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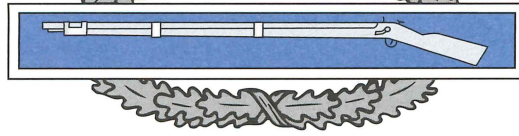
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# THE 164<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY NEWS

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## 164<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENTAL CREST

A miniature 164th Infantry Regimental Crescent in beautiful colors can be worn in lapel, tie tac or a pin for your lady. The crest is \$5.00. To order mail your request to Secretary/Treasurer Ben Kemp. The crest will be available at the annual reunion in Minot.

The marines' composite story as it was gradually pieced together gave a picture of physical and mental strain which combined the highlights of an Edgar Allan Poe horror story with the hair-raising adventures of Buck Rogers, colored-strip hero.

"I believe the enemy made a careful study of American psychology, American ways of living and thinking, and used this knowledge against us," Lieut.-Commander Rogers Smith declared.

He described the Machiavellian skill shown by the Japanese in timing raids and bombings to prevent sleep and said that some of the marines lost 45 lbs.

"This was not the sudden, quickly-terminated but terrific rape of Pearl Harbor or the similarly acute days of Dunkirk," he added. "It was worse than both of them and was prolonged for weeks" - Guadalcanal Echoes

Thanks, Adrian Grem

*Editor's Note: Apparently the men of the 164th and other Army units engaged in the battle for Guadalcanal were impervious to the group - neurosis suffered by the Marines. Marines certainly lay claim to everything.*

## Guadalcanal Ordeal Claimed New In History

DETROIT (Mich.), Wednesday, AAP.- "Never in history has such a group of healthy, toughened well-trained men been subjected to such conditions of strain and stress as those experienced by the marines on Guadalcanal."

This claim was made by Lieut. Commander Rogers Smith at the annual meeting of the Psychiatric Association.

He declared that Guadalcanal conditions produced group-neurosis never seen before and which might never be seen again.

**Editor's Note:** Starting with this issue information about New Caladonia, Guadalcanal, Fiji Islands, Bougainville, Philippines and occupation of Japan will be published on a continuing basis.

Some of the sources of information will be; Citizen Soldiers, Orchids in the Mud, Coffin Corner-by John Standard, National Geographic, The Internet, Jane's Fighting Ships, Lonely Vigil (Coast Watchers of the Solomons)-by Walter Lord, Guadalcanal Diary-by Richard Tregaskus, Under the Southern Cross and numerous marine corps authors.

A very good source of information has just become available from a Phd Doctoral which is entitled "A Comparative Study of Combat Organizations: Japan and the United States During World War II", by Kawano Hitoshi. Kiwano received his Phd from North Western University, Chicago, Illinois.

The best source of information and pictures and pictures for the continuation of the series will be from the members that served in the afore mentioned islands while in the 164th. Your story and any pictures (negatives or glossy prints) with the identifications will be most helpful. Please send them to the Editor.

## NEW CALADONIA AN ISLAND PARADISE

March 1942 the convoy of naval vessels and troop transports arrived in New Caledonia before any Japanese occupation force arrived by invasion or by the Vichy government's invitation for a limited occupation while aboard the troop transports. Through the kindness of Australian Army, a crew of 24 artillerymen, and two officers were supplied to train the American Task Force artillery men to use the North African battle proven British 18-pounders and 25-pounders.

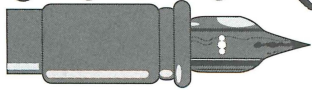
The American Chiefs of Staff feared the Japanese would penetrate beyond New Britain and the northern Solomons to the southeast to invade New Caledonia and sever the lines of communication between Australia and the United States.

