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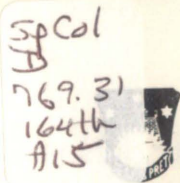
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The 164th INFANTRY News

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Reunion Committee



The 1970 Reunion

The 1970 Reunion will be held at the Ambassador Motor Hotel, Minneapolis, Oct. 9-11, 1970.

Our president, Dr. Hubert Flannery, announced the following committees, which have had several meetings with from 25 to 30 members of the committees present:

General Chairman: Russell Landgren, 1481 Schlettei, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, phone 488-1915.

Raymond Sawyer, 3523 Aldrich No., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412, phone 529-3147.

Secretary, Mrs. Edward Armstrong.

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Fund Raising, Donald Van Slyke.
Publicity, Mel Rivkin.

Registration, Arvid Thompson.
Program, Ralph Doherty.
Housing, Edward Armstrong.
Ladies, Mrs. Russell Landgren and Mrs. Raymond Sawyer.
Memorial Service, N. A. Hendrickson.

Photography, John Reidl.

The committees are hard at work and have already completed most of the plans. It looks like we are going to have another great Reunion. You should all make your plans now to attend. The committees will be mailing you information on some of the events to take place and some brochures and other information on the Reunion. Look for this letter. More details relative to registration fees, etc., will be covered in the next issue of the "News".

Reunion Committee at Work



Membership

The records show that in 1968 we had a paid up membership of 657 members and in 1969 we had a total paid up membership of 593. At this date we have a total of 203. Of course, for the past few years we have sent out notices to remind some that their dues had not been paid.

Perhaps a lot of those not yet paid for this year are waiting to receive such a notice. We may have to do it again but that will cost us about \$100.00 for printing of envelopes, postage and mailing expense which we could save if all of our good members would just take a look at your membership card to see if you are paid up, and if you are not, send in your check pronto.

I can tell you the last issue of the News cost for example \$236.00 for the issue, plus \$52.71 for engravings and \$33.36 for mailing, including changes of addresses, etc., which makes a total of \$322.07. This issue will cost about the same. So, with a little figuring on your part you can see the reason for our concern.

Last year we had to drop quite a number from the mailing list for being more than two years in arrears. A few of them have paid up since; but we have another bunch that have not paid up since 1968 who will have to be dropped before the next issue comes out.

We need your cooperation. We are not in a position like many other organizations who have membership committees who can contact all the members. We can't do this because the residences of our membership is scattered all over the United States.

Donations

The following named members have made donations since the last list was published in the set issue 1969, for which we are very grateful. It all helps — amounting to \$66.00.

Williard C. Sween, Williston, N. D.; Franklin Patten, Rockville, Md.; John W. Hackman, Butte, Mont.; John W. Koehn, Milwaukee, Wisc.; W. J. Lenagram, Plymouth, Mich.; Mathew Stramer, Hazelton, N. D. (Donations) Lyden McCreary, Carrington, N. D.; Dr. George Hayes, Lisbon, N. D.; Col. E. F. Boruski, Des Moines, Iowa; Harold D. Collins, Madison, Wisc.; Wm. (Bill) Littlehales, Richmond, Calif.; Leland Swensgard, St. Paul, Minn.; Manfred Pautzke, Souris, N. D.; Robert E. Korman, Anchorage, Alaska; Wm. C. Hanson, Torrence, Calif.; Harold Caya, Eugene, Oreg.; J. M. Connors, San Jose, Calif.

Harry E. Baker, WW II Dies

Mr. Brocopp:

I'm writing to let you know that my husband, Harry E. Baker, passed away Jan. 23, 1970 at the V. A. Hospital here in Grand Island, Nebr. We had moved here in October of 1969 to be near the hospital from Harvard, Nebr. He had two open heart surgeries and two strokes in the last five years. We both had wonderful memories of the reunions we had been able to come to. Harry would have been 52 years old this March. He was with Co. G 164th Inf. We celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary Dec. 21. We have three children. Sharyl and her family live here in Grand Island, Brenda, at home and Dale, in the Army and stationed in Germany.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Fern U. Baker
1404 West Third Street
Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

Leo Santerse, WW II Dies

Information has just been received that Leo Santerse passed away Oct. 21, 1969 at his home in Minneapolis, Minn. He entered service in 1941 and served with the Medical Detachment 164th Infantry, and was attached to Co. K 164th Inf., and served with that unit until he was discharged in 1945. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marion Santerse, 2199 Hamlin North, St. Paul, Minn.

