

Shipping Out For The South Pacific



Company K of the 164th Infantry Regiment
From Dickinson, North Dakota
Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
1942



USO dance in Hermanston, Oregon in February 1942, just before Company K departed for the South Pacific.

Company K of the 164th Infantry Regiment ordered to duty in the Pacific Theater

On March 18, 1942 the members of the 164th Infantry Regiment boarded the USS President Coolidge bound for Australia. At Melbourne, Australia, the regiment changed ships and sailed for New Caledonia.

On May 24, 1942 the 164th Infantry Regiment (North Dakota National Guard), the 132nd Infantry Regiment (Illinois National Guard) and the 182nd Infantry Regiment (Massachusetts National Guard)

were organized as the Americal Division.

The Americal Division was the only unnumbered division in World War II

and the only division to be organized on foreign soil.



The Island Of New Caledonia Lies 1200 Miles Off The East Coast Of Australia. This Is Where The Americal Division Was First Formed.



Bud Boisen Provided This Meal Ticket That He Had Saved From His Trip On The USS President Coolidge That Had Taken Him And The Rest Of

Company K To Australia.



Tents On New Caledonia - Pacific Theater.



Pvt Jack Wolf

In The Pacific Theater, Perhaps On
The Island Of New Caledonia.



Hurriedly Built Sleeping Quarters On New
Caledonia.



This Piece Of Paper Money From New Caledonia Is From The Collection Of Edward Wagner.
Faintly In Ink At The Top Of The Bill,
It Reads, "A.j.z. Aug. 3-42 New Caledonia". It Probably Was Cut In Half With The Top Part Being
Retained By
Anton "Tony" J. Zastoupil (Pictured) Until After The War When The Halves Of The Bill Were
Reunited.



Folky Johnson, Bud Boisen, Bill Sullivan Tim
Sullivan & Ralph Gaugler
New Caledonia





Ralph Gaugler
& Jack Agnew

This Picture Was Taken On
New Caledonia Before Co. K
Was Ordered To Guadalcanal.



Ralph Never Did Explain What

He Was Doing With Half A Dozen
Liquor Bottles On New Caledonia.
Nearly Sixty Years Later,
He Was Still Smiling.



Lester Vanvig, Paul Fischer,
Kermet Schoen, Bud Boisen
& Harry Dolyniuk
Seen Here In A Photo Taken
On New Caledonia.