The Japanese had exactly such plans. However, the valiant men still fighting at Bataan and Corregidor held up the Japanese Pacific advance. These men deserve a great deal more gratitude than ever given them. The troop movement from Australia to New Caledonia was in reality a race to beat the Imperial Japanese Army to strategically located New Caledonia. *continued on page 4*

*"Let me be a free man — free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade where I choose, free to choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to talk and think and act for myself — and I will obey every law, or submit to the penalty."*

*Chief Joseph, Nez Perce*

# LETTERS



*To The Editor:*

May 21, 1997

Dear Ben,

Your background in the North Dakota National Guard is quite impressive, and since you were a post war member as myself you might possibly be what is needed to get more post war veterans into the association. During the units activation at Fort Rucker we had troops added from all over the United States, I am sure a great many of these folks are not aware of the association. In my case I came from HQ. CO, 2nd, BN. Cando, N.D. and I know most of the post war members in cando are not aware of the association traditions. I have often thought I should put an ad in the Towner County Record Herald Cando to see if anything could recruit new membership.

My interest in the guard dates back to the 1930's when the Cando Unit was commanded by Roy B. Miller and Cecil Mathwes, Later retired officers who are interned at Arlington. My brother was also a member at that time and a good friend of 1st Sgt. William Considine, Bill went on to become an officer and a great leader in the South Pacific. He also was the inspecting officer of the Cando unit in 1947, with the service the 164th. Gave in World War II and later in the Korean conflict I can not understand why the unit was deactivated and turned into an engineer group. It seems to me it should have remained a combat unit.

Thanks for your time,

R.G. McLester

Ex Master Sgt. HQ.S CO.

2nd, BN, 164th Inf. "Second in name only"

Enclosed is my check for a copy of the new membership directory and dues. If I can help recruit new members in the Mesa area please let me know. The local papers have free listings for various clubs, organizations etc. Probably due to the number of winter visitors.

Dear Jim,

I must say the New format of the 164th News is outstanding! I love it.

I had promised Thurston Nelson that I was going to make L Co. reunion, but, North Dakota is a long way from Texas. Best regards from a member of Company L.

James H. Wenter

May 24, 1997

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find check for \$2.50 for a membership directly to the 164th.

I look forward to receiving your newsletter and enjoy it very much.

I'd like to come to the reunion sometime but I'm so far away.

I served with E. Co. under Capt. Chuck Walker in the Philippines on Cebu and Negros. He was and is sure one fine man.

Sincerely,

William A. Byers

1st Lt. E. Co. 164th

P.S. Also enclosed is my check for \$50.00 for life membership. Thanks

Dear Don:

Sorry but was unable to attend the reunion in Bismarck. Always enjoyed the hospitality when held there. I know that it is old news but the 164th Band had a mini reunion in Las Vegas last March. Ray and Vicky Ellerman did the honors. A good time was had by all that attended.

I'm sorry to inform you that we lost Leon "Slim" Jorgenson on October 7th, 1996 at Great Falls, Montana. Two of the fellows lost their wives. Art "Peep" Ford, of Watertown, SD, lost Pearl in January. This past September on the 14th, Doug Campbell lost his wife Anne.

Wishing you and the fellows the very best in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Art "Doc" Nix

June 1, 1997

Dear Ben,

I am extremely pleased for the opportunity of contributing my \$100.00 personal tribute for Father Tracy's stained glass window in his chapel.

He was a wonderful person, and I retain many pleasant memories of his kindness and influence on my life.

My check is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Ted N. Steckler

## Irish Diplomacy

June 2, 1997

Sir,

I believe every 2 years is good to have the reunions because most of the fellows live out of the State of North Dakota. I would say as time goes by something has to be done or you or our membership is getting smaller every year. I live in Ohio and the driving is long and hard and the airplane cost is not the cheapest in N.D. location.

Thank you

Stanley Oshaben

.....  
June 10, 1997

Dear Mr. Wagner,

Naming the chapel after Father Tracy is a wonderful idea. I didn't know him but Wenzel talked about him a lot.

I'm sending \$25 in memory of my husband Wenzel Privratsky. He was in K Company from Dickinson, N.D.

Thank you

Agnes H. Privratsky

.....  
May 2, 1997

Bernie,

I'm sorry I missed sending my dues in. I will make it up by getting a life membership. Excuse the penmanship. I've had 3 cancer operations and not in the best of shape. I remained high and dry during the flood.

Jim

.....  
July 3, 1997

Dear Jim,

I am Enclosing an obituary on Jerry Hammerschmidt. Jerry was in "I" Co. 164.

Jerry died in "94. Jerry's brother and I were neighbors in Fargo.