Victor O. Sorsdahl

We regret to learn that Victor O. Sorsdahl passed away at his home in Apple Valley, Calif., Jan. 27, 1970. Victor enlisted in Company A 164th Infantry, and played on the Company softball team for a number of years. He entered active service with the Company, at Bismarck, N. Dak., Feb. 10, 1941 and served in WWII.

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Warren Hamre, Hillsboro, N. D.
Eugene A. Hill, Grand Forks, N. D.

Roy D. Olson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hospitalized

Word has just been received that LeRoy Landom, Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, has been confined to the hospital. We hope that he will make a speedy recovery.

Mathew was confined to the hospital, in Bismarck for a short time and has been released and returned to his home at Hazelton, N. D.

Attention All Widows Of Deceased 164th Members

At the Dickinson Reunion authority was granted to all widows if they so desired to continue their deceased husband's membership in the Organization by paying the annual dues of \$3.00, which of course includes the 164th News. We are sure that some of you will want to attend the Reunion at Minneapolis this year.

Locator

CARLSON, Cpl. Vernon, 2d Lt., Edward J. WILHELM and/or PFC Rudy JAROS last known with Co. B, 164th Inf., American Division and discharged on December 6, 1945 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and/or SSgt. Robert CARR, contact Wayne McDowell, 901 South 15th, Mattoon, Ill. 61938.

Hugo M. Auer Dies

Hugo M. Auer, Mott businessman, 72, died at Mott, N. Dak., Sept. 5, 1969. Mr. Auer served with Company F 164th Infantry, of Mandan, in WWI and he served with 1580th Service Unit during WWII.

Past President LaRoy Baird, Jr. Dies

Funeral services were held at Dickinson, N. D., Oct. 2, 1969, for LaRoy Baird, Jr., 53, who died suddenly.



Mr. Baird was judge of the Stark County court. He suffered a stroke in 1956 but had been in good health until the past week. As a Lieutenant with Company K, 164th Infantry from Dickinson, N. Dak., he served in every campaign of the famous 164th Infantry from Guadalcanal to Japan, in various assignments from Company Officer to Regimental Supply Officer. At the end of World War II, then Major LaRoy Baird, Jr., was present to the disbandment of the 164th Infantry. One of four original officers who had left with the Regiment, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Bronze Star.

He was married Jan. 1, 1948, to Audrey Larson, who survives him, as well as three children, LaRoy Baird III, John R. Baird and Ellen Baird. He was a past president of the 164th Infantry Association.

The Last Roll Call

It has been reported that the following named former members of the 164th Infantry have answered the LAST ROLL CALL since our last issue was published.

LEO SANTRERE, WWII - - - - - Minneapolis, Minnesota
HARRY E. BAKER, WWI - - - - - Grand Island, Nebraska
HUGO M. AUER, WWI - - - - - Mott, North Dakota
VICTOR O. SORSDAHL, WWII - - - - - Apple Valley, California

Osseo, Minn.

Mr. Harold Barker,

Here is some fodder to get me back on the right list. Bad weather during fall harvest time has kept me from attending the last two reunions. Hope it doesn't happen again. It is also a nice time to get up to date on the dues.

I see former Co. "C" buddies every once in a while and it sure is a pleasure. They seem to be aging a bit though. Too bad they can't stay young like me.

Your paper is well received in these parts. A fitting tribute to those from 164th Infantry.

Yours truly,
Vernet R. Anderson

Have You Paid Your Dues?

HAVE YOU MOVED?

It costs ten cents each time you fail to give us your change of address.

One at a time, these changes do not seem much, but multiplied by thousands they make a large sum.

You can save us the expense by notifying the paper immediately when you change your address. Please include your ZIP Code.

By so doing, you will assure yourself of future copies of The 164th Infantry News.

Below is an easy form for noting any changes in your address. Just fill in the appropriate information and mail as soon as possible to the

164th Infantry News

H. A. Brocopp, Editor

P.O. Box 1111

Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

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New Address Add to Mailing List
Street or P.O. Box _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Old Address —

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State _____ Zip _____

Herman:

Enclosed find my 1970 dues — the first to pay. Hope you have a kind 1970 and lose some weight; the same goes for Art Timboe. I saw a picture of the two of you in the 164th "News" and you look like an ad for Swift's Premium Lard.

