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The 164th INFANTRY News

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1994 is our 48th ass'n yr

August, 1994

164th Infantry Memorial

Don Robinson, President, 164th Infantry Association stated that the final stages for the completion of the 164th memorial are underway with the setting in place of the two 9 x 5 feet granite panels in the Veterans cemetery south of Mandan, ND. The granite panels will be placed together to form an open book. One panel is a scene of a 164th Infantry Patrol and a brief history of the Regiment's battle engagements in WWII. The other panel has the map of North Dakota showing the home cities and towns where units of the 164th Infantry were located.

Walter Johnson, architect, reported that the Cold Springs Granite Co. from Cold Springs, Minnesota, will deliver the two granite panels to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery on August 16. Metric Construction from Bismarck will have a crane to lift the panels off the truck and set them on the concrete foundation.

The two polished granite panels are each five feet high, nine feet long and eight inches thick. Each panel weighs 5164 pounds.

The formal dedication of the 164th Infantry Memorial on September 24, 1994 at 1:00 p.m., will be part of the Annual Reunion of the Regiment. The reunion will be in Bismarck, ND on September 23-24-25, 1994 at the Radisson Hotel. Each year, many members of the Regiment no longer answer at roll call. As part of the dedication program, a memorial booklet will be available which will list the names of the 164th Infantry men killed in action (KIA) in WWII. In 600 days of combat, the Regiment suffered 325 men KIA. Half of the KIA were from North Dakota. Two thousand Purple Hearts were awarded to men wounded in combat.

Before WWII ended, men from 43 states served in the 164th Infantry. These were individuals that came in as replacements for those KIA, wounded and individuals sent back to the United States on rotation.

Lt. Colonel Robert K. Hall, Jamestown, ND, was awarded the Navy Cross for his leadership of the 3rd Battalion in stopping a Japanese frontal attack 1/2 mile from Henderson Field on Guadalcanal. The Navy

Cross, the nation's second highest awarded by General Vandergrift of the 1st Marine Division.

All donations received before September 1, 1994 will be listed in the dedication booklet. Your gift can be in memory of or in honor of any individual you wish to choose. Checks can be made payable and mailed to:

**164th Infantry Monument
Box 1111
Bismarck, ND 58502-1111**

164th Infantry Association 48th Reunion

**September 23 - 25, 1994
Radisson Inn, Bismarck, ND**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

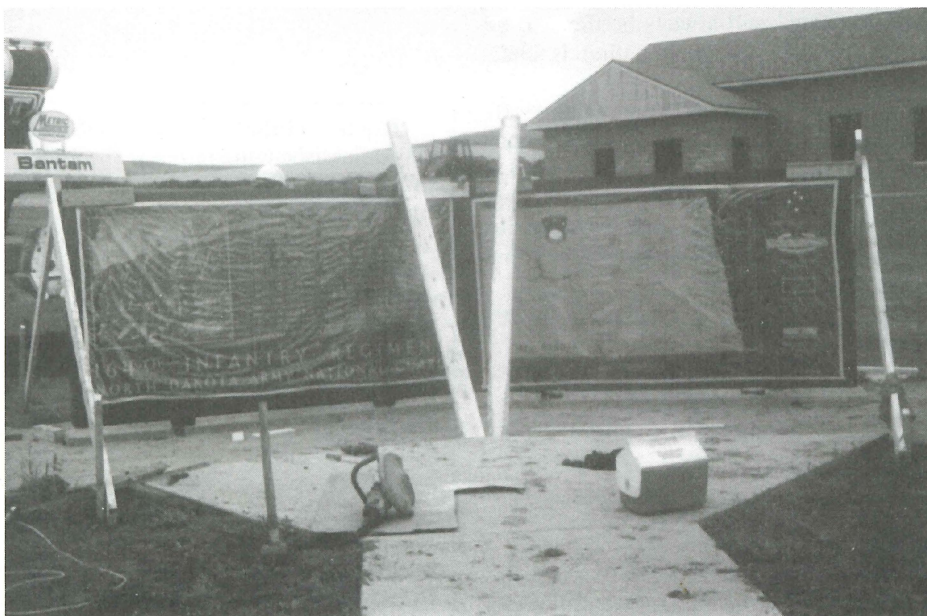
2:00 p.m. Registration Begins
5:00-7:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00-9:00 p.m. Business Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00- 8:30 a.m. Continental
Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Meeting For All
Attendees
11:00 a.m. Ladies Luncheon -
Court Yard
11:00 a.m. Mens Luncheon -
Patterson Room
12:30 p.m. Bus Departs To Vet-
erans Cemetery
1:30 p.m. Dedication Ser-
vices of Memorial
6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:30 p.m. Banquet
9:00 p.m. Dance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30-10:30 a.m. Brunch
**ATTEND THE CHURCH OF
YOUR CHOICE**



Granite panels of the 164th Memorial at the Veterans Cemetery south of Mandan, ND.

