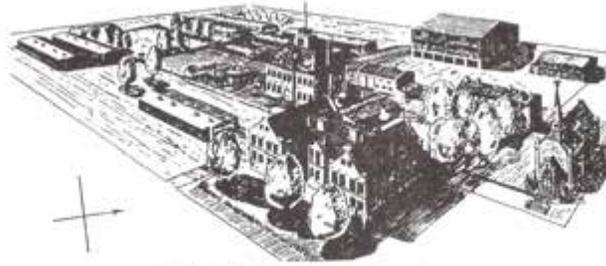


# Post Oflag 64 Item



Artist's drawing of Oflag 64 without barbed wire fences or guard towers.  
Drawn by Jim Bakken

## 2ND QUARTER 2017

### Editor/Printing and Mailing

Elodie Caldwell  
2731 TERRY AVE  
LONGVIEW WA 98632-4437  
[elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us)

### Treasurer

Bret Job  
4240 TRAIL RIDGE LN  
MINNETONKA MN 55345-2254  
[bretjob@heartlandamerica.com](mailto:bretjob@heartlandamerica.com)

### Webmaster

Bill Caldwell  
2731 TERRY AVE  
LONGVIEW WA 98632-4437  
[webmaster@oflag64.us](mailto:webmaster@oflag64.us)

### Contributors to this issue

Cindy & Glenn Burgess  
Susanna Connaughton  
Susan Dana  
Susan Hinds Harms  
Marlene McAllister  
Jefferson Waful via Mariusz  
David Weinstein  
Mariusz Winięcki  
[mariusz.winięcki@interia.pl](mailto:mariusz.winięcki@interia.pl)

Thank you for your valued input!!



### Oflag 64 Reenactment 'Living History – Oflag 64'

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

Come one, come all!!! If you are interested in attending the Oflag 64 Reenactment, "Living History – Oflag 64", that will take place Saturday, September 16 in Szubin Poland; please see the poster with more information on page 15 of this ITEM.

A group trip has not been planned, but there is a group of individuals and couples going already who plan to meet up after they arrive.

If you would like to participate also, please let us know ASAP so we can coordinate not only with each other but with those in Poland who are working on the project. This is history in the making.

Thanks and Best to you,  
Elodie and Bill Caldwell at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us)

**Oflag 64**

## A LITTLE COMPANY BUSINESS

### Postage Fund Donors

THANKS to all who have generously donated to the postage and/or reunion funds. Without such thoughtful contributions, mailing the ITEM and other materials or information would not be possible.

**Jimmie and Lynn Kanaya  
Annette Nelson  
Ted Roggen  
Sid Thal  
& An Anonymous Donor**

If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund and mail your donation to:

**Bret Job**  
4240 Trail Ridge Ln  
Minnetonka MN  
55345-2554

or

**Elodie Caldwell**  
2731 Terry Ave  
Longview WA  
98632-4437



### THANK YOU!!

On behalf of Mariusz Winiiecki, we send MANY THANKS to Monica Bishara who translated, from French to English, Red Cross visitor records from Oflag XXIB before it became Oflag 64. These were from 1940-1942. Many hours were spent by her on this project and the information gained has been very valuable.

### HELP REQUESTED

Monica is unable to continue translating the remaining documents at this time, so again, on behalf of Mariusz, we are requesting assistance from anyone who can translate French documents to English. These are from the years 1942-1945. One document has 6 pages to be translated, another document has 22 pages to be translated. Please contact us at the email address below or Mariusz at the email address on the front page of this ITEM if you are able to assist in this effort.

*Merci Beaucoup*

Best to you,  
Elodie and Bill Caldwell at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us)



If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie at the contact address on the front page of this publication. If you send photos, digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg format, that works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format. Thank you very much.

Also, if you notice errors or omissions, or find links that don't work properly, please let us know at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us). Thank you for your patience with this sometimes slow process.





# MAIL CALL



**Guy Aceto** (from the World War II Magazine) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He also asked for some high-resolution copies of photos on our website. We were able to accommodate his request and asked him to give credit to our Oflag 64 Association. *Guy, thank you for contacting us. We welcome you to our Oflag 64 Association and have added you to our email list as requested. We hope the photos were helpful to you.*



**Gail Brown** (daughter of the late Kriegy "Brad" Bradford) wrote recently and shared that she always had fond memories of Herm Littman from reunions. She then included news of her marriage to Steve. Some of you will remember Gail from past reunions. She wrote: "Steve and I were married this past summer at Fripp Island, South Carolina where our family has vacationed for nearly 20 years. We were there with my son, daughter, their spouses and the 6 grandkids; we totally surprised them by getting "hitched" on the beach...We wrote the vows ourselves, gave each little kid a part to read of the service and didn't even need a clergy person or officiant to pull it off in South Carolina.....We did have the marriage license notarized, though, and we did pay our \$98.00 in cash! They were absolutely blown away that we could pull it off without their input! No muss, no fuss and no bridesmaid dresses! Perfect! We had a picnic on the beach afterwards, with champagne, fried chicken from the grocery, ribs from a restaurant and a cake with frosting that was a tad sandy! We spent the winter in Florida...are heading for Ireland on June 2." *Wow, Gail, what amazing and wonderful news!! How fun to celebrate on the beach and create wonderful memories with family. Thanks for the updates. It's always good to hear from you. Hope your Ireland trip was fantastic.*

**Steven Burgauer** (author and friend of Oflag 64) sent some information from the Military Writers Society of America which is an organization of hundreds of writers, poets, and



artists drawn together by a common bond of military service. Their purpose is to review written works of its members, so after looking through a compilation of book reviews, they selected among several for their Spring 2017 Reading List, Steven's book entitled *The Road to War: Duty & Drill, Courage & Capture* which includes details and information from the late Kriegy William Frodsham's diary. *Thanks so much Steven for sending this information and congratulations on this honor. With so much work going into writing, it's great to be recognized for your achievements. Keep up the good work.*



