A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

With Veterans Day recognized on Saturday, Nov. 11 we take this opportunity to salute those from the area who have served or are serving in the U.S. Military. The photographs and information for the men and women honored on the following pages comes from our readers. Thank you for the submissions, and especially thank you to those who have served or are serving.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI
EMILY KRIZAN
Emily Krizan served in the Army National Guard; Private First Class from May, 2016 thru present (still serving).

DAN CRAIG
Army Paratrooper, Gulf War, 1988-1992

THE DUNN FAMILY
The Dunn family. Lawrence served 15 years in the Air Force security forces and Amanda served 4 years in the Air Force. Two sons Nathan and Chris.

BEN TUDOR
22 years USAF retired (TSGT). Aerospace Ground Equipment Technician. 21 years at MAFB, 1 year OASN, ROK, Deployed 7 times.

BRUCE NEUBERGER
Colonel Bruce Neuberger served in the US Marine Corps for 32 years; 1979-2011. Neuberger did his basic training in San Diego CA. During his 32 years he did multiple tours including Operation Desert Shield.

ALOYSIUS M. KLEIN
Aloysius M. Klein, Beulah, ND, became a Seaman in 1962, where he served in Vietnam. Klein was in the navy for 10 years and served in the army for 20 years.

JEREMY VIGEN

ALICIA LAVENDER
Alicia Krebsbach Lavender. Full time reservist, 22 years of service. 445th Airlift Wing, Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

ERICA ROBINSON
Erica Krebsbach Robinson Master Sergeant Superintendent, Theatre Communications Control Center assigned to Osan Air Base, South Korea. 20 years of service.

DAVID JOHNSON
Center, ND Branch of service: U.S. Navy (1963-1967)

VERN HARCHENKO
Major Vern Harchenko served in the US Army, National Guards, and Air Force from 1971-2011 for a total of 27 years and 8 months.

JERRY HARCHENKO
Colonel Jerry Harchenko served in the Army and National Guards from 1956 to 2010 for a total of 54 years.

THE DUNN FAMILY
Thank you Veterans for your courage, honor and dedication!
Post 90 ensures ‘Old Glory’ waves long & proudly over Oliver County

By ANNETTE TAIT

The tradition of military service in Oliver County has roots that run proud and deep. More than 90 county residents served in The Great War, later to become known as World War I. Shortly after the war ended in 1918, veterans gathered to establish an American Legion post within the county.

At the time of its founding, Post 90 was named the Edward A. Miller Post in honor of the county’s first fallen soldier. The Post became Miller-Linn American Legion Post 90 after World War II, in order to honor the first Oliver County casualty of that war, Samuel F. Linn.

Over the years, Miller-Linn Post 90 developed and sustained the tradition of honoring county veterans and our nation’s flag through Memorial Day and Veterans Day remembrance ceremonies, participation in the Old Settlers Days parade, graveside ceremonies, color guards, and flag retirement ceremonies.

This past May, Post 90 participated in a ceremony removing Great River Energy’s Stanton Station flag from service upon the power plant’s closure. The flag was then donated to the Mercer County Museum.

Members also worked with the local Boy Scout troop to hold an official flag retirement ceremony, teaching the scouts the proper way to retire a flag that is no longer in condition to be flown.

“The ceremony teaches them to learn about and learn respect for the flag,” Post 90 Commander Clark Gullickson said. “They learn what it means, what the stripes mean, what the canton means, and to show respect.”

Members of Post 90 proudly served under the nation’s flag, and encouraged individuals and organizations alike to fly the nation’s colors. Prompted by seeing flags being flown that were beyond their service lives, the Post established a flag program to serve the community. Members work to educate the public on the proper display of our nation’s – and our state’s – flag; provide free replacement flags to government agencies, schools, cemeteries, and civic organizations; and provide flags and flagpoles at cost to residents, businesses, and other organizations.

Most recently, Post 90 was instrumental in obtaining Great River Energy’s donation of the Stanton Station flagpole, which was then installed at the Oliver County Ambulance hall in Center.

“The flag was raised, and then moved and raised in a new location, like it was here,” Veterans Services Officer Ron Otto said during the dedication ceremony, likening the movement of flags on the battlefield to the relocation of the power plant’s flagpole to the ambulance hall.

Post 90 also provides flag retirement for damaged flags and flags that are beyond their service lives. Flags may be left in the designated box in the Oliver County Courthouse entryway, and Post 90 will see to their official retirement.