Letters ...

August 2, 1994

Dear Frank:

Thanks for the prompt reply and copies of the 164th Infantry News. Plus the National Guard magazines detailing the unit's trip back to Guadalcanal. I didn't read of that in the Americal newsletter, although it sounds as if it were in it.

Enclosed is a donation toward covering your mailing and handling expense. I plan to use some of the articles (photocopying them) in the newsletter I write for the Americal Artillerymen of WW II. I'll enclose a copy of the current issue with this. That story about bringing up the 90 mm to shoot point blank was a new one on me. They would have been AA artillery anyway, and Corps.

I was a horse cavalryman turned artillery when we were Federalized in January 1941 and hated it from the start. Perhaps if they had still been horse drawn I might have suffered it, but they weren't. I tried to transfer out a couple of times, but they wouldn't let a trained artilleryman go, they said. Finally, I did get a transfer into the Recon Troop which was cavalry, after 3 1/2 years in the artillery.

I spent the balance of the war with them.

We thought very highly of the 164th Infantry, as did the Marines. I had a lot of buddies who joined the Marines, en masse after Pearl Harbor and almost all of them wound up on Guadalcanal with the 1st Marines. They couldn't say enough about your guys and one of them came home with an M-1, which I swore he stole from one of your people. He finally gave it to me and my son has it now, and treasures it as a souvenir of Guadalcanal.

On page 6 of the "Straight Arrow" mag there is a picture of Chuck Walker. He is the one I corresponded with many years ago when I edited the Americal Newsletter. He was a retired Major, I think, and had some good pictures we ran. He was a contractor, I think, and wonder if he's still with you guys. Is he on your roster? I'd like to contact him again if he's still with us.

We discussed the "Dime a Dozen Club" on Bougainville, which was a pretty unique outfit and the 164 was the only one who had one.

Enclosed is a copy of our current issue of "Cannoneers Posts" which goes out bi-monthly. That story of the 164 will make good reading for the guys, and some of the other parts, too. I will forward the whole works to Eric Bergerud if you say so, but would rather put them in the new Americal Museum when it opens in Worcester for a record of what you guys did out there. I'll keep you posted on what's happening there.

Do your best to keep the 164 News in action, it's the only way to keep the lads in touch these days as we all get older. Send me a copy when it prints, and if you like I'll put you on my mailing list, too.

Best regards,
Bill McLaughlin
155 River Ridge Dr.
Marstons Mills, MA 02648

June 8, 1994

Dear Bill:

Young people today have the same adventuresome spirit as their forebears. The genes of men and women that went into battle still race through their veins.

My sons asked me "How could the young men and women of WWII and Korea do the things they were called on to do on a day basis of combat?" I can never find an answer for them as I cannot understand how these young people of today do all of the wonderful uplifting things they do as a matter of routine. Perhaps many of these perplexing questions were answered the other day.

Brent Knudsen, in his 70's, "B" Co. 164th Infantry, Guadalcanal veteran, who plays golf in our foursome has out-played us, out-driven, out-putted us the past three matches. His will to win by one stroke in the last outing impressed us.

We noticed his facial color was not as it usually is, he seemed a bit more tired at the 18th and 19th holes. As we left the club house, Brent shook my hand and told me he would not be playing next week as he was going to have his 5th heart bypass. The nonchalant manner of his telling our group of his pending operation and other medical problems may be why we older people and our offsprings will always be there to be counted when our great nation is challenged.

There is a quality in the young offsprings of men like Brent Knudsen, non-complaining, quite strong men and women mentally prepared, morally ready to face the day to day challenges that make up our nation. Brent Knudsen has these many fine traits. I wish him well.

He'd be glad to get letters from his friends.

Brent Knudsen
820 Garfield Dr.
Petaluma, Ca. 94952

June 17, 1994

Frank,

Brent Knudson has not yet had his operation. He said the doctors are still undecided as to when or if they will operate. Brent is in good spirits.

Don

Letter from Lois P. Baglien

The Association received a contribution from Lois and also a letter asking that Col. Sam Baglien's old comrades drop her a line as she is housebound and not in the best of health. She is now 87 years of age and would be most happy to receive any news from LTC Baglien's 164th Infantry friends. Her address is PO Box 1270, Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1270.