**Cindy and Glenn Burgess** (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe) have written a number of times recently. They wrote that "Bill" was a good friend of the late Kriegy Len Feldman and that he wanted to get in contact with Len's nephew, David Weinstein. Glenn, in a later email wrote: When David Weinstein was here interviewing Bill a week or so ago, we all went to the World War II Memorial in DC. While there I took the attached picture of Bill and Cindy in front of the Indiana state plaque. As you probably know Bill was in the Indiana National Guard which federalized following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The rest is history. Bill was wearing his POW cap. There all sorts of kids there on class trips. When they recognized that Bill was not only a WWII veteran but also a former POW, many of them lined up to shake his hand and thank him for his service. It was truly heartwarming and renewed my faith in the younger generation. See the Kriegy News and Information section for the photo. In a separate email, relating to the reenactment, Cindy spoke of her Dad's involvement with the music selection part of the event and his eagerness to do what he could to help. *Thanks very much Cindy and Glenn for writing and for sending photos. So much going in in our lives,*

*sometimes it's hard to keep up. We appreciate all the information you've shared.*



**Susanna Connaughton**

(daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Bolten) as you may remember from previous ITEMS has been gathering information for a book she is writing about her father's war experiences. She has come across several things since our last ITEM. One was a partially readable copy of a handwritten note by Jack Rathbone on some information about Susanna's dad's (and 3 others) trial for "obstruction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich". We sent out a request for a better copy and Julie Gionfriddo, Jack's daughter, answered Susanna's request. Susanna said she had a nice telephone conversation with Julie and a delightful email exchange with Kriegy John Rodgers. Since that time, we have received a few other bits of information along with a photo which is included in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. It's a particularly interesting photo of her Dad, Dr. Floyd Burgeson, Father Stanley Brach, and Russian General Alexander Kotikow taken in 1945. *Susanna, thanks so much for your contributions of information and photos. Each new piece of information we find is truly a gift and helps us fill in gaps. They're also especially helpful when it comes to writing books of our fathers' war experiences. Keep them coming!*

**Richard Crellin** (son of the late Kriegy Henry Crellin) wrote hoping for information about his father while being held at Oflag 64. His Dad's nicknames while there were "Dutch" Crellin and "Moose" Crellin. He was a very good athlete and talked about playing sports in the camp. He arrived at the camp about October of 1944. If anyone remembers Henry Crellin, please contact us so we can send the information on to Richard. He also asked to be added to our email list. *Thanks very much Richard for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested. Since your email, we sent an email query out to members of our Oflag 64 family and asked them to reply directly to you if they had information to share. Hopefully you have had contact or will soon.*



**Kay Cruise** (daughter of the late Kriegy James Godfrey) wrote a few days ago with the sad news that her husband, her best friend, had just passed away. He had been suffering from several health

issues but was in good spirits to the end. He lived a wonderful and fulfilling life with Kay and the family. You can read his obituary here: <http://heafeyheafey.com/anthony-john-tony-cruise/> *Kay, we are deeply saddened at the news of Tony's passing. We send our heartfelt condolences to you along with our thoughts and prayers. May you be blessed with the support of those around you. We know he will be greatly missed.*



**Susan Dana** (daughter of the late Kriegy Herman Littman) wrote to tell us of the passing of her dear Dad. He had fallen a couple of times and suffered different injuries with their associated problems, which required

hospitalization. Within a few days of his last hospitalization he was admitted to Hospice House in Bellingham WA where he passed peacefully on May 24. See the TAPS section for his obituary. *Susan, it was truly sad to hear of Herm's passing, but we thank you very much for letting us know. We know he struggled during those last weeks and days. We send our sincere sympathies along with our thoughts and prayers to your family. We hope that beautiful memories will strengthen and sustain you and that you will be supported by those around you. He will be truly missed. Our best to your family. (Messages of comfort were also sent to the family by Gail Brown, Bill Moore, Tom Detmers, Bill and Michelle Craig, Kay Cruise, John Rodgers Sr., Pam Waters, Lucy Lussenden, and I apologize if I've forgotten some names.)*

**Rita Paulk Dilburn** (daughter of the late Kriegy Ernest Lee Dilburn) wrote a while back to volunteer information that might be helpful to the reenactors for their upcoming event. Specifically, she has correspondence from her Dad to his mom that she's willing to share. *Thank you very much, Rita, for volunteering your information. We will direct queries of this type to you as we receive them.*

**Wendy Eckert** (daughter of WWII vet Robert Brooks Jackson) found us recently and asked if we could connect her with a relative of Sgt. Marcisak who was an Oflag 64 Kriegy. The two men served together for a period of time during WWII. Eventually she was able to get contact information from her Dad's friend and is looking forward to a good conversation. By the way, her Dad is now 96. Amazing!! *Thank you so much Wendy for contacting us. We're always happy to help make contacts when we have the proper information. Thankfully, since we didn't have it, you were able to get the information you were looking for from your Dad's friend.*



**Julie Gionfriddo** (daughter of the late Kriegy Jack Rathbone) read of Susanna Connaughton's request for information on the handwritten note she had found. Julie said her Dad had told her a lot about the incident, so she was willing to help. She had the original and would send it along. *Julie, thank you very much for contacting Susanna about the original handwritten note. It's heartwarming to see these things being shared and connections being made.*

**Susan Hinds Harms** (daughter of the late Kriegy Howard Hinds) sent a photo she thought might have been taken at Oflag 64. Because the uniforms are all different, she's assuming they're not all American, which prompted her question. Does anyone recognize where this might have been taken? If you know, please contact me and I'll pass the information along to Susan. See the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Thanks very much Susan for sending the photo and asking the question. Once we find out where they were taken, it will help us put more pieces of the puzzle together.*



**Lucine Juskalian** (widow of the late Kriegy George Juskalian) sent an email recently thanking us for the note and photo in the last ITEM. She is currently busy with family but hopes to send some information to us as soon as she's able. *Lucine, thanks so much for your email and for updating me on things. Best wishes always to you and to your family.*



