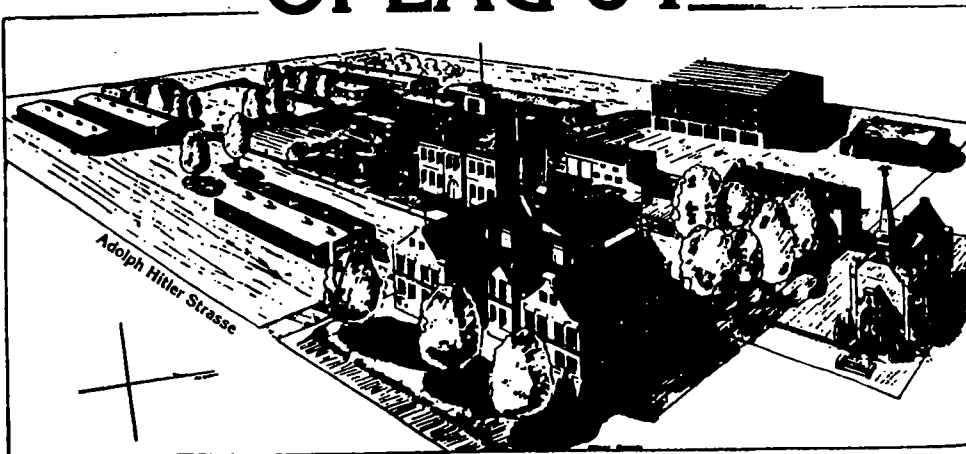


OFLAG 64



Prisoner's drawing of Oflag 64, reproduced from The Item of January 1, 1945

Drawing does not show the three, high, barbed wire fences surrounding the 900 feet by 1200 feet area of the P.O.W. Camp; nor are the eleven guard towers shown.

BY JAMES BICKERS

GLADWYNE, PA. Although the memories are mellowing but far from fading we all returned safely but from another great safari to sharpen memories of P.O.W. days. A total of eighteen but only 16 took the whole of their respective trips. We had official reporters for each part of the split tour. I had hoped to send everyone a copy of the report of the trip, however this would more than a little expense to the Postage Fund. However I have a few extra copies and will be glad to send a copy of the report to anyone that drops me a postcard requesting a copy. Much thanks goes to our two outstanding reporters. At the Poland part of the trip, Nan Mac Arevey and for the Germany part and the Scandinavian countries retired senior editor of U.S. News and World Report, Frank Diggs. The visits to the individual campsites all proved to be outstanding experiences for each respective group. At Schubin, the reception was fantastic and unexpected but thoroughly enjoyed by the group. At Hammelburg the experience there would have been extremely difficult to have planned. Even at Moosberg, where there is very little evidence left of that huge camp, our reception was very cordial and the white sausage was terrific. One of the phrases that came out of trip was the fact that we all felt that "the Germans have really improved in the ability to furnish good food and living quarters than they supplied 40 years ago". I am sure pictures and stories will be a major topic of conversation in Orlando in '86 See you there!

MYRTON BEACH, FL Well, let's forget about the SHERATON Twin Towers. They developed financial problems in the middle of Dick Meskill's negotiations so Dick has now fortunately pinned down a smaller but what appears to be a nicer spot. The Orlando Airport Marriott, The rates look good and the accommodations will be more than adequate for us to survive in Orlando. In the next letter I'll include a copy of the Chamber of Commerce brochure of Orlando which gives you plenty of time to decide what places you want to take in, while in Orlando.

One of the features of being at the Marriott will be that one can arrive 3 days early and stay 3 days later at the same low convention rates. So take care of yourself and save your money for a great time in Orlando Oct 10, 11, 12 1986

MINNEAPOLIS, MN Brief note from Edor Nelson. Now retired after 35 years of coaching and teaching. Thanks much for your contribution to the Postage Fund to keep the mail rolling. Any of you fellows out there who remember Edor drop him a line;

Edor C. Nelson
5444-26 Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

He'll be glad to hear from you and no doubt have plenty of time to give you a long reply. Nice to hear from you.

Wilmette, IL. Jim Bickers wrote before we left on our "Safari" to Europe and said he has all copies of the "Items" that were published at Oflag 64.

He has offered to have them reproduced and bound in an appropriate manner, if there is enough interest

Drop me a postcard and let me know.

J. F. Slack
Center City
Speed Printing
P.O. Box 170
Gladwyne, PA 19035

I'll pass the word on to Jim. I don't know what the cost would be. It of course would vary with the number who would respond. The more, the lower the individual cost. Let me hear from you. Thanks Jim for this offer and also thanks for your contribution to the Postage Fund.

HEMET, CA Had another long letter from Herb Sierks. The interesting part of this letter was the fact that Herb, whose background is German, had the youngest brother of his grandfather contact him when he was at Luckenwalde

To Herb's credit he didn't let on he was related because he didn't know whether it would be good for him or not. It turned out that this German Captain was the supply officer of the Camp. Herb said that wasn't very good because what they got in Camp was DARN LITTLE. Thanks Herb for the nice story. Keep 'em rollin! Thanks also for your contribution.