I like Your new paper especially the front page. Nice picture of Vern Lang, went on a couple patrols with him.

Thank You

Doug Burtell

## Membership Directory

The Membership Directory is now available. To order one send \$2.40 to Ben Kemp, Sec/Treasurer. The \$2.40 will cover costs of mailing and handling. If you are attending the reunion the directory will be available at the registration desk.

The membership directory has a good cover with the Combat Infantry Badge, 164th Infantry Regimental Crescent and Americal Division patch, all in color. When you review your copy of the membership directory you might recall names of individuals that served in the 164th but are not presently members of the Association. Contact them and invite them to join. Also send their names and address to Secretary Ben Kemp. Once a name and address is received, a letter of invitation will be sent to them with an invitation to become a member of the 164th Association.

## LAST ROLL CALL

### Leon "Slim" Jorgenson;

Great Falls, MT (October 7, 1996 ) 164th Band "Slim" spent many happy hours playing the flute when relaxing.

### George "Frenchy" Pariseau;

Grand Forks, ND (April 22, 1997) Company M.

### Raymond Stellon;

Drayton, ND (Date Unknown)

Anti-tank - His brother remarked that the family was glad that Raymond never saw the damage the flood waters did to the home he had lived in all of his life, except for W.W.II. Honorary casket bearers were members of the 164th Infantry.

### Willard Elwin Swift;

Carpio, ND (May 6, 1997) Wounded on Guadalcanal.

### Marvin N. Seas;

Mesa, AZ (April 19, 1997)

Seas had some very tense moments in W.W.II as he was trained to operate a flame thrower and used it very effectively.

VA Hospital (March 8, 1997)

### Ira A. Keeney;

age 85; Wahpeton, ND (May 12, 1997)

Keeney served in the North Dakota National Guard from 1930 to 1933. He reenlisted in the National Guard in 1940 - Company I - W.W.II. Keeney organized and conducted the biannual reunion for Company I. He served as the recording secretary for 50+ years and compiled a good history of Company I members and their lives after W.W.II. Keeney was instrumental in establishing a museum involving Company I. It was Ira that developed the information that Woodrow "Woody" Keeble, a native American, was the second highest decorated man from North Dakota in W.W.II.

### Robert Kjonaas; (May 28, 1997)

Company D; After W.W.II, Kjonaas was recalled to the Army in 1947. During the Korean War, Robert commanded Company B of the 9th Infantry (Second Division). His unit was given official credit for being the first United Nation force to actively engage Chinese forces after they crossed the Yalu River into North Korea. Kjonaas retired from the Army as a Major in 1962.

### Delmar Brokaw;

Williston, ND (June 25, 1997)

Company E; Honorary casket bearers were members of the 164th Infantry, V.F.W., D.A.V., and American Legion.

### Robert G. Rives; Greensboro, N.C.

# THE VETERAN'S CEMETERY PROTECTION ACT OF 1997

There have been many reported cases of vandalism in national cemeteries. Many of the perpetrators escaped punishment as there were no criminal penalties provided in the 1974 Act. To correct this situation H.R. 1532 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representative Calvert (California). This is a bill to amend Title 18, United States Code, to create criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries. The legislative bill is known as The Veteran's Cemetery Protection Act of 1997. The legislation passed the House of Representatives June 23, 1997. The legislation now moves to the U.S. Senate to be voted on in September or October. If you support this legislation contact your U.S. Senator and urge him to vote for the legislation.

## **Statement from Congressman Earl Pomeroy (N.D. Democrat)**

### **The Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997**

*Honoring those who have protected our freedom is an absolute responsibility of our country.*

Across America, national cemeteries serve as a poignant reminder that some have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom. From the beaches of France, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, and the deserts of the Middle East, Americans have fallen fighting for our common values. The resting places for our war dead must be protected and honored.

It is shameful to think that anyone would desecrate or steal from the hallowed ground of a veterans' cemetery, but sadly such acts have occurred in recent years.