May 18, 1994

Dear Don,

I can't find the Burns' boys records but I'm sure they are on file. I do not know the date of their discharge but I was there at the old Crystal Ball Room (or was it downstairs at the Avalon?) February 10th, 1941 when they all left for Camp Claiborne.

Eddie and I were married January 4, 1942 in Walla Walla, Washington, when they were stationed there. However, Eddie was at Hermiston, Oregon, but we went up to Walla Walla where part of Hdq. was stationed and we were married there.

All three were wounded by the same mortar shell.

Eddie and Pete are deceased but Bill is in the V.A. hospital in Washington D.C.

This is a great thing you are doing. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Loila Burns-Hedstrom
Hoffman, MN

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Bismarck, ND

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June 17, 1994

Dear Frank:

Each newsletter informs us of the men and women that pass on, all special in their own way, each will be remembered by those that knew and loved them.

May 10, 1994 will make a day of quiet prayer for Bill Tillotson. In many homes throughout this great nation, Bill Tillotson will long be remembered for his ability to cohesively bring together the older veterans and the younger men and women that make up the 164th Infantry Association. His passing on will place him in great stead with all of the 164th Infantry Association members that patiently wait us all.

God is with you, Bill, as he is with us, the living. You are being held so much closer now. We, the ones, you came in touch with over these many years of your devoted service to the 164th Infantry Association shall always remember you and your many unselfish acts to keep the complicated functioning of the 164th Infantry Association newsletter available and on time with its many interesting articles and letters of interest.

Bill's professional and quite unassuming manner of answering each of the questions directed his way will always be remembered as well as this good man's many qualities which he and other men of the 164th Infantry Association have placed in the ring of life as we know it.

Great nations such as ours call on men like Bill Tillotson. All of the offsprings of these men that have served their country and their fellow-man will take up the challenge and continue these fine qualities Bill Tillotson let us all be guided by your friendship and love for the 164th Infantry Association.

I, like the other men that were unable to attend your services physically will pray for you and will remember you. Wait patiently for us to join you.

When I see the United States flag flying proudly waving and whipping in the wind I think of men like Bill Tillotson, a friend.

God Bless Them All,

An out of state member of the
164th Infantry Association

June 8, 1994

Bill Tillotson,

One of the good guys, still able to read and tell a joke, usually on himself as a young man trapping beaver tails in his hometown. I didn't even know they had beaver in Fargo.

Am enclosing 1995 dues, I had best do it now.

Sincerely,
Don E. Hoppe
Co. "E" 164th

July 28, 1994

Dear Sirs:

I deeply regret to inform you that my beloved husband, Conrad A. Anderson, passed away on March 11th. Connie was inducted into the army at Fort Snelling on April 25th, 1941. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and saw action in the Guadalcanal and Northern Solomons campaigns. He was associated with several companies but most of his service was with Headquarters Company where he held the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was separated from the service on June 16th, 1945 after his brother, Maynard, was killed in Germany.

The last four years of Connie's life was spent in a wheelchair due to a slip of the surgeon's knife at Mayo, Rochester. Despite this handicap he did manage to attend several conventions where he could recall those many war experiences with his buddies. Belonging to the prestigious 164th was a matter of deep pride for Connie, as it is, I imagine, for all the members.

Good luck as you carry on with the reunions and thank you for your many kindnesses.

Sincerely,
Bernice Anderson
Box 26
Palermo, ND 58769

Dear Mr. Fenelon

Our membership in the Americal Division Veterans Association is surely active.

Many of our members also belong to other sister organizations such as the 164th Infantry Association. One of our fine members, Jay Roth, was kind enough to share with me his 164th newsletter which I found to be most interesting and well done.

I could not help but notice that the 164th was in the process of building a much

deserved memorial in North Dakota. I see that you are soliciting funds, and support for this project. Our Association Adjutant has advised me that we have a small amount in our funds that can be allocated for this purpose. I have authorized a check to be made out to your fund and have had our adjutant turn it over to Mitch of your association who will get it to you properly. I'm sure that every little bit will help.

May I also offer any assistance that the Americal Division Veterans Association can give you. If you would write to our Editor, Jim Ruckle, I am sure he would make room in our newsletter any and all appeals that you may have for help. We are all brothers "Under the Southern Cross," and I for one would be pleased to see a monument built.

The Americal Division Veterans Association was, I am proud to say, the largest contributor of any Unit organization for the Guadalcanal Memorial. I may also add that these contributions were given in a large part by Americal Division Vietnam Veterans such as myself. We the second generation of Americal Veterans are honored by your acquaintance.