CLEMSON, S.C. Nice note from Wright Bryan. See enclosed clipping from the Atlanta Journal of which he was formerly editor. Thanks for the contribution and sure look forward to seeing you and Ellen in Orlando in '86.

WENTWORTH, MI Bob & Evelyn Oshlo sent me copies of Red Cross Bulletins published in Oct 1944 and May 1945 both issues having pictures of Oflag 64 residents. Very interesting. Let me know if you want a copy of either one or both and I'll see how they turn out. Thanks much for this info Bob. I know you had a great visit with Billy and Bess Bingham. Great people! Hope to see all four of you in Orlando. The postage Fund Thanks you much for the contribution.

WASHINGTON, D.C. The enclosed obituary tells the whole story. The comments at the top of the sheet were made by daughter who first told me about Seymour's death. Thanks Midge for the info. Although he was not readily available to join our reunions he did make a few of them. He will be missed by many of us.

SAN ANTONIO, TX The enclosed obituary on Donald Stewart came by way of Las Vegas and Alan Dunbar who received it from Eldon Smith. Thanks to you both. It is certainly a most complete obit.

ARLINGTON, VA Just a short note from Frank Digg who came back from Montferat to join us on the Kriegy Safari to Europe and Scandinavian Countries and whose accomplishments are noted elsewhere. I didn't mention before but he also assumed the following two roles;

1. Chairman of the Ice Cream Committee
2. Chairman of the daily Relaxation Committee

The above services were performed without fiscal compensation. The performances of both of these functions was outstanding as all members of the Safari remember with great pleasure. Thanks Frank also for the column on Wright Bryan and the copy of the article from OSTGOTO Correspondenten. Anyone wants to read the article must know Swedish.

PHILADELPHIA, PA The spring issue of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Newsletter contained the picture of General Waters along with those of us who attended his presentation at

at the Chapel in Fort George G. Meade, Md. November of 1984.

EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y. Another brief note from Nan & Jim Mac Arevey. On their way home from Airport (JFK) after having traveled well over 7000 miles by bus and plane, without mishap they're bus broke down and delayed their home coming. So it goes. Thanks again for the nice reporting job and your willingness to share experiences with all of us. See you soon.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. Gee I didn't think I would have a chance to write to you about our new honorary member of our Group. Frank Dasting's close friend Jim Mac Arevey was on the recent safari to Poland and Scandinavian and soon himself a friend of all of us by being able to spot a liquor store before we even got into it. What a guy! He'll be at Orlando so you'll all have a chance to meet him. Hope it's OK with you as we made him an Honorary Kriegie. Sorry, you didn't get those pictures on the roll that turn. Be glad to let you have any of mine that might appeal to you. Will have them at Orlando not before.

WORCESTER, MS. Thanks for your request for "Sage". Its in the mail to you. Also thanks for the extra funds for the Postage. It will help get this newsletter in the mail to you. Glad to hear your feet are improving. It will help your overall health. Have fun in Israel! See you in Orlando.

SAN DIEGO, CA Nice note from Mrs. Quincey D who related how much she enjoyed the SAFARI in spite of some adversities as far as her back was concerned. While in Poland at Szubin the group received additional letters that had been recovered from wall caches left by our group when we had to evacuate from Oflag 64. Just in case you haven't found Jim Bickers address to whom to send the picture that you located here is.

3019 Indianwood Rd.

Wilmette, IL 60091

I'm sure he'll be more than pleased to receive it. It was indeed real great that you took the trip. I know it will always be a highlight of many of you may take. Maybe Tom (Col. Thomas Drake) was not present in person but I know he was there.

MANSFIELD, OH Nice to hear from Eldon Smith. Sent in two old copies (May 1945 & Vol. 3 #2) of the Red Cross Prisoner of War Bulletins including photographs of activities at the OFLAG. Any one who would like copies of these photographs just say the word with a stamped envelope and I'll try to get good photocopies back to you. I do recognize all of those in the pictures but the bulletins will be retained, the other files here. Thanks Eldon. Hope your feeling better. Look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

VINE, CA Another nice letter from my "ole"
roomie Jim Fraser. He wrote and said he had about
three week "jet log" so everyone knows that
the trip was a great suce . It's good Jim is
pretty much his own boss because you know no one
would accept that excuse for three weeks.
anks Jim for the clippings on "Sage" "Shoe
eather Express". I don't know the latter one
her. Sometime I guess we'll get out to the
West Coast one of these days to visit many 64's
re. Hope you and Anne are well recuperated
y now. See you in Orlando anyway.

HARRISON, AK Thanks Garvin for the correction
your address as well as the contribution to
the Postage Fund. Hope you also will see your
y clear to join us in Orlando. It would be
nd to see you. Nice indeed to hear from
arvin Fitton.