C. J. Glaspel, Grafton, N. D.

Editor's note: Thanks for your dues Cy, but you failed to prescribe anything for the weight reduction.

1970 Reunion Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 9-11, 1970

Col. H. E. Barker, Ret.

Box 1111

Bismarck, N. Dak. 58501

Dear Sir.

Sorry about that. Enclosed this time, please find \$3.00; one dollar for another emblem (if available) — I'll add it to the Wyo. USP & FO collection and one dollar should pay for postage.

Thank you very much.

L. C. Marchant

804 Mitchell

Laramie, Wyo. 82070

164th Infantry Rifle Team, 1916, Jacksonville, Fla.



Guadalcanal — Who Are They?





More Pictures Taken at 1969 Reunion



Letters from Members of 164th Infantry Assn.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed is a check for my 1970 dues.

Your publication periodically is the only means of contact many of us still have with one of the finest infantry regiments ever assembled. The past and present officers are certainly to be commended on the fine work they have done in making and keeping this organization what it is.

Sincerely,
Joe A. Doll, C.L.U.
Pueblo, Colo.

Col. Brocopp,

I have a small objection to the article of the December 1969 News, on page 3 World One Buddies Renew Friendship in Arizona, by Terry Ross. It implies that only four members of Company B 164th, WW I, survive.

Here in Fargo, besides myself there are Ward Davenport, Wm. Early, Jr., Claude B. Meyers, Oscar T. Wright; in Seattle, Wash., Jack Hurley; somewhere in Oregon is Jack Hegreness, and in Detona, Fla. is W. C. Scott. Please resurrect us in the 164th News. And there may be more that I have lost track of.

George J. Zalusky
Fargo, N. Dak.

Greetings Comrades of the 164th.

Enclosed is check for 1969 and 1970 membership. As Commander Mesk Post 26 The American Legion this last year has and is keeping me very busy, we hope to visit North Dakota and Minnesota during 1970 and perhaps time is so we will be able to attend the 1970 reunion. May the New Year be the greatest for the 164th.

Regards to all,
Eldy and Mayme Holland

Dear Col. Brocopp:

I wanted to extend my hope for a very fine 1970 and just to say "Hello." Our comrades fade away, Dewey W. Hagen, Ex Co H 1st Sergeant, passed away in Little Rock, Ark. He was a real special friend of mine. He graduated from the 2nd Class of the Army Candidate School at Langre, France, with me. I believe you were in the 3rd Class. Incidentally that school put out some pretty good officers, I think. The school has been duplicated by the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., and I understand actually

used as a guide in organization of it. I can't remember whether or not I'm paid up as a subscriber to the 164th Inf. News. Would it be any trouble to advise me? But anyway I enclose check for \$3.00 to make sure. I was wondering if you heard of the whereabouts of Adry Pfush of Valley City? Again, Happy New Year.

Vernon B. "Jack" Zacker

Editor's Note: I don't know Ardy Pfush's address, but am sure that we can get it for you. Last we heard, he was moving to some place in Florida.

To the Editor:

Keep up the good work. So glad to see the names of old buddies (WWII) in the News. Enclosed is check for 1970 dues.

Willard "Jess" Bandow
Richfield, Minn.

December 21, 1969

Dear Col. Brocopp,

Lorenz H. Schulz of Oslo, Minn., is in the hospital at Fargo, N. Dak. for surgery and he is a member of the 164th. He was 1st Sergeant of Company M. Many of your readers will know "Red," because he has been active in Veterans' organizations for many years.

Sincerely,
Mrs. L. H. Schulz
Oslo, Minn.

Editor's Note: We are sorry to know that "Red" was hospitalized, and hope by now he has made a complete recovery and returned home. Thanks for your letter.

Col. Barker,

Enclosed is a check for my 1970 dues, though that you might be interested my (spy) Kelly Drabus is now at Duc Pho and with the Americal Division. Quite a coincidence he should be assigned to my old outfit.

Leonard H. Drabus

Col. H. A. Brocopp

Dear Herman:

I am herewith enclosing check in the amount of \$3.00, to pay my 1970 dues to the 164th Infantry Association.

