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September, 1981



Reunion Committee

To let you know that your reunion committee has been busy since early March 1981 planning and getting things lived up for one of the great 164th Infantry Association Reunions.

Here are a couple of pictures of some of the reunion staff working at stuffing info envelopes at Minot on 27 Aug. 1981. Members present are: Dr. George Christensen, Bette Christensen, Carl W. Garbe, Arthur Anderson, Alma Anderson, Keith P. Parsons, Tillie Parsons, Mel Kjera, Dorothy Kjera, Henry Wick, Ed Schempp, Douglas McMahon, Joe Moe, and Margaret Pautzke.



The Minot Reunion Committee has spent many hours to try to make the 1981 Reunion an occasion that will be remembered with fond memories by all who attend. The Minot community has the reputation for being a friendly place to visit and we are sure that you won't be disappointed. There are about 35,000 people within the city limits and another 15,000 at the Minot Air Force Base just 13 miles north of the city as well as several thousand more in the area around Minot. The city is fortunate to be served by 2 airlines, 2 bus lines, Amtrak, and good highways. The restaurant and motel facilities are of such quality that Minot is a very popular convention city.

North Dakota is experiencing considerable activity in the area of energy development. It is 30 years since oil was discovered just west of Minot about 80 miles, and since that time the state has become one of the leading oil and gas producing states in the nation. Coal development has increased considerably to provide fuel for the several new electrical generating plants along the Missouri River, and new Coal gasification is in the planning stages. Minot has felt the effect of this activity.

Registrations are coming in from several areas of the country and we encourage all who can to get their registration and motel reservations in as soon as possible to enable the committee to properly plan for you.

The registration desk will be open just after noon at the American Legion Club and everyone may gather there for the rest of the afternoon and evening so you can arrange to meet your friends there. At 9:30 AM on Saturday, there will be a memorial service to pay tribute to our fallen comrades. This will be at the Legion Club also to be followed at 10 A.M. by the annual business meeting. At noon the men will have lunch at the Legion Club and the ladies will lunch at the Holiday Inn and will have an entertaining speaker. Saturday afternoon will be left open for visiting. At 6 P.M. Saturday evening we will meet at the Riverside Supper Club for Happy Hour to be followed by the banquet at 7 P.M.

There will be dancing from 9 until Midnight. Sunday morning there will be a brunch from 10 until 1 at the VFW.

Many of your friends will be here. We hope you will, too.

Dr. George M. Christensen

Announcement

Please be advised that William L. Dunphy has been elected National Commander of the Americal Division Veterans Association for the year 1981-82.

All correspondence should be directed to the Commander at the following address:

National Commander
William L. Dunphy
247 Willow Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132
Tel. No. (617) 323-2007 — home
Tel. No. (617) 879-1408 — office

Hector L. D'Amato
National Adjutant
Americal Division Vet's
Assoc.

From the Secretary's Desk . . .

The Constitution and Bylaws of the 164th Inf. Assoc. of the U.S. requires that all members in arrears in dues for a period of two (2) years be dropped from the rolls of the Association and their name be removed from the mailing list of the 164th Inf. News.

Please check your card and make certain it reads "dues are paid for 1981". Those of you who are in arrears will be notified before you are dropped, so help the Assoc. secretary out and send your 1982 dues in early.

Possibly you would consider and want to become a Life Member, the cost is only \$50.00. To give you an idea of who and how many are, here is a listing of living Life Members:

*Dr. Morris Straud West Chester, PA.

*Bernard Pawleck Dearborn Hts., MI.

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Minot Motel Accommodations:

RAMADA INN, 1505 N. Broadway
(Highway 83), Telephone 852-3161

Single \$29
Double \$35
2 Bed \$38
(Only about 4 rooms left here)

HOLIDAY INN, 3215 N. Broadway
(Highway 83), Telephone 852-4161

Single \$32
2 Bed \$38
King Size \$37
(About 40 rooms left here)

ECONO-INN, 22nd Ave. and N.
Broadway, Telephone 852-3411

Single \$24.44
2 Bed \$29.64
(About 10 rooms here)

SUPER-8, 1315 N. Broadway, Tele-
phone 852-1817

Single \$20.88
Double \$23.88
(About 10 rooms here)

NOTE: The above 4 motels are all fairly close to the American Legion Club which is 1715 North Broadway, and are also near the airport.