I am pleased that just before Independence Day, the House of Representatives passed the Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act. This legislation would serve as a deterrent by increasing the penalties for those who dishonor the nation's war dead. Under this legislation, anyone convicted of vandalism that causes damage of less than \$1,000 could receive a fine and serve a prison term of up to one year. Anyone convicted of vandalism that exceeds \$1,000 could receive a fine and a prison term of up to 10 years. In addition, anyone convicted of hiding, stealing or selling national cemetery property could receive a sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

The 114 veterans' national cemeteries are the most important symbols of the sacrifices that have been made to keep our nation free and strong. To desecrate them is a despicable act that cannot be tolerated. I commend all of the veterans, their families and others who worked hard to make this legislation a reality. The U.S. Senate will vote on this legislation in September or October 1997.

*Orchids In The Mud continued from page 1*

## THE MYSTIC ISLAND

The first sight of New Caledonia was from aboard ship. A heavy morning mist was present and the island had a mysterious appearance on the horizon. It was a rugged mass unfamiliar to most Americans. As the ship neared the island, our course was intercepted by hidden reefs over which the ocean broke into a magnificent spray thrown continuously, high into the air. The shallows formed by the reefs were beautifully colored by various shades of green, aquamarine and blue, bordered by a snow white spray.

As the colorful shoreline came into view through the mist, one noticed a town of whitewall houses with red roofs nestled on the beaches in the shadow of the rocky mountains and rolling green hills. There were barren-appearing heights with clumps of dark green eucalyptus trees scattered here and there. Higher boulders awkwardly stuck out of the shady beaches.

The rugged geography of New Caledonia gives explanation for some of the difficulties in defending it. In general, New Caledonia was a huge cigar shaped island extending from northwest for 250 miles to the southeast. Its average width was 30 miles, and the area was 8,000 square miles. It has a central mountain spine raising to 5,000 feet and the island was limited to one narrow washboard dusty "coast" road winding the full length of the island with occasional secondary spurs crossing it. All island roads were damaged by floods and washouts and required constant repairs.

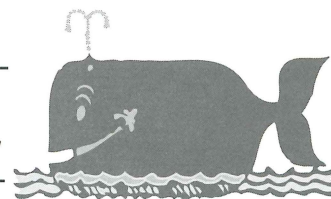
## THE ISLAND

The island is located 800 miles east from Australia. It is halfway from Australia to New Zealand, and is on the fringe of the Coral Sea. The French used it as a penal colony much as Great Britain used Australia. The Chaine Centrale, a rugged, bare, and orange colored mountain range divided the west coast from the east. Ridges ran parallel in herring-bone pattern from the central range to the sea. The mountain peaks rose almost straight up to 4,000-5,000 feet above green valleys and rushing rivers.

A coral barrier reef, 620 miles long, enclosed the island. It was second in magnitude only to the great Australian barrier reef. The reef had several navigable breaks for an invasion fleet.

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# A WHALE OF A TALE

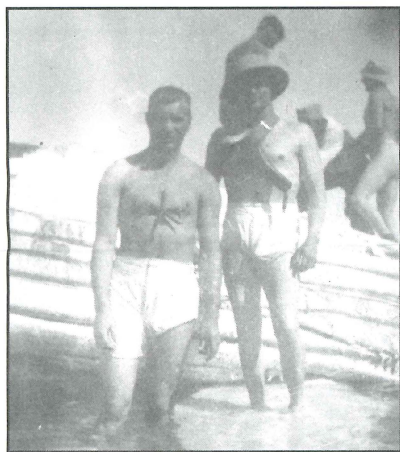


Early in May 1942 the Japanese submarine reconnaissance of the island of New Caledonia began with stepped-up activities to locate, map and find a possible area for good landing sites to establish a beachhead for an invasion of New Caledonia.

All during the month of July 1942 there were many reports of unidentified surface ships, submarines, and enemy aircraft west of New Caledonia.