Kay joins me in sending to you and your family our best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
George Smith
Arvada, Colo. 80002

Dear Friend:

Responding to your dues notice, I am enclosing mine to keep me current; I am surprised at myself for my unlikely promptness. Sorry to have missed the Jamestown Reunion but business pressure and imminence of a strike by our warehouse and service personnel (which fortunately didn't materialize) kept me close to the local situation. However I am setting my sights on the coming October Reunion and hope to see many service friends from near and not so near. You might announce to the membership that B. Christians?? of old Company E (Williston), made a fine marriage last August; his bride is good looking.

Saw from the latest publication that Len Clemmens returned to Jamestown for the Reunion and I had wanted to see him. 1970 is a good round figure and I hope to round out my vacation by attending this year, for sure.

Regards,
Joe C. Wells, Arlington, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed ten dollar bill to continue my membership in our Association for 1970, the balance of the remittance to the fund for the continuation of the 164th Infantry News in memory of another Barker... Captain Clarence N. Barker, Company "K" who passed on in 1937 and, another of those fine North Dakotans who signified by their Military service a willingness to sacrifice for the protection of American ideals.

Attrition has reduced the so-called San Francisco Outpost membership to a point where it has become almost non existent. Those of us remaining manage to get together infrequently in a spirit of comradeship or to honor former comrades who happen to visit the Bay Region.

We regret that Colonel Brocopp did not get in touch with us during his visit here last year. I am sure that meeting us young oldsters in one of San Francisco's Topless entertainment centers would have enlivened his visit.

With best regards and kind wishes,

Sincerely,
W. E. "Old Bill" Littlehales
646 40th Street
Richmond, Calif. 94805

5:00 a.m., Sat., 12-6-70
5030 Etiwanda Avenue
Mira Loma, Calif.

Dear Col. B.:

Yep! above time — correct. I can't seem to "slow down" or "step in" or forget that I was raised, born, initiated and trained to — "get up at em" early morn, even before birds or old Sol peeks up over the mountains in the east. At this time is the best time of the day, peaceful tho a bit lonesome. No home flowing, screeching tires, barking dogs, hollering kids, or crying babies (God bless 'em both).

Right now, I am following my usual routine "a-sittin," "a-sippin" (first cup o' java), "a-waitin" for the small town "grunt" (paper) to hit the front porch.

Your very welcome, interesting letter of Nov. 17th was among the first I received at this new address. Was sorry to learn of more of the old timers leaving us. Naturally — we can't do much about it, so its up to all of us — still here, to take it on the button and make the best of anything that comes.

I (well on the way to 80 now) am doing same as our good old pal Bob Hill, used to say — quote — "Just sticking around to see what the hell is going to happen next." End quote!

Am wondering if high cost of living (especially "eats") has hit you all up there, like it has down here. Meat and eggs are really "up." You have to be pretty much in the money to enjoy chokin' on some of the so-called — better steaks and the eggs — up to 75¢ a doz. for large AA. The "lowly" hamburger (per lb.) makes a dollar bill look like it got tangled up in a family reunion of moths. Some markets now are setting up a "delivery service" (only 5 or 10¢ an item or two bits for a bag). If you phone in a meat order and are not home when the boy gets there, he just sticks the meat through the keyhole, and

"pork chops" — wow! Prices stretching in a one way route — up. While I am on "up prices," may as well mention that I think I have the answer to why you see long hair on so many "he's," who will mistakenly be called men sooner or later. Of course barbers have to "eat" also, but their \$3.00 haircuts help situations in reverse. Just seems as tho those in the driver's seats are determined to make it rough for people, by using the old whip — hard and often. If I was younger, I would — duck — and say, "Yuh missed me," but — as the years pile up, the going gets tougher.

Hey! good friend Col. — What goes on here? Get me out of this serious outburst.

What news of "History," if any, also "mailing list" and '70 dues card — **no catch yet, tho paid.**

Thanks much for your letter and Jamestown Sun paper with news of the reunion.

Best regards to you and gang, from

Same old "youngster,"
L. F. "Pete" Harmon

Harold Barker,

Am sending my \$3.00 for 1970 dues, enjoy the paper. So much to keep in touch with the boys.

Jorgen Talmo,
Hillsboro, N. Dak.

Col. Barker,

Please find enclosed a check for dues for 1969 and 1970. We enjoy reading the "News" very much.

Allen L. Kapfer
Glendive, Mont.

Dear Col. Barker,

Just received the late copy of the 164th Infantry News which served to remind me that dues are due. Enclosed find check to fulfill my obligation.

Give my best regards to Col. Brocopp, if you please.