**Lynn Kanaya** (wife of Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya) sent a short note recently along with a contribution to our Postage Fund. She commented that Jimmie looks forward to the newsletter coming and hearing about everyone. She said they are well and miss seeing everyone. *Lynn, thanks so much for your thoughtful contribution to the Postage Fund and also for your kind words about the ITEM. We'd love to see you again as well. Getting together is harder than it seems sometimes. At our last reunion, we discussed having another one in 2018 if we find a volunteer to host. It would be wonderful to see our Oflag 64 families and friends again.*



**Judy Knight** (daughter of Kriegy Ed Graf) wrote recently with memories of Herm Littman, and asked how many Kriegies are still living. She stated that she misses the men and the reunions and the stories from "these wonderful men". In answer to her question, we have approximately 35 Kriegies still living give or take a few. We learn fairly frequently of another Kriegy who is still with us and with whom we've not had previous contact, so it's hard to give exact numbers. *Judy, thanks so much for writing. It was good to hear from you again and to refresh my memory on who our living Kriegies are. It's definitely sad each time we hear of another one passing.*

**Kim Kouns** (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Charles W. Kouns) wrote that she just happened to stumble upon our website and while there found some photos of her grandfather in our gallery when he was being held prisoner. She requested a copy of each, which we sent. She then sent thanks for our help. Her father had never seen the photos before and her comment was: "I can't begin to tell you how much it means to me and my family to have these photos." She also asked to be added to our email list. *Kim, thanks so much for contacting us, and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested. We are thrilled that you stumbled upon our website and that we were able to provide the photos you requested. Making connections is so rewarding. We hope*

*you find more of what you're searching for as days go by.*



**Anne Kreutzer** (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot) wrote a while back that they were having fun experiences with three of their grandchildren while their son ran in the Boston Marathon.

She reported that he did well and emerged from it healthy. *Anne, thanks so much for writing. It's great to hear from time to time how and what our Oflag 64 families are doing in their lives. Families are the best. Happy that you were able to spend time with some of the grandkids and that your son survived the Marathon.*



**Lucy Lussenden** (widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden) wrote of Herm Littman: "Sorry to learn of Herm's passing. He was a warm, wonderful person. I had no idea that he was an artist in addition to being a writer. We lost another one of our heroes."

*Lucy, thanks so much for writing. I agree totally, Herm was definitely a hero. We will miss him greatly. She sent her own recent news and also some news of Charlene who also attended Oflag 64 reunions for many years.*

**John Marks** (son of the late Kriegy Frederic Marks) after noticing again that his Dad's name was misspelled on our POW Database wrote with the proper spelling. *Thank you very much John for bringing this to our attention again. Sometimes we think we've made the changes but there are times when extra eyes are needed to make sure. We appreciate your patience with us.*

**Lexie Miller** (daughter of the late Kriegy Paul Miller) wrote to update us on her new email address. *Thanks you very much, Lexie, for sending your updates. It's hard to keep up with moves and to stay connected sometimes, so your information is very much appreciated.*



**Annette Secor Nelson** (widow of the late Kriegy Richard Secor) sent a nice note, a contribution to our Postage Fund and photos that were taken at a previous reunion or reunions. After a short conversation,

we determined that at least one was the Andersonville Reunion. Once photos are posted online, we'll ask for help in labeling. *Thank you very much, Annette, for sending the photos and also for your generous and thoughtful contribution to the Postage Fund. Always appreciated. I enjoyed our phone conversation as well as your note. We'll figure out where the photos were taken soon.*



**John R. Rodgers, Sr.** (Kriegy) sent email greetings recently. He wrote about spending Memorial Day with his son, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, and her husband and family. His sons and sons-in-law are all veterans. He also has a

granddaughter who is in the Army at Ft. Hood. Sounds like a great military family. We thank them for their service!! *John, thanks always for your emails. I always enjoy hearing from you as well. I'm happy that you were able to spend time with your family on Memorial Day and that you were able to visit your wife's grave. It's wonderful to share such moments with family.*



**Ted Roggen** (Kriegy) fairly recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund and also an email with thanks for "news coverage" in the last ITEM. *Ted, we are so grateful for your thoughtful contribution to our Postage Fund.*

*Your support is always appreciated. And we love highlighting our Kriegies whenever we can. Thank you for sharing your photos with us.*



**Sid Thal** (Kriegy) recently sent a donation to our Postage Fund. *Thank you so much, Sid, for your thoughtful and very generous donation. We always appreciate the support of our Oflag 64 Kriegies and families.*

**Kathy Thomas** (daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph Zelazny) has been going through her Dad's things and found his handwritten diary from the war. She said it has been transcribed and is on onion skin paper, also that it must have been transcribed right after the war because it shows him as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. She wrote that she has found so many historic items which she

needs to figure out how to preserve and then find them a home. In a subsequent email Kathy sent copies of a few pages of the diary showing names and home addresses of his cubicle mates while a POW at Luckenwalde. *Kathy, thank you so much for contacting us. It's great to hear of the amazing things Kriegy descendants find in their fathers' belongings. So much history gets brought to life. We so appreciate these wonderful men who sacrificed so much for us and our country. Thanks also for sending the pages from your Dad's diary. We are adding these types of things to our website a little at a time.*



**David Weinstein** (nephew of the late Kriegy Len Feldman) has been emailing us quite a bit lately. You may remember from the last ITEM that he is a filmmaker and is planning to make a documentary soon about his uncle's war experiences. Not only has he recently done interviews with Kriegies and their families, but hopes to travel to Poland for the reenactment and to possibly walk a portion of the march walked by his uncle. David has made some requests and sent some photos. Please see them on page 9 in this ITEM. *Thanks so much, David, for the photos and for keeping us updated on your plans. A few other Oflag 64 family members are also planning to go to the reenactment. We'll have to make sure you all meet each other.*



**Mariusz Winięcki** (our Oflag 64 family member from Szubin Poland) recently sent news of an honor bestowed on him in recognition of his many years of work in preserving Szubin's POW camp's history. He wrote: "The Priest Jan Klein Honorary Medal presented to me....means that the recent 10 years of my work on preserving the POW camp's history was recognized by the local society. There is also a wider political dimension of this award, as I read it. I feel it also means that a mission is entrusted to me by the local society (and the authorities) to create the Hall of Remembrance together with you. The patron of the medal was a creator of

the Bydgoszcz Municipal Museum after the liberation of Poland in 1919. He was also a prisoner (during the WWII) in the same place." For more information about the Priest Jan Klein, visit Mariusz' blog at:

<http://oflag64altburgund.blogspot.com/2017/06/the-priest-jan-klein-medal.html>

Mariusz continued...."All of this seems to have a symbolic meaning. The ceremony of awarding the medal is scheduled for Thursday 8th."