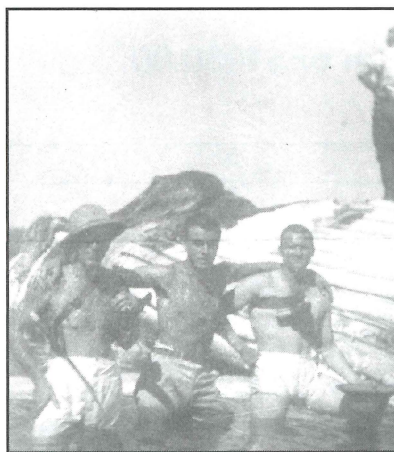
Air Corps (now U. S. Air Force) planes on July 15, 1942, flying from New Caledonia were examining the area where considerable Japanese submarine activity had been observed. Apparently there were a number of whales in the area. Due to poor light or maybe darkness, the Air Corps dropped their bombs and good hits were scored on a number of huge whales. One of the whales, about 100 feet long and maybe 30 or 40 feet wide, was destroyed by the bombing. The deceased whale floated in to the St. Vincent Bay area. When the tide went out, the dead whale was left on the coral reef in about 2 to 3 feet of water. The smell of the rotting whale was very strong. Many fish and small sharks were feeding on the dead whale.

The whale was probably the first one any of those in the 164th had ever seen - dead or alive. To enhance their knowledge of life from the sea, several intrepid numbers of the 164th waded out to the whale. Of course shoes were worn to protect one's feet from being cut by coral. It was an unusual experience for boys from North Dakota.

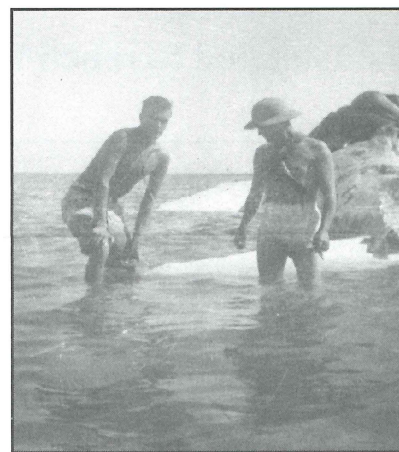


*Whale came in with the tide at St. Vincent's Bay, New Caladonia 2nd BN 164 Infantry Defense sector.*

*L to R John Kurtz - Service Co., Devils Lake, ND - Kurtz is wearing a starfish picked up on the beach. Cannot identify naked man with head covered. Kanaka native with French cap on.*

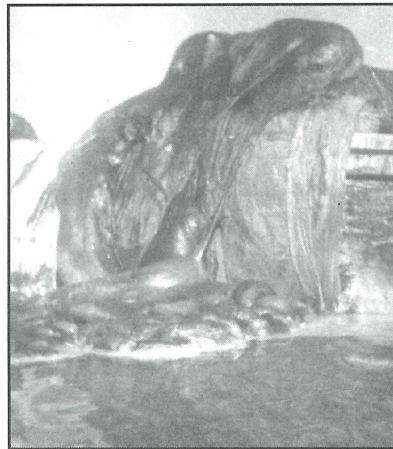
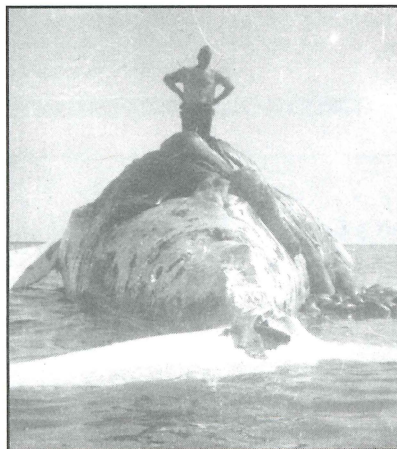


*Lto R Leonard Betchel (deceased) - Corporal, Hqds. 1st Bn, Cavalier, ND - Jim Fenelon, Staff Sgt., Service Co., Devils Lake, ND  
Raymond Maxxon - W.O., Service Co., Devils Lake, ND*



*L to R Jim Fenelon and Raymond Maxxon checking on small sharks and fish nibbling on the carcass of the whale.*

*Henry Sehart - Master Sgt. 164th - Regimental Sgt./Major - later promoted to Warrant Officer, Service Co., Fargo, ND  
Sehart had an interesting career before joining the 164th. Sehart worked for International Harvester and one project was to assist in assembling combines, binders and tractors in Russia in the 1930's.*



*Bomb damage that opened up and killed the whale. The whale was no perfume factory.*

# Window - Father Tracy Chapel

The 164th Infantry has been invited to participate in placing a stained glass window in the Father Tracy Chapel Camp, Grafton, N.D. "Bernie" Wagner is the contact person working with the National Guard Chaplains in completing the project of placing a stained glass window, in honor of the 164th Infantry.