ENTERPRISE, AL Jerry Sage writes to let me
w that his book has now been published in a
hardback edition. Anyone desiring a copy may
ain s me from TOBEY PUBLISHING CO.
P.O.BOX 580
WAYNE, PA 19087

CE IS \$ 17.95 including shipping & handling.
Thanks Jerry also for the name of

Clifton R. Farnum
LT. Col USA Ret
Box 144
Franklin, N. H. 03235

come back to our group Colonel. Your name will
added to the list and hope you can join our
eunion in Orlando, FL. at the Marriott Airport
otel on Oct 10, 11, 12 1986 Look forward to
eeting you..

LINEHURST, N.C. Very nice no rom Doc Herbert
ris from that golf headquarters in N.C. Thanks
uch for the literature on Hermit Hansen and the
m about P.O.W. care.

ew letters back I made a copy of Kenit's story
sent it out to all those on the mailing list,
you may have missed it in someway. I also, after
Vegas Reunion sent out the latest on P.O.W.
ealth care but am always looking for items to
clude in the newsletter that will be of interest
all.

pe your trip to the Mid-East was fabulous!
didn't see your name listed so I guess you
an't get hi-jacked. See you in Orlando.
nks for thinking of us!

OMAC, MD General Waters very kindly sent
e the date of Col. Goodè's death. I only have
missing NOW. The date of Richard Van Syckle
NYONE KNOW THESE.

AR HILLS, N. J. Boy this isn't far away even
ugh it sounds like it but Joseph Frelinghuysen
s one of our group who got to know many of us an
dy and one of his special friends is Dick
ossbach and David Westheimer . Joe says he will
at Orlando and I sure look forward to meeting
im. Thanks for your fine note and contribution
cluded with it. Sure hope you make Orlando.

KALAMAZOO, MI Recently received word from Mrs
Arnold Perkins that Arnold passed away on August
15, 1984. He was part of the 45th Division and
was in Oflag 64 for about a year. Thank you Mrs
Perkins for advising me .
Anyone who knew him and desiring to send a
contribution could make it to the Heart Fund and
send it to;

Mrs Arnold Perkins
3701 Willow Lake Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

LEESBURG AND GRAND ISLAND, FL.

Thanks Bob Cox for sending me the name of
Rolland W. (Bill) C rbin
1304 Lake Drive
Grand Island, FL 32735

It's always fun to get new names on the list.
Welcome, Bill. Suggest you mark the dates and
the place on your calender now for 1986-Oct
10, 11, 12. Orlando, FL.
Marriott Airport
Motel

BLOOMINGTON, MN Just had, Donald Frederick
8101 2nd Ave
Bloomington, Mn
55420

last letter returned saying he had been deceased
for many years. Anyone know anything about him?

VISALIA, CA Thanks much to Maj Ed Hagard for
his kudos and contribution to the Postage Fund.
Real nice of you Ed. Hope you can meet with us ir
Orlando even though its a long way from Californi
Hope to see you .

FT. WORTH, TX. Ike Franklin advised me by phone
on 5/31/85 that Dick Heil had passed away. Have
had no further word. Sorry to see a recent active
joiner go.

COLUMBUS, GA Received a news paper clipping on
the death of Mrs. Margaret Schafer, the widow of
Col. William H. Schaefer.

GLADWYNE, PA Thought sure I'd get this in the
mail before now. However, my customers still
manage to keep me busy and it takes a minute or
two to put this all to-gether.
Three final items to bring to your attention.
One Mark the dates and place on your calendars
for the next REUNION OCT 10, 11, 12, ORLANDO, F
MARRIOTT AIRPORT MOTEL

TWO Drop me a postcard and let me know your
thoughts on having a REUNION each year starting
in '87. This was suggested not only at Las Vegas
but by others since.

THREE On the same Postcard let me know your
reaction to try help the Polish citizens of
Szubin rebuild the Chapel on the ground at
Oflag 64.

Nice to hear from all of you out there and per Garry Moore 'be kind to each other.

EDITOR
JOHN SLACK

P.S. Going to start on the next I T B M right away and include the interesting items I have left out of this one

J.F.S.

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ADDRESS

It is a pleasure to note that Wilbur Sharpe and Frank Diggs were able to attend the services of Seymour Bolten. Thanks to you both for representing Oflag 64 at the services.

**PERKINS,
Mr. Arnold P.
3701 Willow Lake Dr.**

Passed away Wednesday Aug. 15, 1984. Mr. Perkins was born July 18, 1916, in Hastings, and had been a resident here for many years. Before his retirement, he was in the insurance business. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, the American Legion and V.F.W. and served in W. W. II and for some time was a prisoner of war. On May 3, 1936, he was married to Letha M. Moore, who survives. Also surviving are 2 sons, Gordon J. of Black Earth, WI. and Mark W. of Holland, MI.; 4 grandchildren, Joshua, Mark, Katherine and Anna; also a brother, Harold J. of Stewart, Fla.; several nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. A memorial service will be held Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the chapel of the First Congregational Church, Rev. Mr. Dudne M. Breeze officiating. Private committal at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. The family suggest that memorials be made to the Heart Fund. Arrangements by the
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