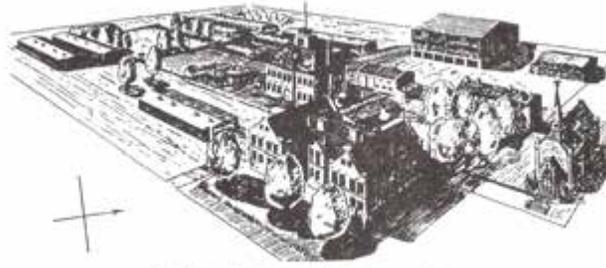


Post Oflag 64 Item



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

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Oflag 64

LET'S GO TO SZUBIN IN 2016!

At our 2015 New Orleans Reunion, there was a bit of discussion about the preservation of the site of Oflag 64 in Szubin. Over the last year, we have made several pleas to our Oflag 64 family to write congressmen and -women to aid in preservation efforts if possible. It was decided at the reunion, especially after hearing the presentation by Krystyna Piórkowska, that if we are able to go as a group to visit the site, more attention might be brought to our cause and the government of Szubin and the US might be more likely to take the matter seriously. Thankfully, a representative from the US Embassy has already visited.

Most reunion attendees felt a trip in the summer would be great. Some have also expressed interest in going in the spring. Mariusz Winiecki, who would like to assist, has the first part of September free. At some point in the Spring, there will be a huge NATO conference, which might be more congressman friendly. So we need to decide. A spring and/or summer visit?

Our thought is that once we determine a specific time or even two different times to visit, everyone could arrange for their own travel since some might have shorter or lengthier times to be away from home. We would meet up on a specific date, visit the Oflag 64 site and Szubin, and then do whatever traveling we individually wanted to do based on our time allowances. Of course, if folks wanted to travel together, coordination could be done in that regard. There are lots of things to consider including passports, which sometimes take a while to process. If you are seriously wanting to take a trip, please let us know. We won't be coordinating the trip other than to establish a date or dates to travel but will create a travel contact list so folks can contact each other. ANY VOLUNTEERS??

Krystyna Piórkowska has suggested some airlines we might check (look under her name in the Mail Call section). Another place to check for good fares is: Skyscanner.com. A friend recently found round-trip tickets to Italy for \$600 if the flight originated in New York. That's a good deal!! We have to be vigilant in our searches and let each other know of good deals.

Some of our previous visitors to Szubin might have ideas of places to stay or the best way to get around. Once we get ideas from them, we will share them with everyone by email. Another thought regarding travel times: summer travel is popular for many and hotels fill up quickly, so the sooner we establish dates, the better chance of finding a place to stay. Let us know your thoughts ASAP!!

Our best to you always,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell



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Thanks to....

....Ric Kolseth, who reworked and made useable our new online Oflag 64 POW Database. It is searchable in several ways. Please check it out. If you find errors or missing information, please let me know. Thanks also to Dennis Lennon, one of our new Oflag 64 family members, for helping us make the connection with Ric.

A Request From Me

From time to time, someone will ask me how many doctors were in the camp or how many barbers were in the camp, etc. during the war, so I've decided to find out just what our Kriegies did while at Oflag 64. I have begun a list which includes barbers, gardeners, carpenters, doctors, lawyers, dentists, etc., etc., etc., but by no means is the list complete. If you are a Kriegy/descendant/friend, please let me know what you/he did while at Oflag 64.

Thanks to those who have responded to my email query already.

Elodie Caldwell at 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 is great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can be sent in .pdf format. If you are unable to convert them to .pdf format, I would be glad to do so and then send you back the original. Thank you very much. Elodie





MAIL CALL



JOHN ALBREE (LTC, USA - Ret. and Oflag 64 family member) responded to my query about Oflag 64 professions. It's amazing to learn what everyone did to keep busy and to help others. *Thanks, John, for providing information about one of our Kriegies. Looking forward to a more detailed list as time goes by.*



NANCY ANDERSON (daughter of the late Kriegy Floyd M. Burgeson) recently wrote a detailed email about her father's war experiences. With it she included photos of him prior to leaving for Tunisia. She also included a photo of some of his war mementos. She sent a copy of and commented on a "wonderful" nearly word-for-word newspaper story from 1945 when her dad spoke to the East Des Moines Club about his POW experiences. *Nancy, we so much appreciate the work you have gone to in gathering information about your father's war experiences. I wonder sometimes just how much more information there is to discover.*

GARY BOND (son of the late Kriegy James Bond) responded to my query about Oflag 64 professions. He also let us know that his mom no longer lives at her old address but has moved in with Gary and his family. She would like future ITEMS sent to her there. *Thank you, Gary, for sending the information about your dad's Oflag 64 professions as well as information on your mom's move. We like to stay in touch.*

PATTY BOWERS (Daughter of the late Kriegy James F. Callahan) recently emailed about: "an amazing blessing that occurred this past year. My father, James F Callahan, was a POW at Oflag 64. He passed away 15 years ago. Last year, I received a phone call from a man in Kentucky who told me that he found a 200-page typewritten manuscript about my father's capture in Anzio and what happened to his troops. My father was eventually held in Oflag 64 and his troops were not too far away. From this call, I learned that one of his troops was still alive, a

Mr. Bill Halvorsen, in Iowa. I made the journey to meet him and my life is changed. What is even more of a miracle is I learned the man who wrote the manuscript, Jack Dower, was one of my father's troops who had since died but his daughter was alive and publishing the book through Stackpole Publishing. She happens to be the head of the ACRU and her husband was an advisor to Reagan. The book will be released next month. It is called Deliverance from Diepholz. There is a version she pre-published but next month, this version has an epilogue of what happened to each of the men. I hope you can share with our community." *Amazing, Patty. I just love hearing these stories. That definitely was a blessing. Thanks so much for sharing some of the details of your meeting. It's great to have another book to add to our bookshelves.*

FRANCES BUCK (daughter of the late Kriegy Frederic Marks) wrote in response to my email query about Oflag 64 professions. She and her brother will be gathering information and will let us know soon. *Thank you, Frances, for your help on my project. When our dads didn't talk about the war, until we can search what they left behind, we just sometimes have to be patient and wait to find out. I wish you success in putting together your write-up.*



T. J. BUGG III (son of the late Kriegy T. J. Bugg, Jr.) wrote to tell us of the recent passing of his father. Using his words, he wrote: "Another "Kriegie" has joined his brothers in heaven last week. My father – Thomas Jackson Bugg, Jr. @ age 95 has taken his final march and passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord. Here is a link to his obituary."

http://www.dailyprogress.com/obituaries/bugg-jr-thomas-j/article_e1d0aa27-8717-5461-899b-2e5fdce85706.html

T. J. said he had the honor of giving the eulogy at his dad's funeral and the VFW and American Legion provided a wonderful and somber military tribute with full military honors to him as he was laid to rest. T. J. mentioned that his dad so very

much enjoyed the ITEM and was proud to have served with his fellow brave and dedicated soldiers. Please see the obituary in the TAPS section of this ITEM. *Thanks so much, T. J., for letting us know about your father's death. It's so hard to lose our loved ones no matter when, but we're so thankful to our Kriegies for the wonderful men they are and were and for their sacrifices during those dark days of WWII. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family along with our sincere sympathies. We know he will be mightily missed.*