Miller-Linn Post 90 Legion Flag Program

Miller-Linn American Legion Post 90 encourages residents, businesses, and other organizations to proudly fly the American flag at their homes, businesses, and other locations throughout Oliver County. Post 90 helps to obtain and display flags, as well as officially retire flags that are no longer fit to be in service.

POST 90

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ROBERT LAWSON
Robert Lawson served in the Army National Guard as an E7 for 23 years. He was a part of Iraqi Freedom 2003-2005. He was a Bronze Star recipient.

SAMUEL B. REISER
Samuel B. Reiser; Lance Corporal served in the Marines from 2011 to 2014. In 2012 he went to Afghanistan. In 2014 he was part of the Black Sea rotational force that served in Sicily, Romania, and Georgia.

RODNEY RUST
Rodney Rust served in the Navy aboard the USS Constellation (CVA-64) from August 1962 to September 1966.

ANDREW SAILER
Andrew Sailer served in the US Air Force from 1943 to 1945. He was a flight engineer on B24 Boomers and was in the Pacific Theater of Operations in WWII. He received: Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Award, American Theater Service Medal Award and Good Conduct Medal Award.

SANDY HOFER
Sandy Hofer served in the United States Air Force. She had 4 years of service.

RON CROWLEY
Ron Crowley served in the US Navy. Pictured in 1972 Barcelona, Spain; 3rd Mediterranean Cruise

RUSSELL SCHMIDT
Russell Schmidt of Halliday served in the US Army from 1969 to 1972. He served during the Vietnam War. Russell has two children Larry and Delynn Schmidt, both reside in Hazen.

ROBERT ROBARGE
Robert Robarge, retired active duty Air Force, 22 years

ROBERT E ALBERS

CHARLES SCHULZ
Charles “Phil” Schulz served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946 for a total of 35 months. Rating: Fire Controlman Third Class
Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR’S NOTE) This letter was written from Charles to his mother and was published in the Bowman County Pioneer newspaper on September 26, 1918.

With the American Expeditionary Forces

Dear Mother:

Through you the rest of the family will have to hear from me. I suppose you got the card that stated I had arrived safe and sound overseas. The country is very odd to one used to modern methods of habitation. The buildings are made of brick and little stone walls divide the farms. These walls run in every direction and form every kind of shape, from tiniest [sic] square to the ghost of a triangle, oblong, and polygons are not uncommon. The one that took my fancy was one that was round at one end, and came to a peak at the other. The best example I can give to illustrate what it looks like is a fishing net with two kids quarreling over it, one pulling one way and the other the opposite.

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Give me any regards to everyone. Take good care of yourself and don’t let dad get sick again when winter starts. Have Ica and Henry write to me and tell them I think of them even if I fail to write. I am well and feeling fine. Still got a lot of North Dakota “pep” in me.

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259 Aero Squadron.

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Dear mother:

I just lately returned from going “over the top” and believe me it was some experience. I went over at 5 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 26th and stayed there till Oct. 3rd. I was hit in the back by a piece of shrapnel but not bad only a small wound but was sent back for treatment; it is nearly well now and will be able to leave here in a few days for the company again I hope.

I am enclosing your letters regular but have been where they would not take mine for the past month. I am always glad to receive mail any time from you. Have been over a good deal of France by this time as we are hardly ever more than a few days in a place at a time.

I am enclosing a clipping from a Paris paper about our division; am also sending you a few souvenirs of France in another letter. The Red Cross is doing a fine work over here for the boys for which they are entitled to.

How is everything around home by this time? I do not hear much from anyone except relatives; got a letter from Aunt Ethel and also from Aunt Lillie. Have not been able to locate Herbert Wertz yet. Have not seen any one except relatives; got a letter from Aunt Ethel and also from Aunt Lillie.

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Jumping into France: A Stanton native’s story

By DANIEL ARENS

Although now 95 years old, Ralph Schwab’s memory of Stanton remains crystal clear. As does his recollections of serving in the most famous battles of the Second World War.

Ralph, who currently lives in Rapid City, S.D., knows the Hazen Stanton area as home.

“I was born and raised there, and I lived there till I went to the service in ’42,” he said. He remembered Hazen as being more of the “shopping town” for the family.

Ralph’s parents owned a farm about nine miles southwest of Stanton. He identified the location as six miles south of Oliver County 25, and five miles to the east of Hazen.