DAKOTA INN on US 2 & 52 Bypass
South, Telephone 838-2700

Single \$18.95
Double \$23.95
3 Occupants \$26.95
NOTE: We have 75 rooms reserved here. This new motel is located near the Dakota Square Shopping Center and is about 4 miles from the American Legion Club and is easy to find.

SANDMAN 2 & 52 West
Telephone 852-4088

Double only \$25

HO-HUM, 2 & 52 West, Telephone
852-2191

Single \$22
Double \$27.95
Deposit Required \$20

THUNDERBIRD, 1900 Burdick
Expressway East, Telephone 852-4488

Single \$22
Double \$26
4 Occupants \$34
(About 4 rooms here)

When making reservations, be sure to tell the motel that you are with the 164th Infantry reunion. Try to make your reservation before October 1st.

MAINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UNDERWOOD, MINNESOTA

Dr. G. M. Christensen
Chairman 164th Inf/Asso
P.O. Box 1544
Minot, N.D. 58701

Dear George,

Your favor of the 14th just received and contents noted. I appreciate the honor of being the Chaplain of our 164th Association, and the added honor to again conduct the Memorial service on the 17th of October. I recall you invited me to do the same a number of years back when I was still a missionary in Taiwan. At that distance I was forced to decline. However, the invitation was appreciated.

Now I again find that I am in a position that I'm forced to decline. The reason being that my son has lined up a return trip back to the Mainland of China, the land of my youth, and insists that I accompany him. Unfortunately this tour is during the month of October, which makes it impossible for me to be at our Reunion, much less conduct the Memorial Service. Thus I must decline with regrets. I'm sure that you can find some suitable clergyman, possibly with a Veterans background, to conduct this service.

I trust that you have a successful Reunion, in spite of the conflicting Convention you mentioned. Incidentally, I shall be happy to be re-elected as Chaplain of the 164th Infantry Association, since I am now retired and have my domicile in this country. At my age there cannot be a continual galivanting abroad.

Thanking you, and with cordial regards to both you and our President

Yours in Comradship,

Elliot C. Asndahl
ELLIOT C. Asndahl

P.S. Trust that you had a Happy Easter.

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FIRST- CHANGE IT TO METRIC
AND
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MOST OF THE PROBLEM
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DISAPPEAR AS A RESULT.



Letters . . .

Dear Mr. Christensen:

This is in regards to the notice in the D.A.V. Magazine about the 164th Infantry Reunion being held in Minot, North Dakota in October of 1981. I joined the Americal Division, Company G. 164th Infantry in New Caldonia and remained in this division until my return to the U.S.A. from Japan at the end of World War II.

Please send information on available hotels, place and time of meeting and any other information that may help me in preparing to attend this reunion. I would also appreciate a list of names and addresses on **anyone you know of** attending this reunion or **that has served in Company G. during this period.**

Thank you in advance
Clayton W. Hewes
317 Pennewill Drive
Leedom Estates
New Castle, Delaware 19720

Donations For 1981

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Box 1111, Bismarck, ND 58502

Gentlemen:

I am waiting to try and verify what I believe I remember about your outfit. I am 100% disabled from G.S.W. WWII Air Force (B-171). We (7th Air Force) (11th Gop 431st Bomb Sqd) participated in many actions (Wake, Midway, Bismarck Sea, Coral Sea, etc.) and Guadal Canal then called "Cactus".

What I want to prove or disprove is that 164 Div. (North & South Dakota) relieved parts of the 1st & 5th or 7th Marine Raider Btlns. and or the Ameri-Cal Div. the 25th "Wolf Hounds" from Schofield, Hawaii, came in later. Can you help my memory along this line. Will really appreciate it.

Infantry and Air Force — We need each other.

James H. McRoberts
2913 53'd St. So.
Gulf Port, Fla. 33707

Editor's Note:

How about it fellows? Some of you that were there ought to remember. How about letting Mr. Roberts know about it.