CINDY BURGESS (daughter of Kriegy Wilbur Sharpe) after reading the last ITEM about a possible trip to Szubin next year wrote "Count us in on the visit to Szubin next year!" In a later email, she wrote that she and her dad have written a biographical sketch to send to Mariusz for his upcoming blog. *Thanks, Cindy, for writing and for your "yes" vote on a trip to Szubin. We hope it will become a reality. And thanks for working on the biographical sketch for Mariusz. It's difficult sometimes to sit down and condense one's life onto a page, but you've gotten the ball rolling. We just all need to follow suit.*



SUSANNA CONNAUGHTON (daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Bolten) wrote a while back asking for help from the Oflag 64 family. She wrote: "My father, Seymour Bolten, worked not only on the "Item", but also worked very hard on the daily issues of the "Bulletin". As you know, I have all the "Items"; however, I do not have any copies of the "Bulletin". I would be so interested to read any copies that any Kriegies brought home with them. Does anyone have any copies that they could share?" In response to our query, Mariusz Winiecki shared information he had about where to locate copies. With that tip from Mariusz, Susanna subsequently found copies and began photographing them. We have included a couple of photos in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Thank you a million,*

Susanna, for doing the leg work and traveling to Pennsylvania to locate copies and make photographs. What a great service!



KAY CRUISE (daughter of the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey), after attending the New Orleans Reunion wrote in a Christmas card: "The highlight of my 2015 was the New Orleans reunion." *Kay, thanks so much for writing. We loved meeting you at the reunion and consider it a highlight of the year as well. It's always an awesome experience getting together with other Oflag 64 family members. Looking forward to more reunions in the future.*

TOM DETMERS (son of the late Kriegy Arthur Detmers) also responded to my query about Oflag 64 professions. On another subject, he commented on Rita Paulk's description of a friendly German saying that "there must have been a few sympathetic to the POWs at the camp....Dad mentioned that on the 3rd day of the march out of Oflag 64 he, Lt. Oshlo, and a German guard took off into the night." Tom said he wishes he would have asked his dad how and under what circumstances he became acquainted with the guard, and what his name was." *Thank you, Tom, for responding to my query and for sharing information about the sympathetic German guard. I think we all have 20/20 hindsight when it comes to questions we didn't ask our dads about their war experiences.*

TERRY DOOLEY (son of the late Kriegy Joseph L. Dooley) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He is looking for any information regarding his father and time spent in Oflag 64. Joseph was captured in the Hürtgen Forest in the Fall of 1944. He passed away in 2008 from cancer. *Thank you, Terry, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. Thank you also for the information you provided about your dad. We have added his name to our online TAPS list. A query went out to those on our email list. We hope you are successful finding the specific information you are seeking.*



EVIE DUNBAR (widow of the late Kriegy Alan Dunbar) after the passing of Alan and following his memorial service wrote the following: “Dear Oflag 64 Family, I shall never

forget New Orleans. It meant so much to Alan and to me - meeting so many wonderful people - the camaraderie of it all. Alan, Jimmie, Hermie holding hands - 97, 96, 95 – Oh my!....Alan wasn't well but when the invite to New Orleans came – Alan was up for it. He straightened up and said “We're going!” It was his last “Hurrah” and to my amazement, it was on his “bucket” list. I was so happy seeing how warm everyone was to him and Jimmie and Hermie. Alan did it his way and at the end he got his wish to pass away at home. I thank God for all my remembrances of Alan. He was an American Treasure to me. I'm so thankful to have been a part of Alan's life these past 6 years and to take care of him.,.,,Thank you for the flowers at the Celebration of Life memorial service. It was stunning – wish you could have been there. A military honor, the bagpipes, the young soldiers, the pageantry, video, taps, gun salute, presentation of the flag, Dondino singing, and Pat Waters came for it. I think my heart was beating from my head to my toes and I felt like my heart was going to burst. All this emotion made me feel a part of the military family....God bless you and your husband in all that you do. Now, your dear kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of ‘Thanks’ can ever be expressed.” *Evie, what beautiful words you've expressed! Thank you so much. And thank you for being a part of our Oflag 64 family. We're happy to have met you at the reunion and to have had the opportunity to be with Alan one last time. Our best to you always.*

LEE FELDMAN (no relation to the late Kriegy Leonard Feldman) after an initial phone call from me has written with information he found relating to the passing of our Kriegy Leonard. It seems that Kriegy Leonard passed away in the late 1990's but someone at his address until recently continued to receive our ITEMS so we were unaware of his death. Once the last ITEM was returned, I started digging. To make a long story short, Lee contacted a friend who lived in the town where Kriegy Leonard lived. The friend

knew another gentleman who might know Kriegy Leonard and referred my query to him. After a few phone calls and emails, we confirmed that the Leonard Feldman they were aware of was our Kriegy. *Thanks so much, Lee, for going the extra mile to help someone you didn't know find someone you weren't related to. I greatly appreciate your leg work and help.*

THIERRY FERREY (a researcher from France and Oflag 64 family member) wrote asking for information regarding several American paratroopers who were captured in his family's village during the war. We subsequently learned that he had already made contact with one of the families. *Thierry, thank you for contacting us again. We were happy to learn of your contact with one of the families. We hope you have success in your continued research.*



ROBERT GALLOWAY (grandson -in-law of the late Kriegy John K. Waters) has written regarding a painting of the Oflag 64 camp that was included in his video documentary – Oflag 64: A POW

Odyssey. He is contacting the original artist and hopefully the print(s) will be available to our Oflag 64 family. *As always, Robert, thank you for the help you give us whenever requested. Looking forward to hearing more about the painting and it's possible availability.*

SUSAN VAN DER ROEST (daughter of the late Kriegy Lorin Griset) responded to my query about Oflag 64 professions. Not only did she send information about her father, but information on another Kriegy as well. *Thanks very much, Susan for sharing information not only about your dad but also about the other Kriegy. I'm so impressed with how giving each of our Kriegies were, not only as POWs but also following the war.*

ANN HART-OTTERBEIN (daughter-in-law of the late Kriegy Lou Otterbein), as you may recall, previously asked about a documentary entitled “The Great Escape to the North”. We have recently heard from the folks involved with the video who thanked us for our interest and stated that they are currently working on the possibility of placing the film on VOD. They are hoping to finalize arrangements soon, then we

should receive more information. *Ann, we're grateful to you for bringing this to our attention. We hope for another reply from them soon.*



WARREN JONES (son of the late Kriegy Charles Jones) responded to my query about Oflag 64 professions by sending pages from a chapter devoted to his dad in a book. The pages are included in the Kriegy News and

Information section of this ITEM. In a later email, Warren thanked members of Pat Waters' family for producing the Oflag 64: A POW Odyssey video which he was very appreciative of having viewed. *Thanks very much, Warren, for sending the photos and related information. It's heartwarming for me to hear that our Kriegies always tried to make the best of a bad situation. They kept themselves busy and always looked out for each other.....And we too appreciate those who produced the video. Like you said, well told and documented.*