After joining the 507th Parachute Regiment during World War II, Ralph found himself jumping out a plane in the middle of the night with a couple dozen other paratroopers over the French village of Sainte Mere Eglise, just a half dozen miles from the nearest beaches. It was night or early morning of June 6, 1944.

D-Day.

“Yeah, we jumped in about 2 in the morning,” he said. After the plane he was in started taking fire from German mortars below, Ralph found himself making what is arguably the most famous parachute jump in history, with thousands of others doing the same throughout northern France during that night.

“I was assigned to more of a messenger for our company,” Ralph said.

After three days, the 507th made contact with Allied beach forces, and Ralph recalled staying with them for around a month before he was briefly sent back to England. On Christmas Eve, he was again flying over France, this time making for a forest almost as famous as the Normandy beaches: the Ardennes, site of the Battle of the Bulge.

From there, he continued with the 507th through the invasion of northwest Germany over the Rhine River, regrouping with Allied troops coming from the south, and in the final united push across the Ruhr Valley towards Berlin.

After the war, Ralph returned to Stanton for a year, helping his brothers on the farm, before moving to Richardson. Later, he was worked on the constrictions of the Garrison Dam, and also lived in Custer, S.D. before finally moving to Rapid City. Ralph and his wife Dorothy still live in their own home. Their children are scattered, including sons in Arizona, a daughter in Indiana, and a now-deceased daughter who lived in Wyoming.

Ralph Schwab, a World War II veteran originally from Stanton. - Submitted by Mark Schwab
“The Specter” Doughboy: Thomas Rogers

By CAROLE BARRETT and CALVIN GRINNELL

Thomas Rogers was born into a prominent Arikara family in 1890 or 1891. As a youth, he was also known by his Arikara name, Kata-nuta. After distinguished service in World War I, Arikara elders gave him the name Skatanunawing. Charges Alone, to reflect his courage and bravery on the battlefield. Among his fellow soldiers, Rogers was nicknamed “The Specter” in recognition of his extraordinary prowess as a night raider and sniper.

Weeks after the United States declared war on Germany on April 2, 1917, Congress found it necessary to pass a bill to create a national army of conscripted soldiers. In North Dakota, many American Indian men volunteered even though most were non-citizens and so were not obligated to serve. Like Thomas Rogers, many of these men were the sons and grandsons of warriors and scouts from an earlier era and had been raised with stories that memorialized the warrior tradition. More than 200 American Indian men from North Dakota served in the U.S. military during World War I.

Many joined Company I of the 2nd Infantry Regiment of the North Dakota National Guard, commanded by Captain A.B. Welch of Mandan. Welch had deep connections to the tribal communities in North Dakota, especially at Standing Rock and Fort Berthold, so many men from these reservations enlisted in the 2nd Regiment. For a time, Welch and others sought to form a full company of American Indian soldiers, but, ultimately, the Secretary of the Army did not approve of segregating Native enlistees.

On August 1, 1917, Rogers came to Bismarck and enlisted. In December, he sailed for Europe and on New Year’s Day 1918 arrived in France. He was assigned to Company A of the 18th Infantry, 1st Division. He served along with Albert Grass, Richard Blue Earth, and Joe Jordan, all of Standing Rock. Rogers served with the Intelligence Section of the American Indian Army, as well as Joseph Young Hawk, an Arikara, and Fort Berthold.

While in France, Rogers was assigned to the Intelligence Section and served as a battalion runner and sniper. It was here he earned his reputation as “The Specter.” Battalion runners served on scouting details at night. The objectives were to determine enemy positions and to capture German soldiers serving as sentries guarding the trenches. If an enemy soldier refused to surrender, Rogers would kill them and bring back their uniform blouse. Stashul was paramount during these night raids and Rogers was not armed. He used his bare hands to overwhelm the enemy.

He is credited with killing or taking prisoner 33 Germans on 30 consecutive nights. During the daytime, Rogers served as a sharpshooter and would be stationed in front of his own lines, hidden in brush or woods. When a German soldier poked his head above the sandbags, he became a target. Rogers was an expert marksman with the reputation for shooting the enemy between the eyes.

Thomas Rogers was honored by the United States military for his deeds on the battlefield. He received a citation for bravery in the attack on Cantigny (May 28, 1918) and for his work as a battalion runner. He was recognized as a “non-commissioned officer of great courage, initiative and intelligence...a soldier of the highest type” who always volunteered for the most dangerous missions. After the Battle of Soissons (July 18-19, 1918), Rogers was cited for bravery “capturing at night barehanded and alone, many sentinels who were taken back to the American camp for questions.”