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- *John Schuld Dickinson, N.D.
- *Bernard Wagner Sanborn, N.D.
- *James Romig Rugby, N.D.
- *Neil Macdonald Valley City, N.D.
- *Robert Moran Williston, N.D.
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- *John Hagen Spokane, WA.
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- *John Clarys Menoken, N.D.
- *Earl Johnson Grand Coulee, WA.
- *Norman Samson Vista, CA.
- *Col. Richard Krogh South Port, NE.
- *Edward Puhr Danville, IL.

Letters . . .

Dear Editor —

I have started to write this letter several times since joining the Association. This will not be another time that I'll stop in the middle, wad it up and throw it away. But it's something that I've wanted to say to a group of people for many, many years.

I joined the army in 1944 by the draft route when I was seventeen years old. I had to lie to the draft board in order to get in. I felt I just couldn't let the war pass me by without getting in.

I have always felt very lucky that I was sent to the Philippines in March of 1945. Not lucky to be there, but lucky that they put me in Company A-164th. That Easter Sunday in '45 I met some of the greatest guys a man would ever meet in his whole life. They went out of their way to make sure that we were made comfortable as could be. They even raided some of the other companies for cots so that we wouldn't have to sleep on the ground. They complained that we would be sleeping on the ground soon enough — he sure as hell was right.

Capt. Yuhl was C.O. and I believe Lt. Bonnie was Exec. Off. at that time. However, it wasn't long after that we got a new C.O. What a nice guy he was. Us younger fellows looked up to him as if he was our father. Things got really rough on Negroes and on May 7 Bennett, Brooks, Campo and Morman got killed and Al Brown (who now lives in Hamilton, Ohio, came to visit me and moved here from Chicago 30 years ago) and Reddihouse from Texas both got shot up pretty bad helping get John Benne off the forward slope of the hill. That day was a lot for a 17 year old to take and I told our new C.O. that I had lied to get in the army and I didn't want anymore of this crap. His comment I will remember the rest of my life. He said none of us were old enough to go through what we had just went through — I said to him that he could say that cause he was an old man. He told me if he lived through tomorrow he would be 28 years old. God, I thought he was my father's age.

I have always picked him as typical of guys I met and looked up to that I had

met in the 164th. Guys from Denver, CO. (I named my son after him), Spooner the Mess Sgt., Harold Krause, Jessie Vaughn, Glen Allen, also Larry Cassista, Joe Costeyneto and just too many names to mention.

Every Sunday when I attend Mass and we pray for those living I include all these fine people and when we pray for those dead I include my friends of the 164th who have preceeded us in death.

I had hoped to say a lot more in this letter, but I think I'll just end it here and make sure I send it this time. One thing I forgot — my company commander on May 7 was wounded the next day protecting his radio man, was none other that our 1981 Reunion Chairman, Dr. George M. Christensen.

I will be unable to attend the reunion at Minot — from Hamilton, Ohio that's a very expensive air ticket. Maybe next year things will be better. I just wanted to tell you nice people what an impression you made on a kid so many miles away from home. Thank You.

Gene Brinkman
501 Ridgelawn
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Dear Keith,

Please accept the checks for the dues we have received. Marvin N. Seas is OK. Sawyer included his dues with his registration and I will send along our check for Sawyer's dues.

As Ever,
Leonard Kretschmar
Minot, ND

Dear Keith,

I guess you are the one to write to about not receiving a copy of the News. I have heard from a couple other members and both have had their copy for some time.

Please rush my copy and severely chastise those responsible for making me wait. (HA!) It appears I might not make this years reunions, but have high hopes of making the one next year.

Thank You Kindly,
Harold Aarhus (Co. B)
2748 Kay Ave.
Concord, CA 94520

Editor's Note:

Harold: We have no idea why your paper was late but to offset the possibility of not receiving one, we mailed a copy to you direct. Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,
Keith P. Parsons

The Last Roll Call

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

Max E. Igan June 81 St. Louis Park, MN
Joseph J. Thomas 9 Aug 81 Bismarck, ND
Edward P. Burns 18 Sept 81 Fargo, ND

Letters . . .

7/27/1981

I am enclosing a record of my husband's discharge papers. Would you please make a copy of it in your 164th Infantry News? Enclosing \$10.00 for magazines. Also put this letter in the News.