KATIE KIRTLEY (granddaughter of a late Kriegy who resided at Oflag XXI-B from February through April of 1943) has written for information about the Oflag 64 camp site and who to contact to retrace her grandfather's footsteps with her family. We have referred her to Mariusz Winiecki for more information about the camp. *Thanks, Katie, for contacting us. We hope you have a wonderful visit next summer.*

PEGGY LAWLER (daughter of the late Kriegy Martin Lawler) wrote in response to my query about Oflag 64 professions. *Thank you very much, Peggy, for sharing your dad's information. Little by little, our list is growing.*

NOEL LUMPKIN (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Tony Lumpkin Sr.) wrote recently and shared: "For a number of years, my brother, Tony and I have worked on the diary that my grandfather, Tony Lumpkin, Sr. kept while he was a POW in Oflag 64. He worked in the parcel hut and befriended many in the camp. The diary existed for years as typewritten pages which have now been scanned into our computers. As I'm sure you can imagine, there are lots of details and photos to sift through." Noel also reported that once everything is put together that they intend to publish a book.

Noel, thank you so much for contacting us. It was good to learn of the work you're doing on your grandfather's diary. We wish you well on the successful completion of your project.



LUCY LUSSENDEN (widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden) wrote in response to my request for Oflag 64 professions. She also wrote regarding other ideas for remaining funds once the

Kriegies and their widows are gone. She had previously suggested that the AXPOW group could benefit from the funds. She added that the DAV is another group that could use funds and also liked the idea of donating to Wounded Warriors. On the matter of a trip to Szubin next year, she suggested that such a trip include at least two nights in each place, otherwise it becomes too exhausting. She would like to visit Szubin, Gdansk, Warsaw, etc. while there and suggested also visiting The Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork. In a later email, Lucy asked about scanning her husband's book and including it on our website. *Thanks, Lucy, for the suggestions regarding funds. We will revisit these ideas when the time comes to disburse funds. Thanks also for your ideas about travel. Well worth considering as we plan. Looking forward to receiving your husband's book scans.*



DONNA MELCHIORRE (wife of Dondino Melchiorre and friend of Evie and Alan Dunbar) wrote several times following the passing of Alan to coordinate information, photos, etc. for the

Memorial service for Alan. She was the one who put together his beautiful memorial program, arranged for the time, place, color guard, bagpipers, videos, 21-gun salute, and everything else related to the service. She did a thorough and fantastic job in honoring Alan; nothing was forgotten. *Donna, thank you so much for your tremendous efforts on behalf of the Dunbars. You really went the extra mile.*

MARGARET MOORE (daughter of the late Kriegy Edward Batte) recently wrote to let us know of the passing of her father in 2014. Hearing of the death of another great Kriegy patriot and hero saddens us deeply but we know this is to be. Please see the TAPS section of

this ITEM for his obituary. *Margaret, thanks so much for letting us know about your father's passing. We know that he is greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you along with heartfelt condolences.*

JOHN NORTHCUTT (son of the late Kriegy Enoch Northcutt) wrote regarding obtaining a print of the Oflag 64 camp painting. After a little research and a couple of emails back and forth, we determined that it was a painting done specifically for the Oflag 64 POW Odyssey video produced by Robert Galloway. Robert is in the process of getting more information about the painting. *Thanks, John, for asking the questions. We hope to have an answer soon.*



DOUG O'DELL (Major General, USMC, Ret. and son of the late Hammelburg Kriegy Douglas O'Dell) wrote to let us know he has a new address. Many of you may remember him as one of the speakers at the 2006 New Orleans

Reunion banquet. *Thank you, General O'Dell, for keeping us updated. We appreciated hearing from you.*

WARREN OHLHORST (Kriegy) recently found our website and noticed that we had incorrect information regarding his unit designation and POW number on our database. He also asked to be added to our email list. *Warren, thanks for contacting us. We are so happy to know that another Kriegy is still with us. We have added you to our email list as requested and have corrected your unit designation and POW number on our site.*

KENT OLINGER (friend of Warren "Bing" Evans family and Oflag 64 family member) sent a copy of Warren's obituary. Although we previously had access to news stories about him, we didn't have access to his actual obituary, which is now included in the TAPS section of this ITEM. *Thank you so much, Kent, for sending the obituary along. We never like hearing that another Kriegy patriot and hero has left us, but we always want to remember and honor them.*

JOHN A. PATTON (son of the late Kriegy John R. Patton) wrote in response to my query about Oflag 64 professions. *Thank you, John, for*

sharing information about your father's profession/responsibilities in the camp. From responses so far, it appears that many of our men had more than one profession or responsibility. Some had 2, some had 3, perhaps there were more.

RITA PAULK (daughter of the late Kriegy Ernest L. Dilburn) is looking for information specific to her father during the time he was imprisoned as a POW. She wrote: "He also befriended a German named "Porky" who took him to have work done on his teeth and then had lunch together." In a later email, she spoke about a display of military patches and medals that will be displayed at Ft. Benning. *Thank you for writing, Rita. We hope you have received responses to our email query and that someone has been able to supply you with the information you seek. Someone might remember hearing the "Porky" story. Let's hope. Success to you in preparing for the display.*



KRYSTYNA PIORKOWSKA (one of our Oflag 64 family members) received word recently from the director of MOAS that the Association of Oflags IID-IIB-XXIB would be interested in sharing their website link with us and

would like us to share our website link with them. These Oflags occupied the same camp ground in Szubin prior to it becoming Oflag 64. We have been in contact with them and have subsequently put their link <http://www.oflags.fr> on our website "LINKS" page. In the same email, Krystyna wrote: "I met with Aaron Fishman of the Embassy after his trip to Szubin. He had 'heard from the Director and Mariusz that a congressional delegation might visit Szubin next year'. I said I had not heard anything official. Perhaps rumor will become a reality. I also sent him the power-point presentation from the Reunion so that he could have a better idea of what I am researching - it also contains the slides that Mariusz made - which he did not have. I kept on emphasizing the need to save the White House.....Also I learned that because Colonel Barlow has asked for more than "a couple of thousand dollars' it goes through a different approval process - a much lengthier one." On the matter of a trip to Szubin in 2016, she suggested the following regarding

transportation: LOT has direct flights from JFK and CHI/ORD to Warsaw. For connections from other points, Lufthansa has numerous connections via either FRA (Frankfurt) or MUC (Munich). There are other connections on SAS or Swiss or Austrian. *Thank you, Krystyna, for helping us make the connection with the other Oflag Association. And thank you for your continued information and commitment to the Oflag 64 site. We're hoping for the best. Regarding flights, we have a lot to check into yet. Hope we can find some great fares.*



WILBUR SHARPE (Kriegy) sent a very generous and thoughtful donation, to be used as necessary, along with a nice letter and information on Jim Bickers' Arlington Cemetery Burial. He

wrote that he and his wife have regular contact with Emily and Barbara Bickers. *Thanks so much, Bill, for your wonderful contribution to a fund of our choosing and also for information you shared about the Bickers family. It's great to hear that Kriegy families are still in touch after all these years.*

BEVERLY SMITH (daughter of the late Kriegy Glenn P. Brooks and new member of our Oflag 64 family) emailed after I contacted her. As we spoke on the phone she mentioned that her father had passed away in 2013. She also mentioned the name of her father's POW buddy. I asked for information and photos for both Kriegies, if available. She agreed to look and send me what she finds. *Thank you, Beverly for the pleasant and enjoyable phone conversation. I love making connections with Kriegy families previously unknown to many of us. Looking forward to whatever pictures and information you have on your dad and his Kriegy buddy.*



MARIUSZ WINIECKI (one of our Oflag 64 family members) wrote a little while back about a US Embassy visit with Mr. Aaron Fishman, the Internal Unit Chief, Political-Economic Section, regarding the site of Oflag 64.

