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. It faintly bears 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.

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.