Rogers returned to the United States in September 1918 and served until the end of the war as an instructor in weaponry and marksmanship. Among his trainees at Camp Lewis, WA, were Robert Dunning Bull and Mark Necklace from Fort Berthold. After the war ended, Rogers returned home to Elbowoods and married Lucy Coffee. In 1926, he received a presidential citation from President Calvin Coolidge for “the valor and very extraordinary meritorious service performed by him” during the war. He was granted a position as a mail carrier in Mandan, a post he filled from 1926-1932. Rogers eventu-


Velva’s Post 39

By LIBBY DARNELL

Many travelers pass by this establishment everyday without notice. But it is full of history, support and much more.

The American Legion in Velva established Post 39 almost a century ago. Through ups and downs, the Legionnaires have kept it going and serve the needs of many locals.

After soldiers returned from WWI, Congress chartered a patriotic organization for the war-weary veterans. The purpose was to provide support to servicemen.

The American Legion quickly evolved into a nonprofit organization. Widely known, the posts stand as an influential support in their communities.

Velva’s Post 39 is named after WWII soldier, Joseph I Weller, when it was chartered on Sept. 9, 1919. Weller, a Velva native, was killed and buried in France in 1918.

Post 39 quickly showed veteran support when a soldier needed help returning to his job. The issue went to the state convention and written exchanges through officials. The soldier was given his former job back with the encouragement of his post.

Velva Legionnaires almost lost their charter shortly after they began. This was due to bad farming years and the opening of a nearby American Legion post. Soon Post 39 returned to their original member count after the nearby post discontinued.

The post home moved several times. The city of Velva gave a lot of land to the Legion after WWII. Post 39 established its home in 1957 on Main Street.

The importance of gaming is relevant to Post 39. Bingo and various other games raise money for the group.

The funds raised are turned into donations. Many local groups, from youth baseball to the care center, receive money from the post.

The Legion building also serves the community. Upcoming hall usage includes the Velva Wildlife Club fundraiser, Wee Winter Whimsy events, and the Dakota Roughrider Saddle Club dance.

With a member count of over 100, Post 39 is holding strong. A Color Guard also serves at events of formal character. They carry colors, or flags, and hold other positions that symbolize the protection of regimental colors.

Next time you pass by American Legion Post 39, take notice. It represents nearly 100 years of service, support and community outreach.

CREDIT: State Historical Society of ND.
By ALLAN TINKER

Jim Paulus, Veterans Service Officer for Sheridan County, has presented many special Vietnam era pins with the help of Legionnaires Ken (Butch) Konschak of Goodrich. He has also made many special presentations on his own. Each pin includes a special letter with the proclamation made by President Obama on May 25, 2012.

Obama proclaimed a period of time to honor more than 58,000 soldiers who died, more than 1,600 still missing and Vietnam veterans who served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam era years from 1955 to 1975. The lapel pin has the words “Vietnam War Veteran” engraved in a blue circle around an eagle, with stripes and stars in the back-ground. The message, “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You,” is embossed on the back of the pin.

The following military veterans received honors from Goodrich and Moon: Roger Cookson, Army 1960-62; Morris Broeckel, Army 1964-66; Belwood Majors, Navy 1961-65; Myron Lasher, Army 1957-59; Timothy Erdmann, Army 1971-73; Delk Fulcher, Army 1959-61; Bruce Johnson, Navy 1962-67; Bob Laumer, Navy 1979-82; Thomas Goodrich, Army 1955-56; Myron Laumer, Navy 1979-82; Thomas Bruce Johnson, Navy 1962-67; Bob 73; Milton Helm, Army 1959-61; Morris Broeckel, Army 1964-66; Jim Paulus, Marine Corps 1972-74; Robert Adam, Melvin Ziebarth, and Robert Richter, Julius Gange, Al- 

As a grateful Nation, we honor with stripes and stars in the back-ground. The message, “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You,” engraved in a blue circle around an eagle, with stripes and stars in the back-ground. The message, “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You,” is embossed on the back of the pin.