Mariusz confirmed that the visit was arranged as a result of a series of letters sent to Senator Blumenthal from Oflag 64 family member Patty Bowers and others, and subsequent

correspondence between Krystyna Piórkowska and Mrs. Bradbury from Senator Blumenthal's office. More information will be shared in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. In another email, Mariusz wrote about a gathering of Donald B. Stewart's family at the site of Oflag 64. This information can also be found in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. Regarding his blog, "The Oflag 64 Record", Mariusz has posted previously unseen photos found in the pre-war chronicles of the Reform School. You can learn from that entry what happened at the location of Oflag 64 prior to June 1943 when our American servicemen began arriving. The photographs show the camp buildings as they were shortly before WWII, in the 1920s and 1930s, in the same shape they were in while our Kriegies were there, but without the barbed wire. Photos are included in the Kriegy News and Information section. Lastly, he sent a link to photos of the recently renovated "Hospital" which is now for sale. It's beautiful inside and out. Check out this link:

<http://www.wgn.pl/nieruchomosc/SO161-183/na-sprzedaz-willa-rezydencja-szubin-szubin>
Thank you once again, Mariusz, for all you do on behalf of the Oflag 64 Association family and for providing us with such valuable and interesting information.



The newly renovated hospital – The red sign above the door reads "For Sale".

Check these sites for air fares to Poland:

[Cheap Flights - Find Che#7579C3](#)

[LOT Polish Airlines | Bo#758467](#)

COMMENTS

Let us know how we are doing. Constructive comments and criticisms are always appreciated. Here are some nice comments from some nice folks.

Special thanks for all you do! ~ **David Glendinning**



I've read through the paper copy of this ITEM and thoroughly enjoyed it. I really want to tell you again what a wonderful job you are doing to get out these publications. ~ **Lucy Lussenden**

We very much enjoy any messages you send and the contents of the ITEMS ~ **Wilbur Sharpe**

Thank you for what you are doing for this important, brave group of men and their families. ~ **Beverly Smith**

Thanks for everything you do keeping the Oflag 64 family updated. ~ **Diane Watson**

WEB CONNECTION

Thanks again for all your really hard work on the website and the reunion. ~ **Kay Cruise**

New visitors to our website – We welcome you to our Oflag 64 Family

Beverly Smith – daughter of the late Kriegy Glenn P. Brooks

Terrence L. Dooley – son of the late Kriegy Joseph L. Dooley

Katie Kirtley – granddaughter of a Kriegy at Oflag XXI-B from Feb-April 1943

Warren Ohlhorst – Oflag 64 Kriegy



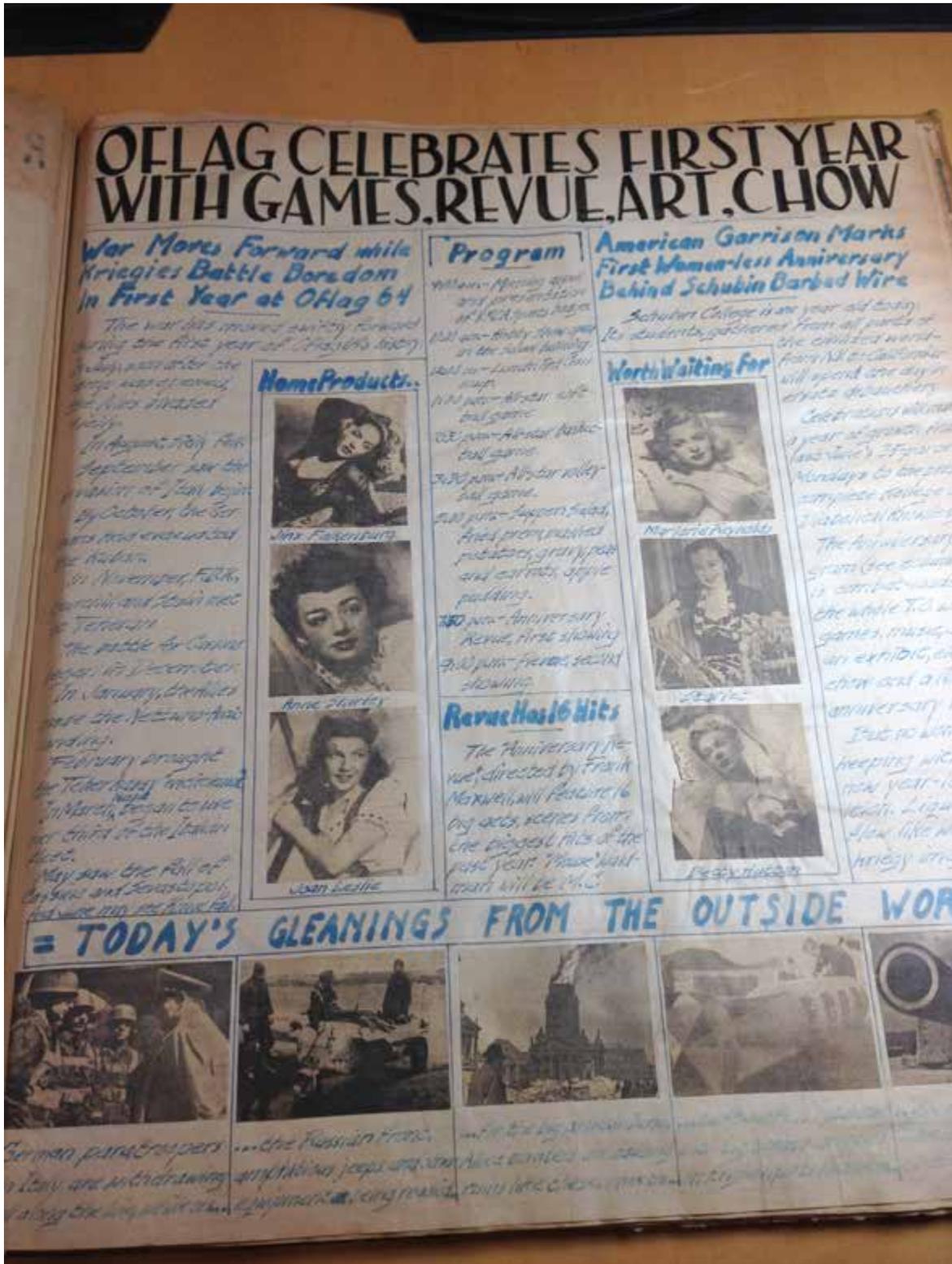
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A new version of our website is now online. We have transferred everything we had on our previous site to the new one. The look is a little different since the software is different, but everything should be pretty much the same. Check out the new “search” feature. If you notice errors or omissions, or find links that don’t work properly, please let us know at elodie@oflag64.us. We will continue to update and publish, as in the past, whenever we have new or updated information.

KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION

These photocopies of early Oflag 64 handwritten Daily Bulletins were provided by Oflag 64 family member **Susanna Connaughton**. We thank her for tracking them down. We hope to have others to add to our website soon.



THIS IS HOW TOKIO WAS BOMBED

U.S. Planes Hit Jap Capital From Carrier 800 m. at Sea

German papers last week printed the following report of the London American bombing of Tokyo last by Gen. Douglas, in 1942.

The planes taking part in the bombing were of the type used in the attack on Pearl Harbor. They were loaded with incendiary bombs and were launched from the carrier at sea.

Then each plane was assigned his service target. The rendezvous point was reached as from the planes before their departure so that they did not fall into enemy hands. An order was given which the Japs were about to be violated.

Planes were loaded on the carrier home.

Present chief of the U.S. Navy forces in the South Pacific, Admiral Nimitz, acted as leader of the under attack.

Air forces were used Gen. Douglas.

The ship was to approach to within 400 miles of the Jap coast. The planes were to attack at the first opportunity.

Attack and last the next morning at 10:00 a.m. the Japs were surprised.

This program was changed by the appearance of Jap coastal patrol boats while 100 miles from the Japanese coast.

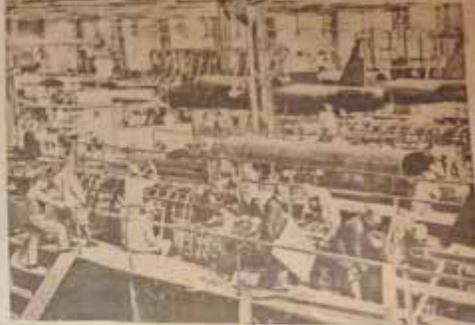
It was assumed that they would catch the appearance of the U.S. carrier to Japan, so the attack was started 10 hours early and from twice the intended distance.

About noon the fleet appeared over Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe.

They dropped their bombs and encountered some Jap fighters.

Some of the planes reached the Chinese port, some they came down on land, and some they were shot down.

JAP FACTORIES GET 'BLITZED'...



Jap war factories like these were hit at Pearl Harbor and other industrial bases.

THESE ARE THE JAP WAR LORDS



Gen. Tojo, Gen. Yamaguchi, Gen. Hata

"ZERO-DODGERS" ATTEMPT DEFENSE



Susanna reported that in Appendix E of Frank Diggs' book (possibly "Americans Behind the Barbed Wire - World War II: Inside A German Prison Camp"), he describes how he and "ace staff member, Seymour Bolten" smuggled the two bound volumes (of Daily Bulletins) through Poland and Russia, and that eventually, the "Daily Bulletin" was donated to the Army War College located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The following photos and report were provided by **Mariusz Winiecki** following the Embassy visit by Mr. Aaron Fishman to the site of Oflag 64.



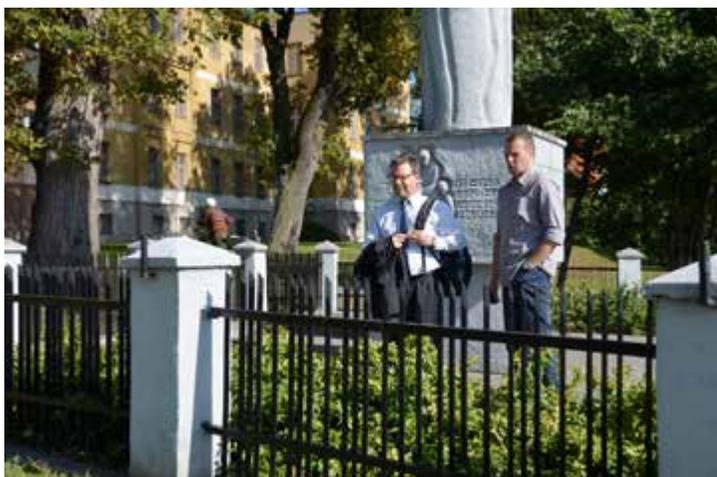
“His (Mr. Fishman’s) purpose was mainly to learn more about the title of ownership of particular buildings, which were inside the compound of the Oflag 64 camp. He also wanted to know what our local government is planning to do with the building being transferred to them from MOAS (Miejski Ośrodek Adaptacji Społecznej) – the 'Home and School for At-Risk Youth'. The building is marked with an arrow - and was known to POWs as barrack 9A & 9B. As it can be seen on the attached photo, it still looks like it did during WWII, but



is in ruins. Before our meeting Mr. Fishman also met the Vice-Mayor of Szubin in a Town Hall, but I haven't attended this meeting. Mr. Guziński reported to me the main conclusions.

The facts regarding the original barrack are:

- It was decided about 10 years ago by Polish Ministry of Science, which is responsible for MOAS, that MOAS will not maintain it any longer, but also will not demolish it.
- It was then also decided to transfer it to the local government - The County. The process of transfer has begun, it continues and may take some time, even several months.
- The most probable next step is that the County will then transfer the ownership to the Gmina (municipality) of Szubin.
- When Gmina is the owner, the barrack will be rather demolished.



During the meeting in the office of the Head of Home and School for At-Risk Youth, Mr. Wiesław Guziński, among other subjects, discussed the potential and ideas to preserve the remaining original barrack. The outline of the history of this place was of course presented to our guests, with underlining the most important facts and events from the camp history.”

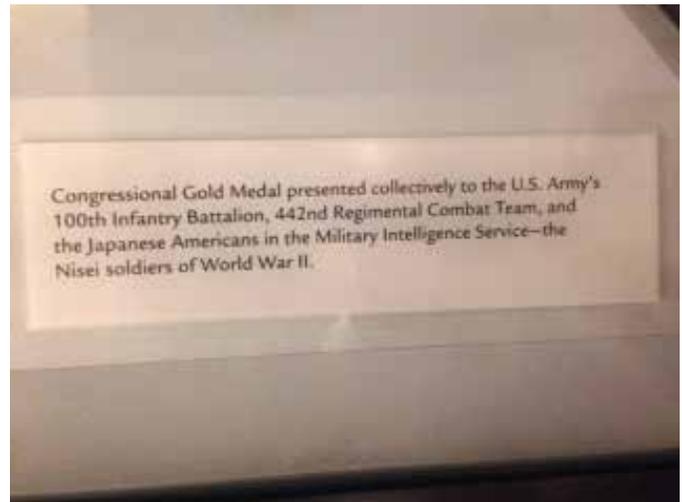


“The idea to preserve the barrack, to renovate it and to create a museum of Oflag 64 and also Oflag XXIB was mentioned. The idea has been mentioned several times by me in presence of various representatives of Gmina, but without any response, even the critical one. In my opinion, our local government is not interested and probably also not able to do it, but if the support from US Government could be granted, there is a

way to make it possible. The local Museum is unofficially interested then to maintain it eventually as its subsidiary. Gmina has declared that the agreement to transfer the building into museum of branch of museum is possible. The Head of MOAS has declared to donate the eventual museum with the scale model, which was built by his students. He has also offered that the other kind of help is available from him, e.g. using the MOAS carpentry to restore the bunks, but also other kinds of work may be offered from students of MOAS. Finally, I have declared that I'll be happy to work on the future exhibition for eventual museum, hopefully with the help and cooperation of The Oflag 64 Association.”