Anyone knowing about my husband's wounds; would they be service-connected? How much? Surely, someone must know — he saved many lives. Anyone that knows Orville J. Petersen please contact: Department of Veteran's Affairs, 301 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. Also Orville Kenneth Foubert appeared in the Minot Daily News dated Jan. 31, 1981. Appeared in the 164th News). Would appreciate a copy or a picture of him, also any members of family around, please contact us at 138 N. "C" Street, Fremont, Nebr. 68025. It is the dark green house in the middle. Only 3 houses on this block. One empty. Do not go to the white one. It's a one-way street.

How are the houses for rent around Minot area? I do all the corresponding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Orville J. (Betty) Petersen

Dr. G.M. Christensen,

According to the Legion Magazine the 164th is having a reunion in October in Minot. I have recently retired and still have ties in Cando. We may try to make it this year. Could you please send me additional information?

Sincerely,

Bob Corcoran

Hq. 2nd Bn.

5919 "L" Street

Lincoln, NE 68510

July 6, 1981

Dear Friends:

I like to get your mail too early to know if I can make the October reunion, but look forward to a strong possibility I'll be there.

My home and permanent address is below. I was very distinguished in the Hq. Co. Ended up only a buck private in the Co.

Who is this Dr. Christensen? Was he the Lt. Christensen I remember that got a 25 right through his carcass and didn't know it till he was told?

Best wishes,

Karl Steinberg

RT 3 — Box 181A

Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981

8/1/81

Keith,

Here are my dues and something extra for the Association.

Sorry we'll miss this year's reunion, but we're looking forward to the 1982 one. Really enjoyed meeting all the fellows at the 1980 reunion.

Sincerely,

Bill Friedewald

Webster Groves, MO

7/19/81

Dear Sir:

I enjoyed the complimentary copy of the 164th Inf. News very much. I was mobilized in Fargo on Feb. 10, 1941. I was discharged on June 3, 1945.

Enclosed are my dues with application for membership with a little extra for good cause.

Sincerely,

Edgar A. Sinkbeil

Colfax, WA

6/22/81

Dear Sir:

Read your announcement in the June 81 Dare magazine regarding a reunion for the 164th Infantry. I am kind of wondering if I may be a part of it.

I was in Battery a 164 Field Artillery of the 40th Division in the Philippines and Korea in WWII. I have never heard of a reunion for this 164th before and am anxious to be a part of one.

Please let me know if you can tell me how to find out about reunions. Was also in the 52nd Signal Corps in Korea.

Thank You.

Yours truly,

Carl B. Carlsen

P.O. Box 11

Sedro-Woolley, Wash. 98284

7/30/81

Dear Wally,

Below is my latest (still a temporary one) postal address for you to use for me.

Should any of your letters (or Publications) mailed to me have been returned to you, please be kind enough to re-mail them all back to me. I'll be glad to refund to you all extra postage necessary.

Many thanks. Best of health and good luck to all.

Sincerely,

Myron D. Reamy

General Delivery

Main Post Office

8th Ave. at 33rd St.

New York, NY 10001

6 Sept. 1981

Dear Sir:

Enclosed will find check for \$10.00 for my 1982 dues and for Thomas E. Kane. His address is Superior St., Northridge, CA.

Tom Kane was Mess Sgt. of Hq Co. in Claiborne, LA. He was the meanest Mess Sgt. in the U.S. Army. He made the KP's scrub the kitchen floors with tooth brushes. If they didn't do a good job, they got latrine duty for a week.

Sorry I can't make the reunion this year, but I will try again next year.

Yours Truly,

Neil Tennyson

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 1981 — \$5.00, includes subscription to 164th News,

Send to: Secretary 164th Infantry, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

Letters . . .

10 Sept. 81

Dear Keith,

Enclosed is my dues for the next year and a couple extra for the News. I know the cost to print the News must have gone up in these inflationary times. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Everett A. Forde
700 Como Ave. #5
St. Paul, MN 55103