By the former President of the United States of America, Barack Obama

“As we observe the 50th anniver-
sary of the Vietnam War, we reflect with solemn reverence upon the valor of a generation that served with honor. We pay tribute to the more than 5 million service men and women who left their families to serve bravely, a world away from everything they knew and everyone they loved. From Ia Drang to Khe Sanh, from Hue to Saigon and everything in between, they loved. From Ia Drang to Khe Sanh, from Hue to Saigon and between, they everything in between, they

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A Proud Salute to Our Veterans

We celebrate the men and women of the Armed Forces of Mercer County for their sacrifice, courage and dedication to this country. Throughout our nation’s history, those who have answered the call of duty deserve our recognition and our thanks. We respect the sacrifices their families have made, and remember with gratitude those who have lost their lives defending this great nation.

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As we acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of WWI
we pay tribute to those veterans from Mercer County who served.

April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918
North Dakota’s WWI Memorials

As part of the centennial remembrance of World War I, two North Dakotans are busy combing the state for monuments, parks, memorial buildings, and plaques that honor those who served in World War I. Susan Wefald of Bismarck is searching for these memorials dedicated between 1918 and 1941 and Robert Greene of Arvilla is participating as he works to locate all veterans’ memorials in the state.

In 2015, Wefald started hunting for World War One Memorials. In January of that year, she read a magazine article about Mark Levitch of Washington, DC, who was conducting a nationwide search for World War monuments. Levitch is project director of the National World War I Memorial Inventory Project. The article reported that he was hoping to find a person or organization in each state willing to help him locate the monuments and memorials. Wefald contacted Levitch and volunteered for the work in North Dakota.

Two years later, Wefald has identified 45 buildings, parks, monuments, and plaques in North Dakota built between 1918 and 1941 and dedicated to WWI veterans. As she continues her search, she welcomes tips from others who have, as Wefald says, “fun filled learning the stories of these memorials by reading old newspaper articles, interviewing community citizens, and reading old guidebooks to the state,” she commented. “I have also enjoyed travelling across the state to visit these important monuments.”

During her search she realized that North Dakota had a World War I monument that was dedicated after Armistice Day on November 11, 1918. In the case of this monument, the Bismarck Daily Tribune of Minot had raised funds and erected it on Memorial Day 1918. Levitch believes that this monument appears to be the first permanent memorial in the nation dedicated to local soldiers who died in the war. “I was thrilled to know that this beautiful 1918 marble monument was dedicated by women,” said Wefald. “I was impressed that Minot was so important,” said Wefald. Wefald turns over all information she finds to both the North Dakota Historical Society and to the national World War I Inventory Project. Information about the World War I memorials and monuments is located at the State Historical Society of North Dakota’s website.

Underwood's city maintenance workers nail Repnow, left, and Jake Boozenny. They are both former marines, now putting their marine mindsets and work ethics together for the betterment of Underwood.

CREDIT: Susan Wefald, Bismarck

Although Wefald’s emphasis has been to locate only memorials dedicated exclusively to World War I veterans, Robert Greene has been touring the state identifying monuments dedicated to North Dakota veterans who have died in any war. Greene has taken this project in keeping with the American Legion.

“Almost every town and city in the state has a veteran’s monument of some kind,” said Greene. “I have found monuments dedicated to Civil War soldiers as well as those dedicated to the War on Terror.” He has collected information on more than 200 veterans’ monuments in North Dakota.

Greene and Wefald share information with each other, as both serve on the North Dakota World War I Monument Inventory Committee. “We are both committed,” said Wefald, “to preserving these public monuments which celebrate the contributions made by men and women in service of our country.”

Among the WWI monuments and memorials that the two have identified are courthouses and public halls in Bismarck, Bottineau, Cando, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Flaxton, Kenmare, Lin- ton, Mandan, Minnewaukan, Moun- te, Mohall, Mott, New England, Noonan, Rolette, Rugby, Stanley, and Towner.

Monuments and plaques exist at Williston, Walperton, Pembina, Steele, Minot, Northwood, Leeds, Lisbon, Hankinson, Drayton, Drake, Carrington, Amidon, and at the bridge between Bismarck-Mandan. Other memorials include parks at Grand Rapids and Spirit- wood Lake, the 1927 University of North Dakota memorial football stadium, the Jamestown College gymnasmium, and the Liberty Memo- rial Building and its nearby French boxcar on the capitol grounds at Bismarck.

Underwood marines still answering the call

By SUZANNE WERRE

It might be hard for most folks to imagine how fighting in Afghanist- an or working with engineers from NASA would translate well to doing street, sewer, water and lagoon maintenance for a city.