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Pat Bender submitted the following photos taken by **Pat Cochran** at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. They're of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to the Nisei Soldiers from the 442nd Regiment (Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya's regiment).



The following photos were submitted by **Mariusz Winiiecki** following the visit of Donald B. Stewart's family. As you will recall, Donald B. Stewart was one of the two American witnesses of the mass gravesite at Katyn.



Mariusz reported: "They visited Szubin on Monday, September the 14th, and I could say it was truly the family gathering to remember, because all five children of Capt. Donald B. Stewart, with spouses totaling eight, came to walk on the same ground where their father passed many years ago. Monica and Jim Bishara, Robert and Joni Stewart, David Stewart, Kathleen and Barney Herrera and Barbara Stewart also visited The Reform School, The Muzeum of Szubin and The Town Hall of Szubin. Later in the week they attended The Katyn Museum opening in Warsaw."

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From the blog "The Oflag 64 Record", **Mariusz Winiiecki** provides a historical background of the camp site eventually known as Oflag 64. In these photos, we can see familiar buildings and sites as they appeared in earlier years.



The "Hospital" in 1910



The "White House" in 1910



The "Chapel" in 1920



The "Chapel" in 1928 surrounded by teachers and students



The "Ice Skating Pond" in 1928 near the White House



The camp "Garden" in 1930



Vocational Building also used by American POWs

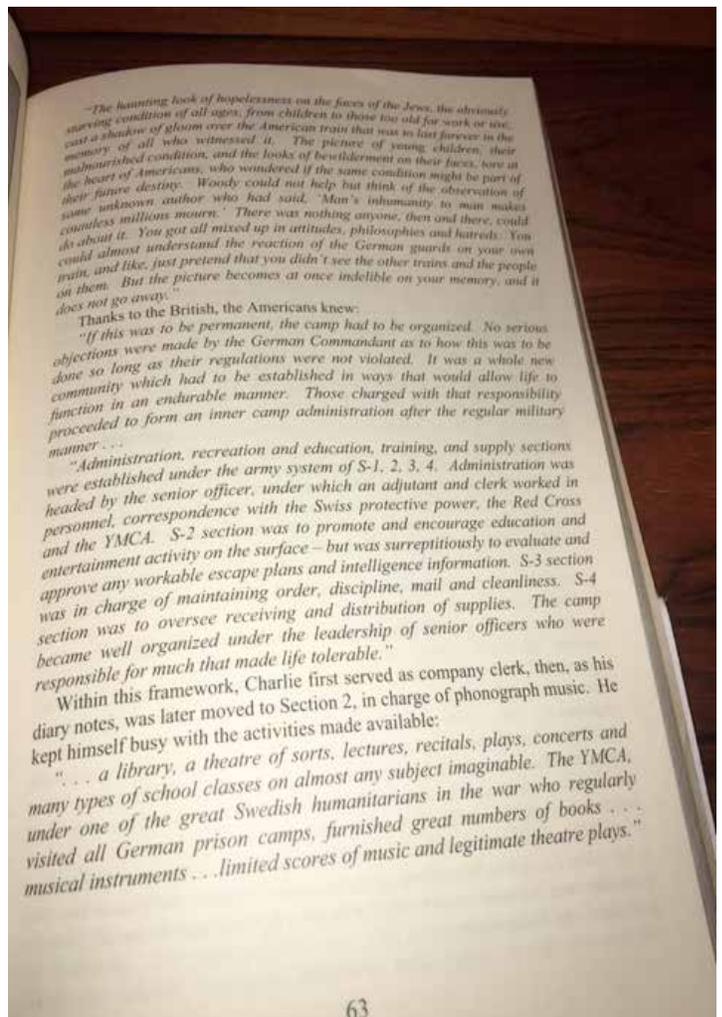
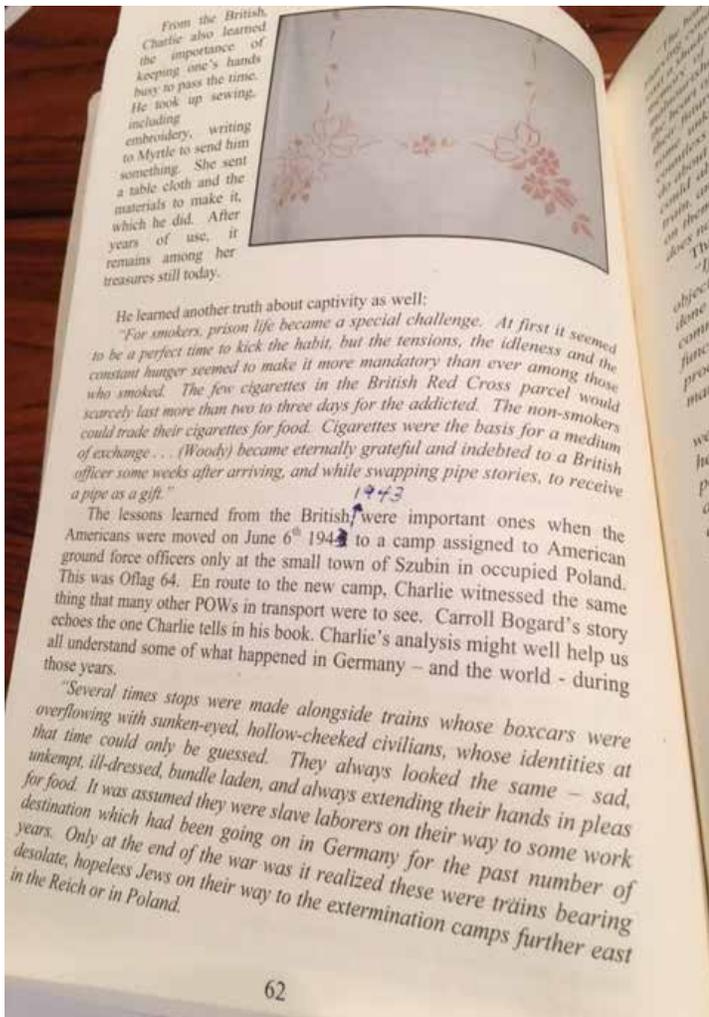


French POWs, White House/barracks near street.



