$5 each. I wrote her recently but no answer as yet.

Editor's Note: I received mine on Thursday. So Tony should have received his by now.

Earl Chase

WASHBURN — Earl W. Chase, 72, Washburn, died May 23, 1993, in a Bismarck hospital. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Lutheran Church, Washburn.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. today at Perry Funeral Home, Monday, and will continue after 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Further arrangements are pending.

SUBJECT: Reunion Letter, Ticket Project & Dues Reminder

TO: Members and Friends of the 164th Infantry Assoc.

REUNION DATES - September 24, 25, 26, 1993

PLACE - Radisson Inn - Phone (701) 258-7700

800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND

Another year has gone by and we are all one year older. Now remember fellas we are not getting any younger, which should tell us we better take advantage of every reunion we can, as long as we're still able to, right? Therefore, I extend a personal invitation to all members to attend the Bismarck Reunion in September 1993. As before, all activities are under one roof so you don't have to go out unless you want to shop or go on a tour.

Our committee has worked diligently to get things in order for all of you to have a good time and don't forget to include your lovely ladies. Our ladies' committee has planned a good time for you, so please come along.

Wee including 3 tickets for the \$164.00 prizes. If you can't make the Reunion, we would appreciate the \$10.00 to help defray expenses. We give out 3 winners of \$164.00 each.

Annual membership dues of \$10.00 may be included with your registration fee. This covers the \$6.00 subscription to the 164th Infantry News.

Our advance registration form is included herein. Early return will be appreciated. Refunds will be made if you have to bug out.

I would be remiss is I didn't covey my thanks to the Secretary and Editor of the Association. These two guys work hard all year and we couldn't function without them. More information on the Reunion in the next 164th News.

Sincerely,
Ben Glatt, President

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

(Please list names EXACTLY as you wish them to appear on the convention badge.)

(NAME)

(SPOUSE'S NAME)

Please include check for registration fee: Single - \$12.50 Double - \$25.00

Please make room reservations directly with the Hotel..

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 1994 — \$10.00 which includes \$6.00 subscription to 164th News.
Send to Secretary 164th Infantry, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502.**

08-09-93

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is my check for \$35.00 (\$25.00 registration and \$10.00 tickets). I am a life member of the 164 Assoc. Also the stubs for the tickets are enclosed.

We hope that all is well with all of you and we will see you at the reunion.

Please notice the P.O. Box 223 in my address. It has to be on my address in order to get my mail.

Thank you.

As ever,
Pete Grant
503 4th Ave. Box 223
Strum, WI 54770

May 14, 1993

Hello Bill:

I have not received a newsletter since December 1992. They changed my zip code number, it is now 91325. We don't have too many Americans down here so you have to have the correct address.

We are still taking care of our two grandchildren but some day I hope to come back to God's country for a visit.

Have fun at the Reunion.

Sincerely,
Neil A. Tennyson
18245 Osborne St.
Northridge CA 91325

July 17, 1993

Bill:

Under separate cover, I am mailing you a box of pictures and newspaper clippings about the 164th. I want you to go thru these, keep what you'd like, and discard the rest. In the years to come, I feel that my children would not really appreciate this material and might even discard it when I'm not around.

My wife and I attended the reunion in Williston a few years ago — and enjoyed it very much. You will remember me as your 1st Sgt. in Co. A, my Lieutenant days with the anti-tank Co., and then C.O. of Regimental Hdq. Co.

The good Lord willing, I will try to get back to N.D. for another reunion.

Best personal regards,
John Miller
1941 Beach Drive
Seaside, OR 97138

July 4, 1993

Attention President Ben Glatt:

This letter is to inform you that my husband, Harold Bernard Clines, passed away on August 29, 1993. Harold had proudly served with the 164th Infantry-American Division, in Leyte and Bougainville, from February 1944 thru April 18, 1945.

On Harold's discharge papers are the following:

Battles and Campaigns: Northern Solomons-Southern Philippines

Decorations and Citations: Philippine Liberation Ribbon with (1) Bronze Service Star, Purple Heart with (1) Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge, APTC Ribbon with (1) Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Ribbon.

Wounds Received in Action: Bougainville 18 April 1944, Leyte 4 March 1945.

Harold's Serial # 37484583T43.

This is the history which I know of Harold's early life in the service:

Graduated from high school in May 1943. Entered U.S. Army - August 1943. Basic training at Camp Fannin-Texas-completed basic in January 1944. Sent to the Pacific Theatre-assigned to the Americal Division in the infantry. Entered combat in February 1944 on Bougainville. Wounded April 18, 1944 - received the Purple Heart Medal. Landed on Leyte Island in January 1945. Received a serious leg wound (on his birthday) - March 4, 1945. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Hospitalized in Leyte until July 1945. Transferred back to the U.S.A. to the Veterans Hospital at Okonogee, Oklahoma until September 1945. Transferred to Fort Carson Army Hospital in Colorado Springs until October 1945 - medical discharged.

I am very interested in "The Memorial" for all who served in the 164th Infantry - even if they were not originally from the North Dakota guard units.

I would be highly honored to have my Harold's name listed. Harold was a devoted military person. After the war he learned to fly and he joined the Civil Air Patrol in Omaha, Nebraska. He was with that group for ten years until we moved to Colorado. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and was with that group for 15 years until the day of his death. He loved his country, the flag, and the uniform.

Enclosed is the death notice of my husband.

Thank you,
Margaret Clines

The Last Roll Call

Frank Paternoster, Washington, DC June 7, 1993
Ralph Lepper, International Falls, MN September 18, 1992
Earl Chase, Washburn, ND May 23, 1993
Harold Clines, Arvada, Co August 29, 1992
Percy R. Hambrick, Carrington, ND May 27, 1993
Jack W. Williams, Fargo, ND March 12, 1993

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