Following the ceremony, Mariusz wrote: "Yesterday was a very important day for me, summarizing almost 10 years of my research and all-around activity regarding the history of Oflag 64 and the previous POW camps. I was awarded with the Priest Jan Klein Medal. Two galleries and the short footage were shared via Facebook page of my blog."

Please check them out:

Video: <http://movie.palukitygodnik.pl/2017-04/klein17f.mp4>

Photos: [Medale im. ks. J. Kleina rozdane! – Rejonowa Biblioteka Publiczna w Szubinie](#) (See the *Other Oflag 64 Family News* section for photos of Mariusz and his well-deserved award.)

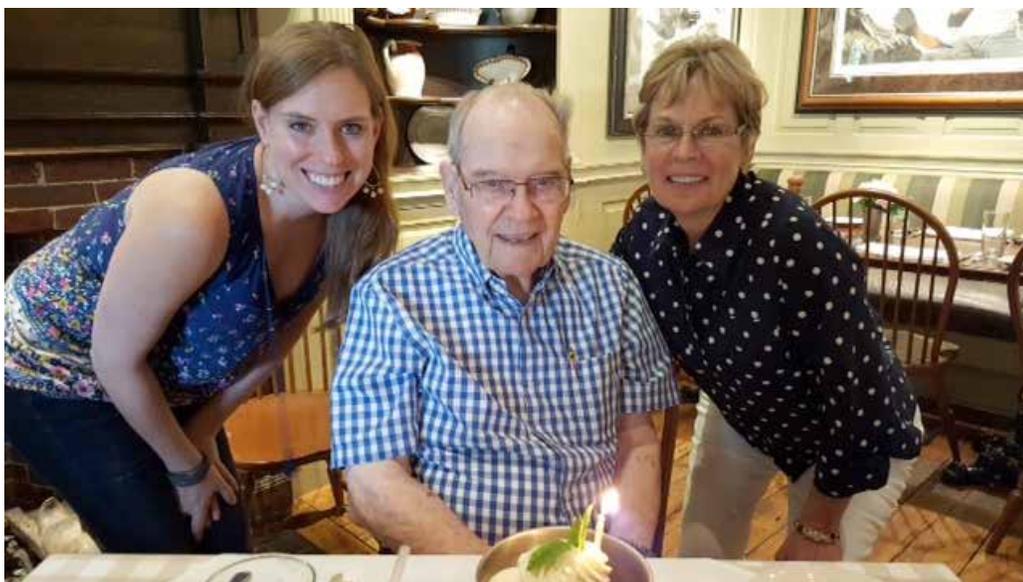
In a separate email which was copied to me, Mariusz sent word to the Holder and Durgin families that another letter from the past recently surfaced in Szubin, bringing a piece of history back to life. With permission from both families it is included in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. Another interesting thing mentioned by Mariusz regarding the letter is: The letter is addressed to Nitka. Tadeusz Nitka was Pole from Szubin, mentioned on page 113 of Howards' book, who used to help George and Howard, providing them food while in camp. He had sisters also mentioned in this letter. Klotylda Nitka, as it turned out, was the mother-in-law of my neighbor and the letter was found in her belongings after her daughters' death. My neighbor also cares for another of Nitka's sisters - Kwirylna Nitka, who is 89 years old, but unfortunately doesn't remember anything. *Mariusz, thanks always for sharing your news and information with us. We've learned so much from you and look forward to learning more. Keep up the good work but be sure to fit some rest and relaxation time in there occasionally.*

**Oflag 64**



**KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION**

Happy Birthday to these Amazing Kriegy Patriots and Heroes!!



Pictured here on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday is **Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe** with his granddaughter Lauren on his right and his daughter Cindy Burgess on his left. Hope you had a very enjoyable and most wonderful birthday celebration, Bill!!!

Pictured here on his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday is **Kriegy Don Waful**. Note the sash! Don, we are always overjoyed when we see our Kriegies reach this great milestone. We hope you had a most wonderful birthday and we'll be looking forward to your 102<sup>nd</sup>!! (Photo sent to us via Mariusz Winiecki's Blog.)

Kriegies, please send a photo or photos of you on your birthday. Would love to put them in the ITEM.



**Susanna Connaughton, daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Bolten sent the following photo.** According to her Dad's journal, this was a "Meeting with the officers of the Allied Army of USA during the liberation of the Szubin camp" and took place on January 25, 1945 at the Red Army's headquarters in the town of Hohensalza, about 30 miles from Szubin. She said her Dad spoke German and a little bit of Russian, so perhaps he acted as translator. According to his journal, the Soviets gave them coats prior to this meeting. The 3 Americans were among the 86 (more or less) who were left behind by the Germans. Dr. Burgeson and Father Brach were approved by Oberst Schneider. Susanna thinks her father was one of the ones who was hidden in a tunnel prior to the forced march.

From left to right, Dr. Floyd Burgeson, Father Stanley Brach, Seymour Bolten, Russian General Alexander Kotikow.



\*\*\*\*\*

**The photo on the next page was sent by Susan Hinds Harms, daughter of the late Kriegy Howard Hinds.** She would like to know where it was taken. It appears, from the variety of uniforms, that the men were from different countries. She believes her Dad is the third one from the right standing behind the man in the front row.