Nancy Anderson, submitted this photo of some of her father's war mementos. She commented that she was especially thankful, among other things, for her mother's care of her father's war mementos and particularly for her labeling on the framed spoon.

The following photos were sent by **Warren Jones** and were taken from a chapter devoted to his dad in a book entitled "Only the Least of Me Is Hostage: Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany Volume I – Soldiers." They were sent in response to my query about Oflag 64 professions.



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/B0007E4UAU>
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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
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
6. **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
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8. **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
9. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book**. Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL. http://www.amazon.com/Oflag-64-fiftieth-anniversary-book/dp/1879260239/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1226550698&sr=1-1
10. **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
11. **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

12. **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
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15. **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
16. **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
17. **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
18. **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
19. **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

Other Publications

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Roads to Liberation by Clarence R. Meltesen is 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.) Also available on www.Amazon.com

John K. Waters: An Oral History (The Waters Story) by William C. Parnell - 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 copies available.)

A **1947 Oflag 64 Reunion Photo** is available for a \$5 donation to the Postage Fund (ONE COPY LEFT). Send your donation and request to Elodie Caldwell at the contact address on the front page of this ITEM. (Thank you Judy Fletcher.)

Edward G. Batte

1921 ~ 2014



Edward Guy Batte age 93, was born February 4, 1921 in Ennis County TX to the late Ed BATTE and Ola Nolan Batte. He died

peacefully in his room at Penick Village, November 9, 2014. He was a resident of Southern Pines, North Carolina at the time of his passing.

Edward served his country as a second lieutenant in the United States Army and was a veteran of WWII. He was captured by Rommel at Kasserine Pass in the North African campaign and then transported to a POW Camp for officers in Poland. The POW Camp was liberated near the end of WWII. He received a Purple Heart.



Following WWII, Edward graduated from Veterinary School at Texas A&M '49 and did veterinary research at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC where he made significant progress in the development and testing of dewormers in animals, particularly in pigs. His research was studied worldwide. He earned his B.S., D.V.M., and M.S. from Texas A & M in 1942, 1948, and 1949, respectively.

In 1956, Dr. Batte was hired as Professor and Head of the Animal Science Department at NCSU. He stayed with the University for at least the next two decades. While there, he received various grants for his research and authored many publications. Dr. Batte was a well respected professor in Parasitology and was known for his expertise in the field. He was also professor emeritus of veterinary medicine at NCSU.

Semiretired, Dr. Batte was a guest lecturer at the University of Sydney, Australia, in the summer (their winter). He was a former member of the North Carolina VMA and a past secretary of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club. He was active in the White Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Raleigh Kiwanis Club and the Raleigh Power Squadron Boat safety club.

Edward married Elizabeth Goodlett from Waxahatchie, TX on July 11, 1942. In 2004 they

moved to a very nice, well-maintained assisted living facility in Southern Pines, with many activities for older residents.

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his wife. Dr. Batte is survived by his daughter Margaret Batte Moore of the Asbury Community in Chatham County, two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. He had a wonderful life and will be remembered as a kind and caring man.

Graveside Service were held Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Buffalo Cemetery with Dr. Troy Leshner-Thomas presiding. A memorial service was held Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Penick Village Chapel in Southern Pines, NC. The family received friends Friday, November 14, 2014 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home from 6PM to 7PM.

<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Edward-Guy-Batte-101872038>

<https://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/names/841-batte-edward-guy-1921>

<http://www.chathamnewsandrecord.com/obituaries-jan-2014-nov-2014/>

<https://www.aggienetwork.com/news/138269/silver-taps-notification/>

Glenn P. Brooks

1923 ~ 2013

Glenn P. Brooks ,90, died December 26, 2013 at the Carolina House in Pinehurst, NC.

A memorial service was held at the Carolina House in Pinehurst on Saturday January 12, 2014.



Predeceased by his parents, Robert and Sudie Brooks, he is survived by two daughters, Beverly Smith and husband Rodney of Aberdeen, Ellaine Burwell and husband Robert of Carthage, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Powell Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines is assisting the family.

<http://www.pinesfunerals.com/obits/obituary.php?id=536091>

Online condolences at www.PinesFunerals.com
<http://courier-tribune.com/obituaries/glenn-p-brooks>
http://www.thepilot.com/obituaries/glenn-p-brooks/article_795d08b2-6f3d-11e3-aa53-001a4bcf6878.html

Thomas J. Bugg, Jr.

1920 ~ 2015



Thomas Jackson Bugg, Jr., 95, of Scottsville, passed peacefully from this life to eternal life with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on October 29,

2015, at The Heritage Inn in Charlottesville.

He was born March 29, 1920, in Shores, Virginia, to the late Thomas Jackson Bugg and Emma Virginia Minter Bugg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Elizabeth Graham Bugg; an infant son, William Holman Bugg; a sister, Virginia Ann Bugg Monts; a brother-in-law, George Charles Monts; a sister-in-law, Doris Russell Bugg; and two nephews, Philip Mark Graham, and Waverly Minter Bugg, Jr. Thomas is survived by his two daughters, Carolyn Ann Bugg Butler and husband, Bevely of Scottsville, and Virginia Graham Bugg Hepler and husband, Herschell of Gordonsville; one son, Thomas Jackson Bugg, III and wife, Sue of Cincinnati, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Thomas Franklin Butler, Leigh Ann Butler Perry and husband, Wayne, Jennifer Graham Butler Stancil and husband, Matthew, Laurie Anne Hepler Horner and husband, Jack, Shelly Elaine Hepler Wright and husband, Mark, Thomas Jackson Bugg, IV, Cullen Michael Pohlman, and Corey Matthew Pohlman; nine great-grandchildren, Owen Walker Perry, Carson Scott Perry, Miles Tipton Stancil, Graham Caswell Stancil, Nevin Elizabeth Horner, Fairen Catherine Horner, Jackson Graham Horner, Frederick Marshall Wright and Solis Elaine Wright; a brother, Waverly Minter Bugg of Mechanicsville, Virginia; a brother-in-law, Caswell Proctor Graham and wife, Zelma of Christiansburg, Virginia; three nieces, Mary Monts, Bebe Gaskill, and Susan Camper; two nephews, Charles Monts, and Marty Graham; and a number of extended family members and many friends.

Mr. Bugg grew up in Shores area of Fluvanna County where he was a 1939 graduate of Fluvanna County High School and a 1946 graduate of VPI. His education was interrupted in April 1943 by the call to service in the U. S. Army during WWII. He served from 1943 until he was honorably discharged on January 12, 1946. He was held as a POW/MIA from October 6, 1944 until April 28, 1945. He received a number of special medals recognizing his excellence in service.

Thomas married Dorothy Elizabeth Graham in 1943 and after discharge from the U. S. Army and graduation from VPI in 1946, they returned to Fluvanna County to purchase and operate Lowfields Farm.  First as a dairy farm and in the latter years as a beef cattle farm until his retirement in 2001. In addition to farming, he worked as an extension agent for the U S Department of Agriculture and for Sears, A. O. Smith/Harnischfeger, and other companies throughout the years. In retirement, he moved to a new home built by his son-in-law in the Scottsville area where he enjoyed raising a garden, tending to his beautiful flowers, and maintaining a beautiful yard from 2001 to 2014.