In closing, let me on behalf of the Americal Division Veterans Association membership wish you all of the success possible in this project. There are many of the Veterans from all over the United States that helped shape the history of the 164th Infantry Regiment and I hope that you may also include them in this undertaking.

Yours in Comradeship,
John H. DeGroot
Past National Commander
Americal Division Veterans
Association

Souvenir Donation

Tony Hannel and his wife, Olga, have donated coral fragments and soil from the ground breaking ceremonies at Skyline Ridge where a War Memorial was dedicated on the 45th anniversary of the Marines landing on Guadalcanal. This Memorial was dedicated on 7 Aug 1987, with Tony representing the 164th Infantry Regiment. He also sent us a blade of kunai grass picked up on the Canal during this trip.

Tony gives credit for these mementos to his wife, Olga, who did the actual filching.

The Association will present these souvenirs to the North Dakota National Guard Museum for permanent display at Camp Grafton, ND. Thanks Tony and Olga.

Memorial Contributions

Corrections and/or Additions to 1st Contributors List

Elmo N. Heffeman should read Elmo N. Heffernan
 Ben Osborne should read Ben Osborne
 Melvin Kjers should read Melvin Kjera
 Waldemard Johnson should read Waldemar Johnson
 Sylvia Bolloletti should read Sylvia Bossoletti
 Jeff Watcher should read Jeff Wachter
 J.C. Jungnitsch contributed \$50.00

Contributions Received 6 Jul 94, through 15 Aug 94

Arthur E. Pepple \$50.00
 Lena Hartl 50.00
In honor of Arthur E. Pepple
 Weston L. Maly 25.00
 Donald D. DeLap 25.00
 Cletis E. King 10.00
 Edward Gaik 50.00
 Malcolm J. McKay 50.00
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 Roy "Lindy" Lindberg 25.00
In honor of Co L buddies
 Fred P. Maier 10.00
 City of Bottineau 164.00
 Bismarck Printing & Mailing 150.00

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In Memory of Roger T. Melroe and In Honor of all Members of the 164 Infantry Band
 Robert M. Carr 50.00
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 Orville N. Dodge 50.00
 Alvera Schuld 25.00
In Memory of John F. Schuld
 Lawrence D. Webb 25.00
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(total of 1640.00)
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President of Association 1974
 Ray Gibbens 50.00
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 Tom Baker 50.00
In Memory of Richard (Dick) Myers

Joe Perry 100.00
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In Honor of Gen. H.L. Hogan III, USAF Ret.
 William C. Keller 164.00
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In Memory of Frank Keller Jr.
 Traill County 164.00
In Honor of Traill County
 Ralph & Alice Gaugler 239.00
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 Mildred Stimson 164.00
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 Joe Poleschook 25.00
 Douglas McMahan 50.00
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In Memory of All Traill County Veterans
 Harold P. & Marie A. Bensch 50.00
In Memory of LT Herbert G. Procter Who served in 1898-1899
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 Co G, 164th Inf Reunion Gp 164.00
In Honor of All Co G Veterans
 Walter J. Mellem 100.00
 E.F. Welch 50.00
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In Honor of All Who Served
 Bernard & Marlene Vculek 100.00
In Memory of Veterans from Bean Goodwin Post Oakes, ND
 Alice E. Rott 25.00
In Memory of Glen W. Rott
 Fred E. Whisenand 25.00
 H.O. McAdow 50.00
 Ray's Lawns Inc. 50.00
In Memory of Leon H. McIntyre WWII Veteran
 Melvin Shirley 25.00
 John R. Barbero 50.00
 Emrys Evans 25.00
 Herbert Klein 25.00
 Ervin W. Swapp 25.00
 Donald K. Van Slyke 164.00
 John A. Yonker 25.00

Memorial Contribution Notes

W. Mark Durley Jr. contributed \$1640.00 to the 164th Infantry Memorial in honor of nine comrades of the 164th Infantry. Quote from Mark's letter "In so doing, I wish to acknowledge nine members of the 164th Infantry Regiment who contributed positively to my learning of my various jobs; who contributed towards my attitudes concerning life in the military and afterwards in civilian ventures and my general well-being."