Contributions to date have reached \$660. The total cost is \$ 1,000. If you wish to participate in this program forward your contribution to Ben Kemp, Sec/Treasurer, P.O. Box 1111, Bismarck, N.D. 58502-1111.

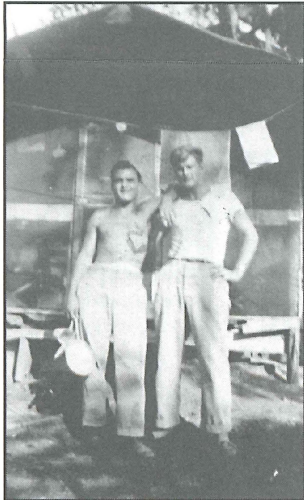
## This is a list of contributors to provide the 164th window in the Father Tracy Chapel:

<i>James M. Fenelon</i>	\$ 100.00	Bennet J. Kemp	\$100.00	Harry R. Vadnie	\$25.00
2510 S 6th St Apt A-31 Marshalltown, IA		1708 Cologne Dr Bismarck, ND		1111 N 1st ST Apt 4C Bismarck, ND	
<i>Thomas J. Fisher</i>	\$100.00	Agnes Privarsky	\$25.00	Anton C. "Tony" Beer	\$100.00
3129th St N Moorhead, MN		228 3rd St W Dickinson, ND		1505 9th Avenue NW Mandan, ND 58554	
<i>William C. Keller</i>	\$ 100.00	Ted N. Steckler	\$100.00	Bernard "Bernie" Wagner	\$100.00
814 W Avenue A Bismarck, ND		221 Prospect Park Tustin, CA		P.O. Box 192 Sanborn, ND 58480	

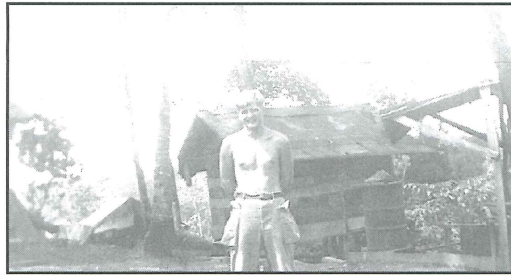


**\$340.00 needed to reach the goal of \$1000.00**

**Total \$ 660.00**



*Jim Rains and Joe Caliguiar in front of the sleeping shack on Bougainville, 1944.*



*Jim Rains With a sleeping shack he constructed on Bougainville, 1944. It is hoped that he did not pursue house design or carpentry after W.W.II.*



*Jim Rains, West Seneca, NY Hqds. Co. 164th Infantry W.W.II - Japan 1945 - Japanese holding Jap red meat ball flag.*

## ISA LEI

*Many of you will remember the very beautiful Fijian love song Isa Lei. This native song was generally sang at the close of a night of happy festivities and dancing (Tra la la).*

*George Christensen has an original tape from the Fiji Island with the Fijian chorus singing Isa Lei in their native language. Tapes of the song will be available at the reunion in Minot, October 3, 4, & 5, 1997. The cost for one tape is \$10.00. If you wish to order a tape send your order to Secretary/Treasurer Ben Kemp. Cost \$10.00, this will include mailing and handling.*

**A tape will be available at the Reunion for \$10.00.**

*Orchids in the Mud continued from page 4*

The Pacific waters beat ceaselessly against the reef sending a high, continuous fountain of foam interdigitating with the blue surrounding water tapering off to a quiet sandy shoreline. This mineral rich, densely wooded island, during World War II, developed into a great strategically important island.

Noumea, New Caledonia, is the largest city and is the Island's capital. Noumea was similar to the towns in southern France with it's pastel colored villas. The mixture of races is a pleasant blend of French, Japanese Indo-Chinese, Tahitians, Tonkinese and Javanese.