\* \* \* \* \*

**The photo on the next page was sent by Mariusz Winiiecki** with approval from members of the Holder and Durgin families. It's the letter that was recently found in Szubin which was written by Howard Holder on behalf of himself and George Durgin. **Marjory Holder** said: I think this is an excellent idea and, of course, I give my permission to you and to Elodie to use Dad's letter in any way that is helpful. **Beth Durgin Ward** said: Please feel free to use anything with our Dad's name, too! George and Howard were true brothers! What wonderful men.

**In relation to the letter, Mariusz suggested this:**

"I'd like to inspire or encourage you and all people of the Oflag 64 Association to search through their fathers' belongings for possibly more or any post war correspondence from Szubin.

It would be good to research and show in our Hall of Remembrance how the people living in Oflag 64 and the people living in Szubin interacted with one another. If anything is found it could put more light into particular interrelations between POWs and people of Szubin during and after the war."

I'm sending you a box of cigars ~~some~~ which should be good trading material.

HOWARD R. HOLDER  
210 KIRKWOOD BOULEVARD  
DAVENPORT, IOWA

Feb. 23, 1946

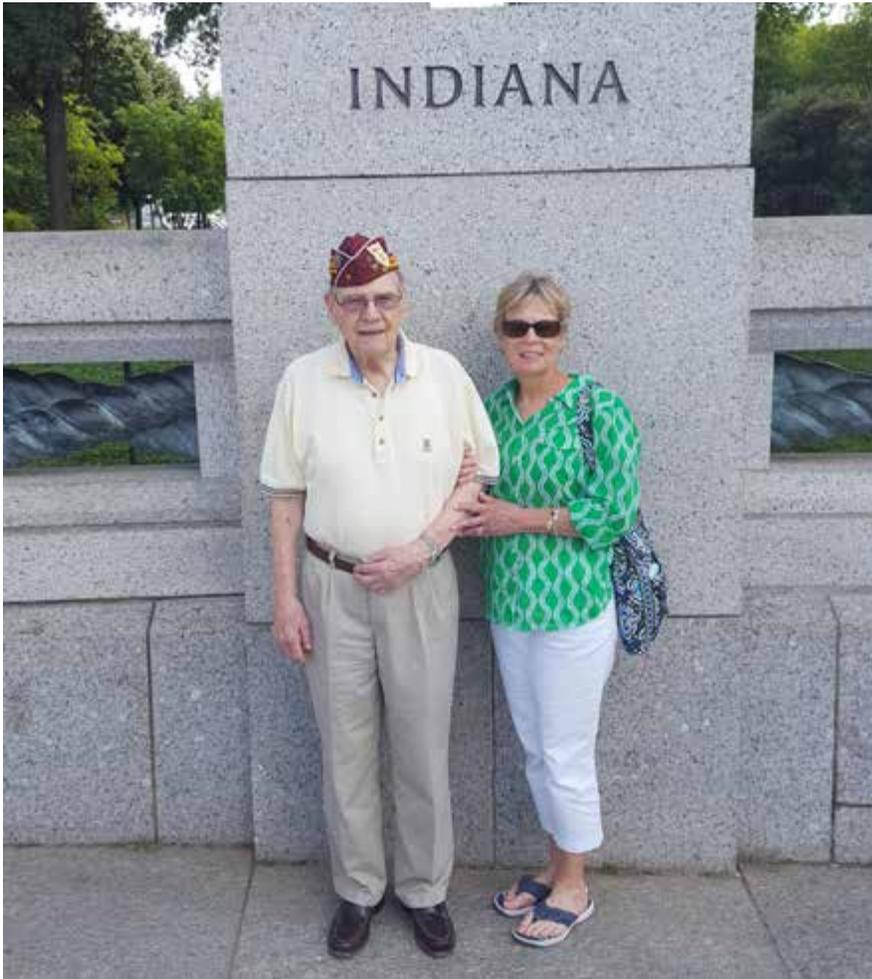
DEAR Nitka:

This is your black mustached friend again, the one who ate dinner at your home in January of 1945 with your "cousin from America" Georg.

George and I are doing fine, and we both have baby daughters now. George is still in the army, but I am out of the army and talking over the radio. I've written to you once ~~and also sent~~ a card. I wrote the card in German, as I thought it would be easier to translate. However, I forgot about your country being occupied, and I'm very sorry if it caused you any trouble.

George & I want to know what you need most over there. How you're getting along, etc. Send us a letter telling what you need, & your address if it has been changed. We'll send the food you ask for or clothing if we can. So be sure & let us know what you, your mother & sisters need. Say hello to them for George & I. Be sure & write. Polish will be O.K. We'll get it translated here.

Your friend, Howard.



**These photos were sent by Cindy and Glenn Burgess, daughter and son-in-law of Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe. They were taken at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.**

**What a wonderful and heartwarming sight to see so many students in line shaking hands with Bill!!!**



## OTHER OFLAG 64 FAMILY INFORMATION

The following information is being requested by David Weinstein, nephew of the late Kriegy Len Feldman.

1. Looking for any info, photos or mentions on Leonard Feldman - He was involved with the newspaper with Larry Allen and Seymour Bolten, played Sax in the swing band, and argued about religion a lot with Paul Carnes (minister) & Father Brach. (I found several great excerpts about Len in Joe Seringer's autobiography, and Susanna Connaughton sent me an article by Larry Allen mentioning her father/my Uncle both working on the camp newspaper).
2. Interested in any info on the Oflag 64 S-2 intelligence team; as a German interpreter, Len Feldman was involved in bribing guards for information. Particularly interested in anything regarding info gained about V-2 rocket factory location possibly used in Operation Hydra per General (then Col.) Alger; and any info about a German guard named Kramer.
3. I'd like to do a short group interview with any of the Kriegy relatives that will be in Poland for the reenactment; if you are planning to attend, please contact me at [winomail@yahoo.com](mailto:winomail@yahoo.com)

**David wrote:** "I had a wonderful and informative 2-hour interview with Wilbur 'Bill' Sharpe on June 11, in which he recounted his war experiences, time at Oflag 64, and friendship with Len Feldman. Glenn & Cindy Burgess were kind enough to bring Bill over to the WWII Memorial in Washington DC, where we were lucky to capture on video an entire bus load of young students come up to shake Bill's hand and thank him for his service .... A truly beautiful thing to witness!"