- 1/SGT Joe Otmar
- CWO Clifford Struck
- CWO Bernard Simmons
- 1LT Rudy R. Franklin
- CPT Ivan B. Conwell
- CPT Gordon Lamont
- CPT Morris W. Stroud
- MAJ John A. Gossett
- COL Crump Garvin

Herman D. Wildermuth, a really, really old soldier, was a member of the 164th Infantry Regiment in the 30's while attending college in Fargo, ND. That college had to be old NDAC, commonly known as Cow College. Herman donated \$200.00 for memorials to the following two friends:

Major George Schatz, MD, who served with the 164th Infantry Regiment on Guadalcanal

Captain George R. Newgard., who was killed on Guadalcanal 16 Oct 1942

Herman says in his letter "I was not on Guadalcanal with the 164th Infantry but was a member of Headquarters Co, Fargo, during my college days. I got to know Captain Newgard at college and at our six-weeks training camp for our Reserve Commission.

I became well acquainted with Major Schatz while he was the Doctor in our hometown of Linton, ND."

Memorial Contributions

Clarence Tollefson	25.00	Betty Anderson & Family	164.00	Tomy Clausen	25.00
Americal Division Veterans Assn	100.00	<i>In Memory of Williard F. Anderson</i>		<i>(total of 100.00)</i>	
Orville E. Howe	20.00	Merritt Ogren	25.00	Agnes K. Scharwark	20.00
Gerald O. Sanderson	50.00	Kevin P. McNulty	25.00	Kenneth O. Lystad	25.00
John A. Landowski	100.00	<i>In Honor of James Fenelon</i>		Elwood G. Grove	10.00
City of Cavalier	164.00	William Love	50.00	Raymond G. Maxson	50.00
<i>In Honor of Hq 1st Battalion of the</i>		LeRoy A. Boettcher	\$20.00	Mrs. Adrien Sevigny	25.00
<i>164th Inf</i>		George "Woody" Gagnon	25.00	<i>In Memory of Adrien A. Sevigny</i>	
Yahnke Insurance Agency	50.00	<i>In memory of Bernie Lyons</i>		Annebel Lee Kane	50.00
Syliva Bossoletti	20.00	Charles T. Bell	164.00	<i>In Memory of Thomas E. Kane</i>	
<i>(total \$50.00)</i>		Charles T. Bell	164.00	Roy D. Olson	25.00
Reuben Zeller	25.00	<i>In Memory of Roger T. Melroe and</i>		Walter J. Thome Post #45	164.00
Sam Vitrachenko	15.00	<i>Dorothea Melroe</i>		American Legion	
Leonard A. Clemens	25.00	George Timock	64.00	Nicholas Cascio	25.00
Pasquale Grande	20.00	<i>(Total of 114.00)</i>		<i>(Total of 50.00)</i>	
Clair E. Tongen	50.00	Vern S. Tittsworth	100.00	<i>In Memory of Joseph Mancini Co</i>	
Emil I. Blomstrann	25.00	Stanley T. Gadowski	15.00	<i>H</i>	
Tracy D. Kaldor	25.00	William Johnson	25.00	William A. Parker	50.00
Vernon W. Bogner	25.00	Dave Anstadt	10.00	C. Sabin Arnquist	25.00
Emil H. Oelschlager	15.00	<i>In Memory of Joe Sanland</i>		Joseph Burgad	25.00
George Timock	50.00	F.O.E. No. 3080, Harvey, ND	200.00	<i>(Total of 50.00)</i>	
<i>(Pledged 164.00)</i>		Urologic Associates Ltd.	100.00	Mrs. Alvin Torstad	50.00
Bruce L. Moore	15.00	Eric Engbrecht	164.00	<i>In Memory of Alvin Torstad</i>	
Rhiny L. Weber	10.00	<i>In Memory of Merlin Mannel</i>		Mrs. Joseph A. Kennedy	25.00
H.L. Madson	100.00	Doreen & Paul Vangerud	50.00	<i>In Memory of Joseph A. Kennedy</i>	
<i>In Honor of Co "B" 164th Inf.</i>		Mrs. Belinda B. Brocopp	164.00	Melvin T. Gutterud	25.00
Kenneth F. Keyes	50.00	<i>In Honor of Col. Herman B.</i>		<i>Omitted previously</i>	
Lois P. Baglien	50.00	<i>Brocopp</i>		Tom Vagle	25.00
<i>In Memory of LTC Sam Baglien</i>		Mark & Grace L. Foss	50.00	<i>(Company G 1953-1955)</i>	
Paul F. Kercher	10.00	<i>In Memory of Lt. Cmdr. M.O. Foss</i>		Ben Glatt	25.00
Norton A. Tangen	25.00	<i>Sr. US Navy (WWI & WWII), Chief</i>		Glenn Zerface	10.00
Robert Todd	25.00	<i>Yeomanette Ethel L. Foss US Navy</i>		<i>In Memory of Harold Zerface</i>	
Leland Simek	50.00	<i>(WWI), Yeoman 2d Class Helena</i>		Margaret K. Jennings	25.00
E.S. Dygve	100.00	<i>M. Foss US Navy (WWII)</i>		<i>In Memory of Wayne T. Jennings</i>	
Herman D. Wildermuth	100.00	Brotherhood of St. Anthony	50.00	Lyle F. Mollet	50.00
<i>(Total 200.00)</i>		<i>In Honor of All Who Served</i>		Joseph Paper	100.00
<i>In Memory of Maj. George D.</i>		Dennis Rennell Ferck	164.00	<i>In Memory of Charles Paper LT</i>	
<i>Schatz M.D. and Capt. George R.</i>		Kenneth W. Schauss	100.00	<i>164th Inf. Wounded on Leyte,</i>	
<i>Newgard</i>		Ervin H. Remmers	25.00	<i>Received the Purple Heart</i>	
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jamestown,		James P. Hanson Sr.	50.00	Robert J. Erickson	250.00
ND	50.00	Joseph Ramsfield	25.00	<i>In Memory of Col John R.</i>	
VFW Schwandt Goodman Post 9050,		Clifford Ottinger	25.00	<i>Erickson (USAR) and Edna C.</i>	
Enderlin, ND	50.00	John R. Treider	25.00	<i>Erickson</i>	
Ernest E. Petterson	50.00	Edward J. Kemble	25.00	James R. Bradshaw	250.00
Oliver M. Settingsgard	25.00	James F. Abrahamson	50.00	<i>In Honor of All Veterans</i>	
Ronald A. Davis	\$20.00	Harold W. Krause	100.00	Strata Corporation	250.00
Donald H. Jackson	25.00	Ralph R. Rothrock	25.00	<i>In Honor of All Veterans</i>	
Elroy O. Greuel	25.00	Gordon St. Claire	25.00	Lloyd Bird	50.00
<i>(Pledged \$50.00)</i>		John W. Hackman	25.00	Wesley A. Rockne	25.00
John & Bess Manesis	50.00	Elvin "Bud" Marmon	164.00	Glenn O. Vick	100.00
Shamrock Marketing	\$20.00	VFW Post No. 1874 & Auxiliary	300.00	Jack T. Simmons	50.00
				Robert E. Kleve	50.00
				<i>In Honor of the 164th Infantry</i>	