*Look for the continuation in the next issue.*

# New Life Members

Feb. 97 .....	Elmer Eilers	4, May 97 .....	John A. Yonker	28, June 97 .....	Ray Eisenzimmer
25, Feb. 97 .....	Lawrence C. Wittmer	14, May 97 .....	James F. Abrehenson	1, July 97 .....	Frank R. Eide, SR
Feb. 97 .....	Associated	1 8, May. 97 .....	Vicent C. Olson	1, July 97 .....	Vern Fetch
	David G. Evanson	26, May 97 .....	Howard V. Erickson	2, July 97 .....	James R. Beaton
29, Mar. 97 .....	Ray Gibbens	27, May 97 .....	Wm A. Byers	25, July 97 .....	Dennis N. Jensen
31, Mar. 97 .....	Hiron O. McAdow	2, Jun. 97 .....	Paul S. Kessler	21, August .....	Ben J. Kemp

**Annual dues \$10.00**  
**Life Members \$50.00**

## New Members:

Richard R. Stevens, PhD 2400 Stonnye Court Louisville, KY 40222-6334	Associated Member Robert P. Miller (164th Engineer Group Commander WWII Veteran) 915 10th Street Bismarck, ND
John P. Meyer (Korean Veteran) 1830 15th St South Fargo, N.D. 58103	Vernon Olson 11151 NE Elickital Portland, OR 97220

164th Memorial Dedication Books \$11.50  
Postcards \$5.00

All Funds got to the 164th Memorial.

Please send in any pictures and or  
stories to the Editor.  
They are needed and would be  
greatly appreciated.

## Dues

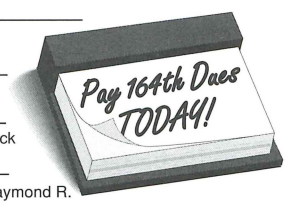
Ben Kemp, Sec/Treasurer reports that 90 members of the 164th Infantry Association are delinquent one or more years in payment of their annual dues. Kemp stated the membership is decreasing due to members answering the last roll call.

Check your membership card and if you're delinquent forward your dues so that you will continue to be members of the Association and receive the 164th Infantry Association News.

Dues are due and payable January 1 each year unless you have a life membership \$50.

The following individuals are not current in their membership:

Anderson, Raymond C. Alexandria, MN	Bechtel, Delmar Mesa, AZ	Bellinger, Rudson B. Dalton, MA	Krisko, Bernard B. Beller Vernon, PA	Legaard, O.N. Ridgeway, MO	Lindegren, James Ypsilanti, ND
Bergh, John A. Battle Lake, MN	Blanc, Gerard G. Mesa, AZ	Bosch, Valentine Devils Lake, ND	Loberg, Leslie H. Fargo, ND	Lutness, Mag Bismarck, ND	Lystad, Ken Stanley, ND
Burley, Richard E. Walla Walla, WA	Carey, Elliot N Billerica, MA	Cashion, Ernest L. Germantown, TN	Magenton, Marilyn Britton, SD	Massee, Hugh I. Boise, ID	McGuinness, George W. Hilton Head Island, SC
Christie, Richard D. Bloomington, MN	Christi, Ernie West Fargo, ND	Clausen, Vincent R. St Paul, MN	McKay, L.E. Aberdeen, SD	Meline, William C. Yuma, AZ	Minnehan, Bernard T. Lewiston, ID
Crull, Jack C. Davis, Lubbock, TX	Stella Decker, Belcourt, ND	Leroy G. Rio Rancho, NM	Moe, Clarence A. Grand Forks, ND	Montgomery, Elmer Manvel, ND	Morken, Don Dubuque, IA
Dosch, Adam Bismarck, ND	Eide, Donald H. Williston, ND	Ellingson, BJ Coeur D Alene, ID	Nelson, Hazelle Estelline, SD	Olson, Allan J. Elbridge, NY	Ophaug, Ted McVile, ND
Evans, Emrys H. Mtn Home, ID		French, Donald Virginia, MN	Ouradnik, Ted Woodbury, MN	Passa, Frank Red Lake Falls, MN	Pasternich, Nick Williston, ND
Gabriel, Mike M. Grand Junction, CO	Gazler, Jerome D. Chicago, IL	Gibbins, Everett H. Williston, ND	Ramsfield, Joseph Denison, TX	Reem, Willard A. Aitkin, MN	Robertson, Raymond R. Blue Hill, ME
Gjesvold, Wallace E. Wildrose, ND	Goudy, William G. Ashland, MS	Gregory, John W. Saint Louis, MO	Robinson, James D. Punta Gorda, FL	Rockne, Wesley A. Roseville, MN	Roth Ajay Westlake Village, CA
Grove, Elwood G. West Union, MN	Hall, Lois C. Sandpoint, ID	Hanson, Marvin Amenia, ND	Schnase, Ralph Plaza, ND	Schuld, Alvera Dickinson, ND	Scicolone, Angelo Enfield, CA
Hardgrave, Loran French Village, Mo	Hayes, Cecil, H. State Road, NC	Hess, Lila R. Pasadena CA	Spagrud, Marjorie Rogue River, OR	Sternberg, Karl Waupaca, WI	
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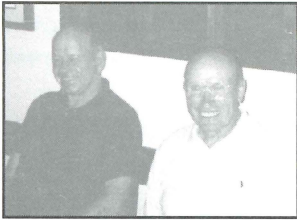
**Kemp stated in his report that he wished to remind members to send in any change of address. It costs the Association about 75 cents when an undelivered 164th Infantry News is returned. Your cooperation will expedite delivery of your news and save the Association a few \$\$.**