But it’s that work ethic that was instilled in Neal Repnow, Under- wood’s maintenance supervisor, and Jake Boozenny, a laborer for the city of Underwood, that en- able the two to work well together, which in turn works well for the city.

Boozenny was in the marines for eight years, from 2004 until 2012, serving in Djibouti, Africa and in Afghanistan. When he finished his tour of duty, he was a sergeant.

When Repnow left the marines to come home and take care of the family business after his father was injured in an accident, he was a lance corporal. He had planned on making the marines his life’s work, but things turned out differ- ently, he said. “The marines was going to be my career, but . . . you’ve got to go with the flow,” said Repnow.

“The flow” has led him to being Underwood’s maintenance supervi- sors for the past few years, and this spring Boozenny was hired by the city as a part-time worker.

Both agree that their time in the marines helped them with their job, which can be messy, time- consuming, and unpredictable. It also helps them work together and understand each other.

On being a marine, Boozenny said, “It’s not something you do—it’s what you become.” What you become is respectful and honorable. And you learn how to work, and don’t quit until the job is done.

“Nobody is left behind,” added Repnow. “There’s no distinction in ranks, he said. “If somebody is left behind,” reiterated Boozenny.

That idea of leaving no one be- hind applies not only to the military, but to getting a job done.

Just the fact that they have so many of the same ideals and phi- losofphies has helped them become a pretty good team. Although, noted Repnow, the other part-timer for the city, Bob Zietz, has been an ideal employee, too—often he’s taken care of something on Repnow’s “to-do list” before Repnow has had a chance to get to it. “Boozenny hasn’t progressed that far yet. But we’re off to a good start,” said Repnow.

He was glad to hear that the city’s new hire had been a marine. “For me, hiring him kind of tells me that training for the job is going to be easier because that person knows what they should do,” Repnow has his own mantra—one he learned from being in the marines: “Do what I say. Watch what I do.”

Both agree that their time in the marines will help them in their respective jobs, but it’s their part-time work that the two are now putting their marine mindsets and work ethics together for the betterment of Underwood.

Photo submitted by Richard Stark

KENT LARSON

LEON PFEIFER

LAWRENCE O FLATLA
Lawrence O Flatla served in the US Army as a 1st Sergeant.

LEONARD IVERSON JR
Raymon Iverson Jr joined the Army in 1973 to 1975. He was stationed in Korea. He then joined the Army Reserves until 1986 when he then entered the National Guards until he retired as a Staff Sergeant in 1998.

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North Dakota Nurses in the Great War

By BARBARA HANDY-MARCHELLO

Sarah Sand of Grand Forks was one of nearly 300 nurses from North Dakota who volunteered for Army service during World War I. She had been recruited by the North Dakota Red Cross at the Bismarck hospital where she worked. Sand was an experienced nurse, but received more than four months additional training for duty at the war front. At Camp Jackson, South Carolina, she supervised the care of 285 patients in the segregated African-American pneumonia ward and did a stint in surgery. Finally, on September 27, 1918, Sand and other nurses, along with hundreds of soldiers, boarded a transport ship for France. On board, Spanish influenza sickened many and took the lives of nearly 500 soldiers and two nurses.

Sand was assigned to a hospital called Base 60 in the Meuse-Argonne sector. She was issued a gas mask and helmet, items she used whenever German airplanes attacked the hospital. Her duties were to distribute medicine, deliver food and water to the wounded and ill soldiers, and complete, if possible, a record of work on her shifts. Sand noted in her brief memoir that she was often too busy to keep proper records, because, in addition to her other duties, she had to dress the wounds of as many as 60 soldiers a day.

The workload did not let up after the armistice (November 11, 1918). During the next few weeks, she treated soldiers with pneumonia and other infectious diseases and wrapped the legs of soldiers suffering from “trench legs,” a condition caused by standing too long in the cold water of the trenches. She wrote that she had wrapped so many legs that she thought all soldiers had trench legs. Sand’s official duties ended April 10, 1919, along with the armistice and the Oath of Allegiance in Bismarck.

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Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR’S NOTE) Milton Lang of Mercer, North Dakota wrote this letter which was originally published on September 27, 1918 by the Hazen Star newspaper.)

Sept. 13, 1918

Dear Slg:

As we are through for the day, with the exception of blinker test tonight will give you a vague idea of this training station. I won’t mention Norfolk for the simple reason it don’t deserve mentioning. As one of our chief petty officers said: “If the people of Virginia, especially Norfolk, went to God’s country they would get run over by a funeral.”