John C. Spare
Boulder, Colo.

Dear Col. Brocopp:

Enclosed herewith is my personal check in payment of dues for 1970, to include a contribution to your miscellaneous expenses.

I regret very much that I missed you last August while you were in the San Francisco bay area but pleased to learn that you were able to contact McCready. He reports that he had a most enjoyable visit with you.

Very truly yours,
Jas. M. Connors

Dear Harold,

I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$3.00 for the 1970 dues.

Sorry I wasn't able to attend the Reunion last Fall, but my brother, Col. Samuel Baglien, said he was unable to make it last year, so hope I can attend in 1970.

I couldn't find any information in the Infantry News, which gave the place where the Reunion will be held this year. Could you give me this information?

Best regards,
Ben Baglien
Leeds, N. Dak.

Mr. Barker,

Enclosed find my 1969 dues. I hadn't realized until I looked at an old card. I sure enjoy reading the "News" and once in a while someone from the old outfit is mentioned or a picture. I used to have a complete list of all the personnel of Hqts. Co., Lst Bn., 164th Infantry, but our home was destroyed by fire in 1963, so I no longer have the list. Would appreciate hearing from any of them old comrades from Fargo, and Cavalier that I was with in Fiji and Bougainville. I am presently the contacting officer at Ford Leonard Wood, Mo., and we have been getting several Americal Division fellows back from Vietnam. That old patch sure looks good, especially when one realizes the history behind this great unit and the many fine men that have served their country through all the years. Best regards to all the staff and with best of everything during the coming year.

Glen V. Shreve,
RFD No. 2, Iberia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are my dues. Plan on attending 1970 Reunion. I haven't heard as yet where it will be held. Bernard A. Scheer, Gaylord, Minn.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or ANNUAL RENEWAL
164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code No. _____

DUES FOR 1970 — \$3.00, includes subscription to 164th News

Send to: Harold Barker, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

Anyone Remember This WWI Vet.?

Dear Col.:

Thanks for your letter of December 9th.

I enjoyed reading the 164th "News", and in doing so, am reminded of a connection I had with that outfit in a round about way.

During the years 1946 and 1947 I was in the Army of Occupation in Italy with the 88th (Blue Devils) Division. Our commander was Major General Bryant E. Moore. General Moore was the same man who commanded the 164th on Guadalcanal. In occupation Moore welded the 88th into what probably was the sharpest occupation outfit that ever existed before or since. In fact for several years after Moore's death in Korea, I carried a copy of a column written by Robert Ruark, where he said: "The 88th Division under Bryant Moore was the tautest peace time unit I have ever seen." Then he tells of a very interesting story about General Moore (but space will not permit me to tell you the story at this time.)

He then states as follows: The principal reason for this letter is to see if I may get a copy of the roster of the 164th Infantry in World War I, and to see if there are any men by the name of Arthur Nelson on it.

I have, in the course of my historical work, come across a man by the name of Arthur Nelson who trapped, prospected, and worked as a logger in the Deses Lake area of northern British Columbia. He was a hermit type of individual and rarely spoke to anyone. However, on occasion he did say that he was raised on a farm in North Dakota, that he was Danish, and that he had worked in a logging camp in Wisconsin.

When he died in 1932 he was estimated to be between 35 and 40 years old and may have served in WWI. He left a small estate which has never been claimed. No one has found out where he came from, or knows much about him — he's a mystery. He had pale blue eyes, weighed about 170, had brown hair and about 5'6" and 5'9" tall.

If you have any ideas or information which may lead to establishing this man's identity, it would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dick North, Editor, Midnight Sun Artic Series, Box 1862, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada



Guadalcanal — Who?



Americal Highway

From the Americal News Letter,
Box 1381, Boston, Mass. 02104

Recently a group of our members led by the National Commander attended a hearing at the State House in Boston on a bill to name a major highway in Massachusetts as the "Americal Division Veterans Memorial Highway." The highway chosen is Route 91 which runs from the Connecticut line through Massachusetts to the Vermont line. The bill was passed by the State Senate and is now in the House. Members will be kept informed of our progress.

Are Your Dues Paid?

To be sure, dig down in your billfold and look at the last card. And if it is not marked 1970, you are requested to send in your \$3.00. We have had to remove a great number of names from the

mailing list for failure of them having paid their dues for the past two years. We are sure that you don't want that to happen to you!

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BISMARCK, N. D. 58501