*"It is said that God is always for the big battalions." Voltaire (1694-1778) French philosopher*

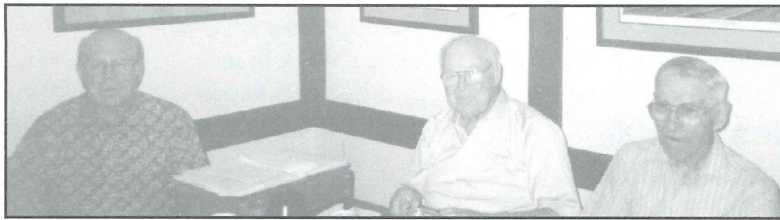


# 52nd Annual Reunion 164th Infantry Association

**October 3,4,5, 1997 • Holiday Inn Riverside -2200 Burdick Expressway, Minot, ND**



L-R Committee Members Doug McMahan and John E Sinn



L-R President /Chairman George Christensen, Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Kretschmar and Committee Member William "Bill" Pautzke



Chair Womens Luncheon L-R Margaret Pautzke, Jeanne McNea and Laura Ventsch

On July 21, 1997 President Chairman George Christensen met with members of the committee to refine plans for the annual reunion in Minot, N.D. Christensen pointed out that present plans call for all reunion activities to take place in the Holiday Inn. The Committee discussed a possible trip to tour the Minot Air Base. Christensen stated that 155 rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn and about 50 rooms are preregistered by members planning to attend the reunion. George has arranged with nearby hotels to accommodate members if they are unable to obtain a room in the Holiday Inn. The following room availability was arranged by Christensen and prices are listed below.

**Empire Motel, 2008 Burdick Expressway -1 person \$21.60, 2 person \$25.92 ,Fairview Lodge, 1900 Burdick Expressway - 1 or 2 person in a double room \$38.50, Kenway Motel, 1800 Burdick Expressway East - 1 person \$20.00, 2 Person \$24.00**

Christensen informed the committee that he has a recording of the Fijian love song *Isa Lei* sung in their native tongue by a chorus in the Fijian Islands. He will have tapes made of the original recording and these will be available at the reunion for a cost of \$10.00, which will help cover some of the cost of the reunion. When completing the enclosed pre-registration form indicate the number of *Isa Lei* tapes you wish to purchase. If for some reason you are unable to attend the reunion and would like a tape of the Fijian love song please send a check and return address to Secretary/Treasurer Ben Kemp 164th Association.

Leonard has requested that it would be most helpful to the registration committee if you would preregister using the form enclosed in this newsletter. Preregistration of members makes the work of registration run smoothly and gives a firm count for the meal functions

Chairman Christensen and Committee would like to extend a hearty welcome to Minot, The Magic City, and are looking forward to enjoying a reunion of many old friends

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