Thanks to Mariusz Winiecki and his wife Joanna for providing these photos.



# Piknik "Żywa Historia Oflagu 64"

English Translation

"Living History - Oflag 64"  
16 September 2017

After 70 years, see Oflag 64 brought back to life by historical reenactors from all over Poland.

Experience live reenactments, soldiers in period uniforms, and scenes from daily life in the POW camp along with details about their place in history.

History of the POW camp will be shown in a new light.

History you can touch!

The event will be located on the premises of the reform school at:

Ul. Kcyńska 36  
Szubin Poland

Please use the entrance by the western gate.  
(See map below.)

16 września 2017

Przyjdź i zobacz Oflag 64, przywrócony do życia po 70-ciu latach przez rekonstruktorów historycznych z całej Polski.

Pokazy historyczne, żołnierze w epokowych mundurach oraz sceny z życia Oflagu pokazane w scenkach rodzajowych z historycznym opisem.

Historia obozu jenieckiego pokazana w nowym świetle.

Plan:

- 10:00 - otwarcie bram Oflagu 64
- 13:00 - powitanie gości i organizatorów
- 13:30 - pokaz historyczny "Przybycie jeńców"
- 14:30 - pokaz historyczny "Pijacka burda- geniusze podstęp"
- 16:00 - pokaz historyczny "Uciezka brytyjskiego lotnika"
- 17:00 - oficjalne zakończenia wydarzenia



Teren zakładu poprawczego Szubin  
ul. Kcyńska 36  
Wejście bramą zachodnią

Historia, którą możesz dotknąć własnymi rękoma!



Zakład Poprawczy Młodzieżowy Urzędów Adm. w Szubinie



## Schedule of events

- 10:00 am Oflag 64 gates open
- 1:00 pm Welcome guests and organizers
- 1:30 pm Reenactment of the "Arrival of American POWs"
- 2:30 pm Reenactment of "The fake drunk party"
- 4:00 pm Reenactment of "The escape of a British aviator"
- 5:00 pm Oflag 64 gates close



## HALL OF REMEMBRANCE

In some of our previous ITEMS, we have made mention of the possibility of renovating the remaining barrack at the site of Oflag 64 and turning it into a Hall of Remembrance. The process is detailed and requires coordination between different departments within the Polish government as well as cooperation from us as members of the Oflag 64 Association.

The formal process began in 2016 with a request by the Mayor of Szubin and Szubin's City Council to transfer the barrack from the provincial government to the City of Szubin. The Mayor requested that an American Advisory Group be established to work alongside a Szubin Advisory Group as the transfer is made so that the Hall of Remembrance could become an eventual reality and so citizens from both countries with ties to "Oflag 64" could see the project come to fruition and the history of the camp preserved.

We're pleased to report that the transfer of the barrack is in final stages and that the next phase of the project will begin before long. Szubin's government is taking the lead, and at this time the American Advisory Group members are serving in a supportive capacity.

A series of letters have been written to and from the Mayor of Szubin regarding the project. Thanks to Mariusz Winiecki for translating the Mayor's letters to us and ours to the Mayor.

\* \* \* \* \*

Greetings Oflag64 families!

As you know, since last September, several meetings have taken place regarding the proposed Hall of Remembrance. The Hall would include the restoration and preservation of the remaining barracks and an exhibit space.

Progress toward a permanent exhibit in Gmina Szubin is well on its way! We recently received a letter from the Mayor of Gmina (town of) Szubin confirming their interest in our continued participation.

The Mayor has proposed and extended an invitation to members of the Oflag 64 Association to participate in the establishment of a Polish-American (or American-Polish) group to supervise the work and expenditures of the Hall of Remembrance. We anticipate a vigorous relationship. If you have any interest in getting involved, please let us know.

At our request, Mariusz Winiecki will be our sole representative in Szubin. Mayor Michalak fully recognizes him as such and will include him in all meetings and correspondence on our behalf. Mariusz is a rare young man with an interest in the history of his home city and in the prison camp in particular. He has great intellect and political savvy to get a project like this underway.

Please let Marlene Thompson McAllister [marlene-mcallister@att.net](mailto:marlene-mcallister@att.net) or Elodie Caldwell [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us) know if you have comments, questions, concerns, or would like to become involved.

Sincerely,

Members of the US Advisory Group

## COMMENTS

**Let us know how we are doing. Constructive comments and criticisms are always appreciated.**

Thank you for your commitment and keeping people informed. It's amazing what you do. ~ **Frances M. Buck**

Thanks for your great work and passion. ~ **Cindy Burgess**

Do you have any idea what amazing work you are doing? ~ **Susanna Connaughton**

Thank you for all your efforts on our behalf. ~ **Wendy Eckert**

Thanks for the excellent work you do for Veterans. ~ **Lucine Juskalian**

Thank you for all your hard work on the newsletter. ~ **Lynn Kanaya**

Thank you for all that you guys do! ~ **Kathy Thomas**

Your back issues and bibliography are super helpful, and keeping me busy with research - can't thank you enough for honoring these men with your time and hard work to give us all the valuable info. ~ **David Weinstein**

## WEB VISITORS

**New or returning visitors to our website – We're always happy to hear from you.**

**Guy Aceto** – working on a feature for the World War II magazine

**Kim Kouns** – granddaughter of the late Kriegy Charles W. Kouns, asking for high-resolution photos of her grandfather from our website.

**John Marks** - son of the late Kriegy Frederic S. Marks, sent a correction on the spelling of his Dad's name on our POW Database.

**Kathy Thomas** – daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph Zelazny, has pages from his diary and information to share.

**David Weinstein** – nephew of the late Kriegy Len Feldman, "I'm appreciative of the hard work you've put into keeping the memories alive through your website."