164th Infantry News Editor Passes Away

Bill Tillotson, The News Editor and our great friend died 10 May 1994 in Bismarck, ND. His distinguished military career spanned over 37 years, being called to active duty as a National Guardsman, three separate times, 1941, 1951, and 1961. Good-bye, Bill, we will miss you very much. May the Gods of Peace, welcome you and reward you with a Warriors place of Honor.

William Tillotson

William W. "Bill" Tillotson, 76, 618 W. Thayer Ave., Bismarck, died May 10, 1994, in a Bismarck hospital. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. George's Episcopal Church, Bismarck, with the Revs. Bruce Caldwell and W. Kendal Johnson officiating. Internment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck.

No visitation will be held.

William Tillotson was born April 1, 1918, at Fargo, the son of Benjamin F. and Catherine (Lowman) Tillotson. He graduated from Bismarck High School in 1937. He enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard in 1937, and also attended North Dakota State University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was called to active duty in February 1941 and served in the Pacific Theater until 1945. While in the South Pacific, he attended officer's candidates' school in New Caledonia, and was commissioned as an officer in 1942 as a member of 164th Infantry Division. He was also called to active duty during the Korean War and the Berlin Crisis.

He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for service during World War II. He also received the North Dakota Distinguished Service Award in 1971.

He retired from the National Guard with the rank of colonel in 1971, after serving for four years as group commander. He married the late Doris C. Lyngstad in 1947. He worked for a period of time for the International Harvester Co., and then worked for Amoco Oil Co. Refinery from which he retired in 1979.

Bill was a charter member of Golden Key Kiwanis, a member of Elks and American Legion. He served on the Vestry as senior warden and as treasurer of St. George's Episcopal Church. He was also the editor of the 164th Infantry News, a publication for veterans of that division. Bill also served on the advisory committees for both the veterans memorial at the Capitol and the veterans cemetery in Mandan.

He is survived by his children, Carol Tillotson, Lincoln, Neb.; and the Rev. Ellen Tillotson, Torrington, Conn.; one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and LeeAnn, Bismarck; three sisters, Ellen Kelsch and Ann Tillotson, both of Bismarck; and Alice Just, Sioux Falls, S.D.; and one brother, Ben, Sequim, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris; and one son, David.

In lieu of flowers that family prefers memorials to St. George's Episcopal Church.