He has resided at The Heritage Inn in Charlottesville since 2014. He was a lifelong member of Seay's Chapel United Methodist Church in Shores, Virginia, having accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age and attending regularly from early childhood. He has worked faithfully for and held many leadership positions within the church and was the senior member at the time of his death. In addition, he was always active in his community and served Fluvanna County faithfully with service on a number of boards prior to his retirement. He served as a member and later Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; as a member of the Regional Jail Board representing Fluvanna County; as a member of the Fluvanna Social Services Board; and as a member and in leadership roles with the VFW Post 8169 in Scottsville for a number of years.

The children of Thomas and Dorothy would like to express how grateful we are that our parents are now reunited together for all eternity. We feel so fortunate to have had them in our lives as our parents to guide and protect us and will miss them greatly.

We would also like to extend special thanks and appreciation to Dr. Randolph Lanford for all the great and special care he provided our father throughout the years; to everyone at The Heritage Inn for all the love, kindness and care provided our Dad during his stay with them; to all the personnel with the Veterans Administration Home Based Primary Care for all of the very thoughtful and professional care they provided to our father; to everyone with Hospice of

the Piedmont for the great love, compassion and care they provided during his last days and to Elaine Hall, Jackie Shifflett and Fay Wood for all the love, kindness and care they provided to Dad during his last years at his home in Scottsville.

A funeral service will be held at Seay's Chapel United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015, by the Reverend Greg Miller and the Reverend James Jetton. Interment, with military rites, will follow in the Seay's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

All who knew Thomas remembers well how when they would visit with him near a mealtime in his special way of love, compassion and hospitality he would always offer to share a meal before they would leave. In remembrance of their father and in honor of his kindness, hospitality and thoughtfulness the family will hold a luncheon in the Seay's Chapel Miles-Bugg Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

Friends may pay their respects and sign the guest register at anytime between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at Thacker Brothers Scottsville Funeral Home. The family suggests, In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Seay's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 4916 Shores Road, Palmyra, VA 22963; VFW Post 8169 West River Road Scottsville, VA 24590; Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Pkwy, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911; or Scottsville Volunteer Rescue Squad P O Box 550, Scottsville, VA 24590.

Family and friends may share memories and photos at www.thackerbrothers.com.

Obituary found at:
http://www.dailyprogress.com/obituaries/bugg-jr-thomas-j/article_e1d0aa27-8717-5461-899b-2e5fdce85706.html#user-comment-area

Alan Dunbar

1918 ~ 2015



At age 97, Lt. Colonel Alan Dunbar admits that his World War II experience a wounded American soldier in German camps made him "as sentimental as the next guy."

Having just graduated from Temple University Dunbar was among the first draftees from Philadelphia immediately after the

Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Following a brief stint as an enlisted man, he quickly became an officer candidate who emerged from Fort Benning, Ga., as a second lieutenant.

Three years later after losing his brother Joseph, a Navy commander whose ship was sunk while chasing German submarines off the coast of Italy, Dunbar found himself in the Battle of the Bulge as captain of a communications platoon in the 10th "Golden Lion" Division.

Commanders of the 442nd and 423rd regiments decided it would be best to surrender than see their soldiers killed. Dunbar and his platoon were among 7,000 soldiers from the 106th Division who went into German captivity and would spend the duration of the war in a series of POW camps. He was among 185 officers who were herded into boxcars and hauled by train to Oflag 64 near Schubin, Poland.



That's where he met "the man who saved his life," Lt. Col. John K. Waters, the son-in-law of Gen. George S. Patton, who had been captured in Tunisia in 1943 and was in charge of the camp's 1,500 officer POWs, mostly from the North Africa campaign.

On March 27, 1945, Patton had sent a task force to Hammelburg, 50 miles behind enemy lines, to liberate the prison camp where Waters and Dunbar were then being held. Waters went out to greet the task force and a German guard shot him in the back. Waters was so badly wounded, the Germans released him to allied authorities, but they captured the task force and they became POWs with Dunbar and the others.

After about 19 days, the American prisoners were transferred to the infamous Stalag VII-A camp at Moosburg, Germany. On April 29, 1945, a task force from the 14th Armored Division succeeded in liberating Moosburg. And General Patton came in with his two silver revolvers.

After World War II, Dunbar stayed in touch with Waters, who recovered from his wound and became a four-star general.

Dunbar retired as a lieutenant colonel and then worked as a claims adjudicator for Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia, Cleveland, San Diego, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. He retired from the VA in 1980 and moved to Las Vegas.

In a ceremony one year ago at the Las Vegas American Legion Post 8, Lt. Colonel Alan Dunbar received two special dedications; a Challenge coin along with a personal letter from George Patton Waters expressing his appreciation for serving with

his late father General John K. Waters. This letter read "Sir, you are not only a great American but of the Greatest Generation and to you we all salute and thank you for your service past and present!

Warren E. Evans

1918 - 2015



Warren E. Evans, 96, of Huntingburg, passed away July 6, 2015, at The Springs at Tanasbourne senior living center in Hillsboro, Oregon.

He was born December 29, 1918 in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Earl Edward and Stella (Soliday) Evans. He married Frances A. "Fran" Wheeler on August 5, 1945 at the United Methodist Church in Brookings, South Dakota.

Warren was a salesman for Ralston Purina; after his retirement from Purina he was employed as an accountant at the Olinger Construction Company in Huntingburg for 10 years and then continued private accounting thereafter on a part-time basis.

He was a member of the Huntingburg United Methodist Church, Dubois County Masonic Lodge #520 F&AM, the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite, and the Ranger Battalion Association.

He served as a Captain in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the original Army Rangers which spearheaded five landings and six campaigns during the war. Warren fought in every battle of every campaign that the Rangers participated in during World War II.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances A. "Fran" Evans, who died November 10, 2009; two sons, Brad Evans and Bruce Evans; one sister, Lorraine Theck; and two grandchildren.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Mark (Karen) Evans of Portland, Ore.; his daughter-in-law, Connie Evans of Huntingburg; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service for Warren Evans will be held at 2:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Huntingburg United Methodist Church in Huntingburg, Indiana, with a reception to follow.

Pastor Lee Campbell will officiate at the service.

Interment of his cremains has taken place at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brookings, South Dakota.

Condolences may be shared online at www.nassandson.com.

Obituary found at:

<http://www.duboiscountyfreepress.com/warren-e-evans-96/>

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We're looking for information on the following Kriegies whose ITEMS have been returned. As of yet, we've have been unable to find either new addresses or death information. Please let us know if you have any information that will help us locate these Kriegies.

David E. Crocker from Nederland TX
Louis P. Gendron from Greenwich CT
George Myron from Little Egg Harbor Township NJ
Mel Rappoport from Douglaston NY

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are not the end;
it simply means
I'll miss you
until we meet again.

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the memory
becomes a treasure.