OBITUARY

Joseph Thomas



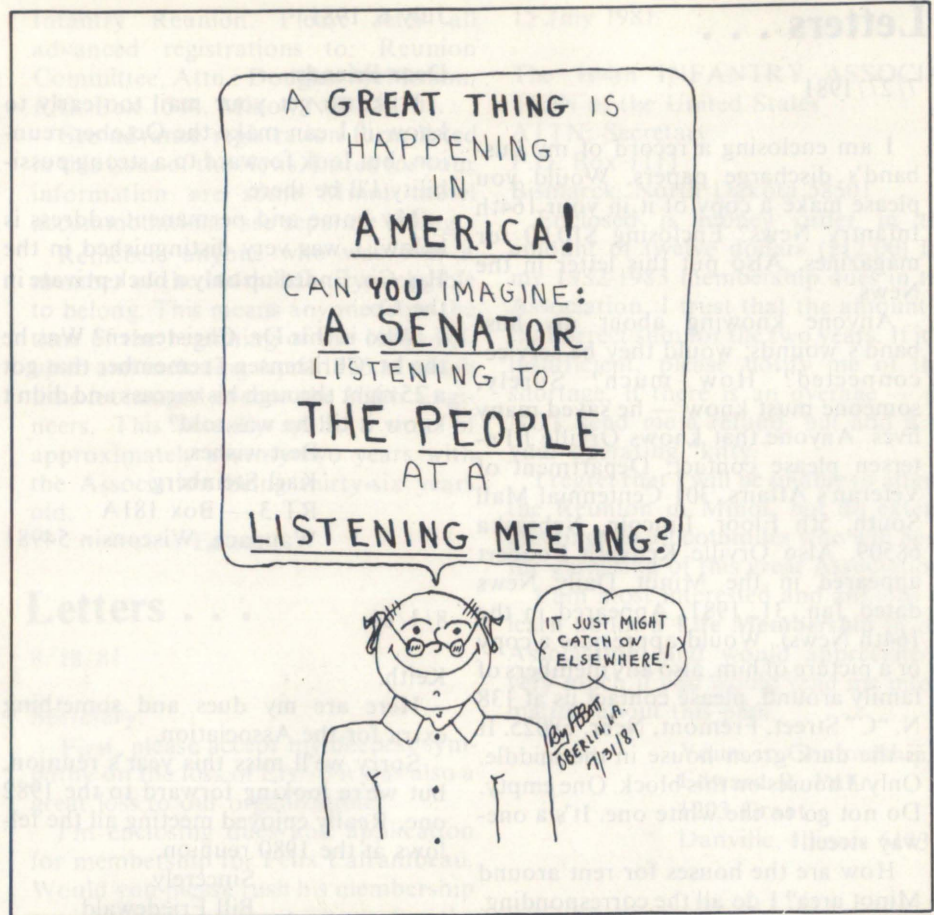
JOSEPH
THOMAS

Services for Col. Joseph J. Thomas, 67, retired career officer with the North Dakota Army National Guard, are scheduled for noon Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bismarck. He died Sunday at a Bismarck hospital.

He was born June 15, 1914, in Emmons County to Adam and Barbara Wingter Thomas. After graduating from Linton High School in 1932, he worked in Linton until joining the National Guard in 1939. Following service in World War II he worked for a short time with the Veterans Administration at Fargo.

He married Doris Runck, Sept. 14, 1947, at Wimbledon, and after his marriage returned to active duty with the Guard, serving in the Berlin Crisis and the Korean War. He had been serving as executive officer of the 164th Engineer Group in Bismarck when he was named state maintenance officer in 1963. He later was also named chief of staff of the state Army Guard.

In 1973, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in ceremonies at Camp Grafton. He retired in 1975, culminating 35 years of military service. He was a past commander of Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1 of the American Legion at Bismarck.



OBITUARY

Edward P. Burns

The funeral for Edward P. Burns, 61, 912 8th St. N., Fargo, will be at 2 Tuesday in Lincoln Lutheran Church at Bismarck, Minn., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., September 20, in the Hanson-Runsvold Chapel at Fargo. He died Friday. Mr. Burns was born March 13, 1920, at McHenry, N.D. He grew up in Fargo, where he attended Central High School. He attended North Dakota

State University at Fargo, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, St. Paul (Minn.) College of Law, and Columbus University at Washington, D.C. He served in the Army during World War II. On Jan. 4, 1942, he married Laila Nelson at Walla Walla, Wash. He was an attorney for the American Legion at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis. He was also an attorney for the American Legion National Headquarters at Washington, D.C. In 1956, he returned to Fargo, where he had a law office.

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