Leonard Peterson

Family and friends of the late Leonard "Pete" Peterson gathered Monday at the Allyn Waterfront Park to pay tribute to this quiet, unassuming man who had devoted his life to family and community.

Pete Peterson died April 14 while visiting family members in Saint George, Utah. He was 78.

Pete was born March 9, 1916 in Upham, North Dakota. He was a veteran of World War II and was honored with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a member of the 164th Infantry Company G.

He started working for Peter Overton of Overton Tree Company in 1961 and worked in the Christmas trees for 19 years. After his retirement, he continued to work for Overton as a watchman for another 15 years.

But that wasn't all there was to Pete Peterson's life. He was an avid rockhound and belonged to the Shelton Rock and Mineral Society. He was a long-time member of the North Mason Lions Club and a stalwart supporter of the Allyn Community Association and its annual Allyn Days celebration.

He helped put up the sign identifying the Allyn Waterfront Park and had a special love for the place.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of the family home in Allyn; a daughter, Cheri Grignon of Port Orchard; sons John of Allyn and Randy of California; sisters Ida Herman of North Dakota, Martha Watson, Frances Cable and Viola Bamer, all of Washington; brothers Lester of Washington and Elmer of North Dakota; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Cremation was handled by McCalf Mortuary in Saint George, Utah.

John William O'Brien

May 2, 1921 - June 13, 1994

Funeral Service: St. Edwards Roman Catholic Church, 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South, Bloomington, MN, Wednesday, June 15, 1994

Officiant: Rev. Timothy Corbley

Pallbearers: Steve Stalpes, Brian Stalpes, Tim Stalpes, Mike O'Brien, John Johnson, Jon Milbrandt, David Milbrandt, Craig Gossen

Interment: Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN

Private, Company "F", 164th Infantry, ND Nat'l Guard

Survived by: Leona M. O'Brien, 5145 Balmoral Lane, Bloomington, MN 55437, 612-888-6211

Conrad A. Anderson

PALERMO — Conrad A. Anderson, 77, Palermo, died Friday, March 11, 1994, in a Minot hospital.

He was born Aug. 6, 1916 to Otto and Alvina Anderson, in Rutland. He moved with his family to Kindred in 1920, where he attended grade school. In 1930, they moved to White Earth, where he graduated from high school. He worked for the CCC in Mohall from 1935-37. He was then trained as an agent telegrapher for the Great Northern Railroad.

He entered the U.S. Army in April 1941, and he served with the 164th Infantry at Guadalcanal. He was discharged in June 1945. He married Bernice Hanson June 30, 1945, in Stanley. They made their home in

Palermo, where he worked for the Great Northern Railroad as depot agent from 1945-69. After the Palermo depot was closed he worked as a second track operator in Stanley. He served as the Stanley depot agent from 1970 to August of 1976.

He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church of Palermo, where he served as treasurer for many years and had other council and custodial duties. He also served for 29 years as the treasurer of the Palermo Public School and 18 years as a member of the Mountrail County Draft Board.

Survivors: wife; sons, Mark of Palermo, Dean of Bismarck; two grandsons; sisters, Alice McMachen and Norma Nordtug, both of Williston and Maxine Lutz of Milwaukee, Wis.

C. Sabin Arnquist

C. Sabin Arnquist, 77, of New Richmond died of cancer July 17, 1994 at his home.

Sabin was born Sept. 8, 1916 in New Richmond to Charles Sabin and Netta J. (Gunerson) Arnquist. He attended New Richmond High School and Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. from 1935-39.

On Oct. 14, 1947 he married Mabel C. Jacobson in Deer Park.

Sabin worked at the Pillsbury Mills in the Twin Cities from 1939-41 before volunteering for the U.S. Army in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army's 164th Infantry division in the South Pacific during World War II in 1941-45. Upon returning he joined his father in the operation of the Daylight Store in 1946. He ran the retail clothing store until his retirement in 1981.

Sabin was very active in many groups including the New Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Zor Shrine Club, Masons and Boy Scouts of America. He was also on the board of directors of Northwest Savings Bank (Amery, New Richmond and Siren) and Northwest Buyers & Jobbers of Minneapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Mark.

Sabin is survived by his wife, Mabel of New Richmond; one son, Rolf (Jan) of Mankato; one daughter, Kristi Arnquist of Madison; two grandchildren; and one sister, Donna Ryan of New Richmond.

Services were held July 20, 1994 at United Methodist Church in New Richmond with Rev. Ruth Egerer and Rev. Donald Thorson officiating. Music was provided by organist Jerri Rang and soloist Jan Arnquist.