## Herman Littman

1919 ~ 2017



Herman Littman died peacefully at Whatcom Hospice House on May 24, 2017 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 98.

Herman is survived by five of his adult Children, Carole Littman Lester, Dallas, Texas, Laurence Littman, Bow, Washington, James Littman, Anacortes, Washington, Susan Littman Dana, Bow, Washington, Michael Littman, Hayden, Idaho and Patrick Littman, Everett, Washington, sixteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Lucille Whatley Littman and Daughter Theresa Littman Mullins.

Herman was born on May 29, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois to Abraham and Mollie Littman. He attended the Art Institute of Chicago in 1939 prior to enlisting in the US Army. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in psychology and completed his post-graduate Masters at Eastern Washington State, Cheney, Washington. He married Lucille Whatley of Sylacauga Alabama in February 1942. Shortly after their marriage ceremony Herman was shipped overseas with the US Army, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He served with distinction, but was captured in the Allied invasion of Sicily was spent the remainder of the war as a prisoner in POW camp, Oflag 64 in Shubin, Poland. After liberation he returned home and continued his military career, with postings all over the United States, and Japan. In 1971, he retired after 30 years in the service and settled in Spokane, Washington. He continued his association with the military, teaching and working in the Education Office at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Washington. He also taught at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane. Over their 66-year marriage Herm and Lucy welcomed seven children into their home. For the last two years he has been living with his daughter, Susan Dana on Samish Island, Bow, Washington.



Herm was accomplished artist and often lent his talent to his wife's cake business and other creative projects. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting. He was also an active member of the Oflag 64 Former POW organization and sponsored one of their reunions in Spokane in 2001. A frequent letter writer, he will be remembered for the many letters-to-the-editor he contributed to the Spokane newspapers.

At Herman's request there will be a family attended gravesite interment only, scheduled for June 11, 2017 at Fairmont Memorial Park, Spokane. A more public memorial celebration of Herman life will take place later this summer in Spokane. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your local Veterans of Foreign War Post, or Hospice. The family would like to thank the caregivers of Hospice Whatcom County and Skagit County for their kind care during Herman's last days. In the words of the German soldier who captured Herman in that field in Sicily, Herman, "For you the war is Over." God Speed and God Bless.



## PUBLICATIONS

The following publications might be of interest to you. Many of them were written by our men. Your local library is a good place to check for availability. If you can't find what you're looking for there, write to the author or publisher or click on the links below. New and used copies are often available from online sites. If you become aware that any of these publications are no longer available, please let us know.

1. **Americans Behind the Barbed Wire** by Frank Diggs, Story of Frank's trip across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Vandemere Press, P. O. Box 5243, Clearwater FL 22205 (New price is \$24.95/Hardcover) <http://www.vandamere.com/diggs.htm> or <http://www.amazon.ca/Americans-Behind-Barbed-Wire-Inside/dp/0743474821>
2. **Diary of A Kriegie** by Ed Beattie. Diary of Ed Beattie, A UPI Correspondent captured near the Moselle River in Sept '44. Publisher: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York NY <http://www.amazon.com/Diary-kriegie-Edward-W-Beattie/dp/B0007E4AUA>
3. **Escape to Russia** by Howard "BOOMER" Holder. Story of Boomer Holder as he went across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA [http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1)
4. **Dr. Graff Remembers: World War II Reflections**, a collection of editorials by Peter Carl Graffagnino, M.D., Publisher: Grateful Steps (Micki Cabaniss Eutsler), 828-277-0998 [http://www.amazon.com/Dr-Graff-Remembers-World-Reflections/dp/1935130544/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=undefined&sr=8-1&keywords=Dr.+Graffagnino+Remembers%3A++World+War+II+Reflections](http://www.amazon.com/Dr-Graff-Remembers-World-Reflections/dp/1935130544/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=undefined&sr=8-1&keywords=Dr.+Graffagnino+Remembers%3A++World+War+II+Reflections)
5. **Home Was Never Like This**. Diary of Col Yardley. Publisher: Yardley Enterprises. Evergreen, CO [http://www.amazon.com/Home-Was-Never-Like-This/dp/0971743908/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411079953&sr=1-1&keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this](http://www.amazon.com/Home-Was-Never-Like-This/dp/0971743908/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411079953&sr=1-1&keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this)
6. **John K. Waters: An Oral History** (The Waters Story) by William C. Parnell. Available on Amazon.com <https://www.amazon.com/John-K-Waters-Oral-History/dp/1480073997> OR contact Elodie Caldwell using contact information on the front page of this ITEM, \$15.99 includes S&H, write your check to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund. (Thank you Pat Waters for making several copies available.)
7. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005 [http://www.amazon.com/Justifiable-Pride--Memoir-William-Stevens/dp/096732954X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411080041&sr=1-1&keywords=Justifiable+Pride](http://www.amazon.com/Justifiable-Pride--Memoir-William-Stevens/dp/096732954X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411080041&sr=1-1&keywords=Justifiable+Pride)
8. **Kriegie** by Kenneth Simmons. Diary of an Air Force Pilot. Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons. New York NY [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0)
9. **Kriegsgefangener 3074 (Prisoner of War)** by Clarence Ferguson. Publisher: Texan Press, Waco TX [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17)

10. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book.** Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL. (several currently available online, various prices)  
[https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/1879260239/ref=tmm\\_other\\_meta\\_binding\\_used\\_olp\\_sr?ie=UTF8&condition=used&qid=1476590613&sr=8-1-fkmr0](https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/1879260239/ref=tmm_other_meta_binding_used_olp_sr?ie=UTF8&condition=used&qid=1476590613&sr=8-1-fkmr0)
11. **Oflag 64: A POW Odyssey**, Robert Galloway, 2001. Instant Amazon Video to rent or buy at:  
[https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B00WGYXZTG?ie=UTF8&keywords=OFLAG&qid=1442345037&ref=sr\\_1\\_1&s=instant-video&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B00WGYXZTG?ie=UTF8&keywords=OFLAG&qid=1442345037&ref=sr_1_1&s=instant-video&sr=1-1)
12. **Passages to Freedom**, Joseph Frelinghuysen, 1990, Publisher: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan KS 66502-4228, 800-258-1232 (\$17.95, includes S&H)  
[http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1)
13. **People Too** by William H. Schaefer. Publisher: Pageant Press International Corp, 1971.  
<https://www.amazon.com/People-too-William-H-Schaefer/dp/B0006XT1O2> (unavailable)
14. **Press Releases**, Ted Roggen, Publisher: iUniverse, November 2001. Contact Ted Roggen at 101 Westcott, Houston TX 77007 (\$10.95) Includes a section on Oflag 64 or  
[https://www.amazon.com/Press-Releases-Ted-Roggen/dp/0595203590/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1485299818&sr=1-1&keywords=press+releases+roggen](https://www.amazon.com/Press-Releases-Ted-Roggen/dp/0595203590/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1485299818&sr=1-1&keywords=press+releases+roggen) or
15. **Raid! The Untold Story of Patton's Secret Mission** by Richard Baron, Major Abe Baum, and Richard Goldhurst (paperback) [http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1)
16. **A Ramble Through My War** by Charles F. Marshall, Publisher: Louisiana State University Press, 1999. (\$29.95) [http://www.amazon.com/Ramble-Through-My-War-Anzio/dp/0807126365/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550977&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Ramble-Through-My-War-Anzio/dp/0807126365/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550977&sr=1-1)
17. **Roads to Liberation** by Clarence R. Meltesen, self published, May 2004. (Various prices from different 3<sup>rd</sup> party sellers through Amazon.com <https://www.amazon.com/Roads-Liberation-Oflag-Clarence-Meltesen/dp/0962700509> or available free of charge except for approximately \$6 per copy shipping fee (ONE COPY LEFT). Please contact Elodie Caldwell at the contact address on the front page of this ITEM. (Thank you Meltesen family.)
18. **The Big Break: The Greatest American WWII POW Escape Story Never Told** by Stephen Dando-Collins, Publisher: St. Martin's Press, 2017. (\$25.64)  
[https://www.amazon.com/Big-Break-Greatest-American-Escape/dp/1250087562/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1483492130&sr=8-1&keywords=the+big+break+the+greatest+american+wwii+pow+escape+story+never+told](https://www.amazon.com/Big-Break-Greatest-American-Escape/dp/1250087562/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1483492130&sr=8-1&keywords=the+big+break+the+greatest+american+wwii+pow+escape+story+never+told)
19. **The Escape Factory** by Lloyd Shoemaker. Story of a secret organization in Wash DC that maintained contact with all POWs in WWII. St Martins Press. New York NY  
[http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Factory-Story-Mis-X/dp/0312925727/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551149&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Factory-Story-Mis-X/dp/0312925727/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551149&sr=1-1)
20. **The Road To War** by Steven Burgauer. Based on the diary and notes of Captain William C. Frodsham, Jr.: a riveting first-person account of duty and drill, courage and capture.  
[http://www.amazon.com/Road-War-Drill-Courage-Capture/dp/1450218806/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411081108&sr=1-1&keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer](http://www.amazon.com/Road-War-Drill-Courage-Capture/dp/1450218806/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411081108&sr=1-1&keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer)

21. **The Strange Alliance** by John R Deane. Publisher: Viking Press; Book club, 1947, various prices.  
[https://www.amazon.com/Strange-Alliance-Efforts-Wartime-Cooperation/dp/B0006D8NXM/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1498257854&sr=1-1&keywords=the+strange+alliance](https://www.amazon.com/Strange-Alliance-Efforts-Wartime-Cooperation/dp/B0006D8NXM/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1498257854&sr=1-1&keywords=the+strange+alliance)
22. **The Water and The Rock** by Charles Jones. Diary of a man captured in Africa. Publisher: Anchor Publishing Co., Northwood, IA (CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE-9/18/14)  
[http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1)
23. **The Welcome Swede** by Frank Diggs. Publisher: Vantage Press, New York NY (\$11.00)  
[http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Swede-Thousands-Germans-Prisoners/dp/0533078180/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551448&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Swede-Thousands-Germans-Prisoners/dp/0533078180/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551448&sr=1-1)
24. **33 Months as a POW in Stalag Luft III** by Albert P. Clark. Publisher: Fulcrum Publishing, 16100 Table Mountain Parkway, Suite 300, Golden CO 80403, 800-992-2908 (17.95 pb)  
[http://www.amazon.com/Months-POW-Stalag-Luft-III/dp/1555915361/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551497&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Months-POW-Stalag-Luft-III/dp/1555915361/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551497&sr=1-1)
25. **Tours of Duty: World War II Veterans Personal Stories** by Eleanor Bertrand. Includes stories of Jimmie Kanaya from Oflag 64, Martin Jones from Hammelburg, and Oscar Richard from Stalag I. Publisher: BookSurge Publishing (2/22/08). \$17.99 from Amazon.com, 1-800-201-7575  
[http://www.amazon.com/Tours-Duty-Veterans-Personal-Stories/dp/141968728X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551561&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Tours-Duty-Veterans-Personal-Stories/dp/141968728X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551561&sr=1-1)
26. **Vic Kanners Diary** – Contact Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619, [dkanners@comcast.net](mailto:dkanners@comcast.net)
27. **Yank: Memoir of a World War II Soldier** by Ted Ellsworth. Publisher: Da Capo Press, 2009. Various prices. [https://www.amazon.com/Yank-Memoir-Soldier-1941-1945-Desert-ebook/dp/B00A8SIASS/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498257241&sr=8-1&keywords=yank%3A+Memoir+of+a+World+War+II+Soldier](https://www.amazon.com/Yank-Memoir-Soldier-1941-1945-Desert-ebook/dp/B00A8SIASS/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498257241&sr=8-1&keywords=yank%3A+Memoir+of+a+World+War+II+Soldier)