The base here contains about 50,000 sailors and is situated along the bay, or, rather, the harbor. The part I am in contains the detention camp and different schools such as coxswains [sic], petty officers, company commanders, cooks, band, radio, signal electric, aviators, mechanics, and others. I spent two weeks in the detention proper and one week in the outgoing detention camp, or rather unit. While in those camps I received eight shots and two vaccinations and I guess I was the only one in the company that it didn’t knock out, which shows some more of your Eastern tendencies. After spending one week at the Virginia Beach rifle range I volunteered for the signal service in which school I am now studying. By the way, I received my first glimpse and also first bath in the Atlantic while at the rifle range. I won’t forget my impression for sometime as I made it in the sand when a breaker rolled me in shore.

Our company now consists of 107 men, all of us in one bungalow which is divided into two sections. First section of company in forward end and second section in aft end. Each squad leader is responsible for his squad in falling in, lashing hammocks, stringing hammocks, piping down at tattoo [sic], and hitting the deck at revellie. A squad is detailed each morning to clean up which means scrub deck, benches and desks. Floor is then swept after chow, at noon, at night. If any one disputes the fact that the Navy isn’t sanitary tell them to enlist and in the first morning in detention will change their minds. Some of the fellows the first morning at detention found blisters on their hands after finishing the scrub down. Each company has a mess hall to eat in and each company takes turns in serving mess for one week. This week we have had regimental guard which has kept us rather busy as we are studying from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon and then one hour’s blinker practice after chow in the evening. We are taught everything in the bluejackets’ manual besides the various ways of signaling which seem endless when learning them. There are five different ways, each used from the other besides the various signs and codes. This may seem funny but I have seen a battleship at close range and have had very little boat drill. I suppose we will get this when we go abroad ship which we do after graduation. This course we have to finish in eight weeks which is the reason for being so busy. We rate good chow and all we can eat which is evident by everyone gaining from four to ten pounds in two months. Last Labor Day we had a real feed with plums, grapes, pear, ice cream and smokes for a wind-up. Our commanders are of the best which showed up in one of them at inspection last Saturday.

Well Slip, tomorrow we have captain’s and bag inspection so must “pipe down” and straighten out my sea bag and wash my ditty [sic] clothes. …

Best regards to everybody and here’s hoping I get across the pond soon.

M.E. Luig, Signal School, Co. 717, N.O.B.
Hampston Roads, Va.

Researched and transcribed by University of Mary history education student Tanner Hintz.

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US Army Nurses gathered for a photo before leaving New York City for World War I duty in France. This photo is from the collection that was donated by Becky Graner, Nurse Consultant, ND Nurses Association on October 21, 2011.

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Women who had given up careers in nursing to marry and raise a family were now asked to return to work in order to replace an unmarried nurse who could then volunteer for Army service. The campaign was successful. Not only did North Dakota fill its quota of graduate nurses, but 370 more young women entered nursing school and enrolled in the student nurse reserve.

The war was an important event in the professionalization of nursing. The Army demanded nurses who had undergone at least two years of formal training, a requirement which strengthened nursing with the bar of France. The North Dakota chapter of the American Nurses Association presented her with the Citation of Honor in 1952. Sand’s commitment to her profession was forged and strengthened with the Victory Medal and the Cross of Verdun.

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Dear Father:
Well today is Sunday and as I have a little spare time will write you a letter. This will be your Christmas letter and I can now write everything I can think of. Before now we could not do that.
I have seen some hard times over here but am still the same old boy and I expect to see you soon as we are going to the sea. I am sure glad the war is over as I did not expect to get back when I first came over here. I was just over for three weeks when they took us up the back lines. We were under shell fire for 24 hours. It made me think of father and mother when those big one came over our heads.
When night came they took us out of the dugout and back a few miles. As we were marching along the road the Germans shelled the road to beat ------, as we went over a bridge a shell passed within ten feet of me, the fire flew all around me and I sure stepped high then. You ought to see the fine houses the Germans had in the woods and the Yanks had some time to get them out of here.
We have been hiking now for nine days and expect to hike some more before long. I expect to be home before spring but you know it will take some time to get everything straightened up. I have no money or I would send you a Christmas present. Have not had any pay since I left the States but hope I will have some soon.
We stay in towns around here. There is a church in every town. I was to church this morning but I could not understand anything.
The weather has been nice all the time but the last few nights the ground froze and it looks like snow. Hope this finds you all well and it leaves me all O. K. Your Son,

Lee R. F. Schwartz
Co. A. 328 A. E. F
O. P. O. 742.