Pallbearers Fred Ranum, Robert Miller, Francis Otto, James Peirson, Thomas Ryan and Curtiss Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Swenby, Robert Upp, Donald Reppe, Robert Ahlin, Raymond Wentzel, Richard Brust, Harry Johnson and Gordon Wiegert.

Interment was in the New Richmond Cemetery. Arrangements by Beebe Mortuary.

Last Roll Call

William W. Tillotson- Bismarck, ND	10 May 94
Richard "Dick" Yellow Hammer, Cannon Ball, ND	11 Dec 88
(Belated report from Fenelon)	
John B. Slingsby, Rapid City, SD	Date unknown
Walter Byers, Fargo, ND	3 Jun 94
Willmar Johnson	13 Jun 94
C. Sabin Arnquist, New Richmond, MN	13 Jun 94
John W. O'Brien, Bloomington, MN	13 Jun 94
Dr. John J. Keith, Cedar Rapids, IA	24 May 94
Conrad A. Anderson, Palermo, ND	11 March 94

R. Yellow Hammer

CANNON BALL — Richard Yellow Hammer, 71, Cannon Ball, died of natural causes Dec. 11, 1988, at his home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cannon Ball Congregational Church, with burial in Big Lake Cemetery.

Visitatorial begins at noon Saturday at the church.

Mr. Yellow Hammer was born Jan. 24, 1917, at Cannon Ball, where he was raised and educated. He attended North Dakota State School of Science. He married Salina Ohihan. She died in 1973. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941-1945.

He served as a councilman and district chairman for Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

He is survived by three sons, Richard Johnson, Winslow, Ariz., Curtis Johnson, Wahpeton, and Kenny Many Horses, Fort Yates; one daughter, Louella Jenkins, Dilworth, Minn.; one brother, William, Cannon Ball; and four grandchildren.

LORD, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O DIVINE MASTER, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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Attending the Americal Division annual reunion at the Pines Resort, South Fallsburg, NY, June 9 to 12, 1994, and representing the 164th Infantry were: Clayton & Gladys Hewes, Co. "G", New Castle, DE; Roger & Frieda Fuller, 1st Bn, Anti-tank Platoon, Middleport, NY; Nick and Ann Ostapchuk, Co. "B", Rochester, NY; Mitch & Phyllis Pillarick, Co. "B", Florissant, MO; Donald & Winifred Eichelberger, Reg Hq Co., Sharpsville, PA; and George & Rita Dingley, Hq Co, 2nd Bn., Indianapolis, IN.

The 1995 Americal Division reunion will be held at the Marriott, Oakbrook, IL, June 22-25, 1995.

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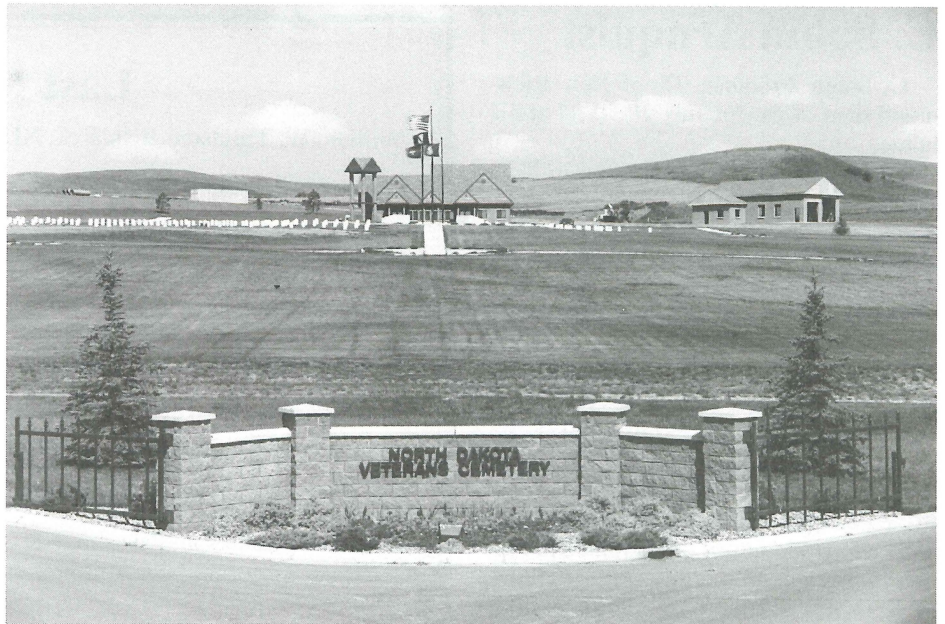
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