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By EDNA SALAIRM

Byron K. Kulland

Byron Kulland grew up on a farm about 9 miles north of New Town. He graduated from New Town High School. He enlisted in the US Army and became First Lieutenant of the 196 Light Infantry Brigade, 2nd Division, 8th Cavalry and served in Vietnam.

In April of 1972 he was the pilot of a UH-1H helicopter that was on a mission to pick up downed Air Force personnel. His helicopter was shot down and search was impossible due to heavy enemy fire. He was listed as missing in action until April of 1973 when POWs returned home. Among them was a man who had also been on the helicopter. He witnessed the helicopter incident and reported Kulland KIA. In April of 1973 his MIA status was updated to Killed in Action.

Kulland was awarded the Distinctly

Flying Cross posthumously.

He is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Wall, panel 27, Row 27 in Washington D.C. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on April 28, 1984.

Samuel Hamilton American Legion Post 119 Plaza

Previously the Charley Beck Post 271 New Town bore his name when it was organized there in 1919. It was during this time that the Legion was in full swing although the Legion did not have its own building. The members met in various rooms for business and meetings. They rented various rooms for that purpose at the time.

Richard R. Sherven

Richard R. Sherven was originally from the Charleston-Sanish area. He enlisted in the US Army and served in the Asiatic pacific theater. He was an Electricians Mate, third class. He was wounded in the USSS Arizona when it was sunk by the Japanese December 7, 1941 in Hawaii. When the Sanish, Van Hook and New Town legions combined in 1952 his name was added to the Legion post in New Town which then became Beck Sherven post 290.

Roger Foreman

Foreman entered the United States Army in September of 1968. He was first stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington. From there his military duties took him to Vietnam where he served in the 101st Airborne, Third Infantry.

Prior to his death, Sgt. Foreman was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with the accompanying Citation.

For distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam from September 5, 1968 to July 18, 1969."

Foreman was also awarded an Air Medal. Combat Infantry Man Badge for personal service and high personal risk in active ground combat (CBI), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon according to post 290 documents.

Foreman received a second Bronze Star with V device for his valor posthumously. It was awarded for his actions in an engagement in which he was mortally wounded. Foreman's story appears in a book written by Jerid W. Berry about the men who died in served with the 101st Airborne Division, Third Battalion during the Vietnam war. Foreman's name was added to the American Legion Post 290 name in winter of 2016.

Byron K. Kulland Chapter #487 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Western North Dakota

Charles Beck

Originally a farm laborer from Lewis, Washington. From there his military duties took him to Vietnam where he served in the 101st Airborne Division, Third Infantry.

He was first stationed in Fort sappers employed satchel charges and rocket propelled grenades (RPG) to penetrate the south side of the FSB’s perimeter. Americans in the perimeter bunkers hunkered down until the explosions from the mortar rounds, satchel charges, and RPGs had subsided, but by then the sappers had breached the trench line and were inside the base. Once inside FSB Mary Ann, the sappers struck over half the bunkers. By the time the VC withdrew, Myron was one of the 30 American soldiers who were killed.

Myron left behind a wife Sharon (Hall) Johnson and a daughter Melanie Johnson Luger, both of the Three Affiliated Tribes and a member of the Low Cup Clan.

Nathan J. Good Iron

Cpl. Nathan J. Good Iron also known on his home reservation as “Young Eagle” and “Distant Thunder” was deployed to Afghanistan with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Platoon of the North Dakota Army National Guard. A/1-188th Air Defense Artillery identified as “Forever Vigilante.” The platoon was designated with an American Indian aiming a drawn bow. Good Iron was killed Thanksgiving Day (11-23-2006) near Quarabaugh, Afghanistan when the combat patrol was ambushed by enemy forces during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Myron Johnson Nathan J. Good Iron Post is a nationally recognized Color Guard representing the Mandan, Arikara and Hidatsa nation. Post 271 originated in Mandan but is now located in New Town.

Arthur Solie American Legion Plaza

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“The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.

“The six stars represent the six allies who served alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and the United States.

“A message, “A grateful nation thanks and honors you,” is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. The official name of the cemetery in France where he is buried.

“A tribute to Jamie Roaldson, ND National Guard

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