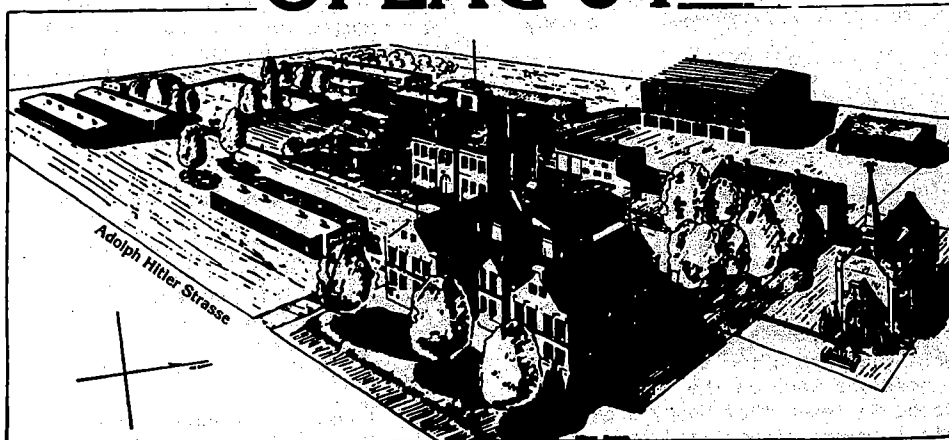


# OFLAG 64



Prisoner's drawing of Oflog 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.

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GLADWYNE, PA Perhaps the best way to begin this newsletter is to say thanks to all of you for the fine Holiday Greetings you sent to both Mary and I. We enjoyed each & every one of them and especially the notes included.

Some of you even included the past year's activities one of which of course was the Orlando reunion. That was very nice.

I most sincerely appreciated the favorable comments and the kudos for a fine reunion.

As for the reunion, Dick Meskill is the one that did the job and we'll always be in his debt for the outstanding program he put together.

Naturally, we have to also commend the previous chairman who make each of our reunions memorable. God Bless each of you and hope this year 1987 will be a healthy one for all.

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CLEMSON, S.C. I'm sure those of you who over the years have gotten to know Wright Bryan will not find it difficult to drop him a note or a get well card. He has now suffered a couple of strokes which resulted in 24 hour nursing care. His address:

WRIGHT BRYAN  
P. O. BOX 470  
CLEMSON, S.C. 29633

These cards will also help to keep Ellen going with her caring schedule.

OUR prayers are with you both.

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SWARTHMORE, PA Nice brief note before leaving for Orlando from my Kriegle "Neighbor" Tom Miller. It was indeed nice to see you Tom and Eleanor. Hope to see you before Washington. Thanks much for your nice contribution.

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HENDERSONVILLE, NC Well, what a real nice long note from fellow "gardener" John Creech.

I was pleased with your comments on "SAGE". Naturally within the confines of the book he couldn't cover all the details, but I think your reaction was a good one and hope you get the chance to talk to Jerry about it someday.

Thanks much for your nice contribution to the Postage Fund. The costs keep soaring even as I try to keep them down.

Too bad you couldn't have been to Orlando and told us about Scotland. Its the first I heard of anyone going back there.

Why go to Hungary & Romania anyway?

It seems to me it won't matter when you go you will still have to contend with the terrorists. Yes!

Put your dates down now to come to Washington D.C. Oct 8, 9, 10, 11. 1987

We miss you.

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LAKE GENEVA, WI I don't recall you Tom Johnson but may be I would if I saw you. Anyway, Tom calls himself the "young un" because he had his 20th birthday in Camp in Oct. 1944. He "young un" until a 101st Airborne Lt by the name of Nunley came in towards the end of the year.

Tom was interested in Ray Marnien's address He may now be reached as follows:

RAY MARNIEN  
648 MADDOXBROOK AVE  
AMBLER PA 19002

As a matter of fact I plan to have lunch with Ray before the end of January.

Tom I have a C. F. Goodman  
101 Evergreen Dr.  
Greenwood, SC 29646

I hope this is the Charley Goodman you refer to in your letter.

Tom also suggested that Lyn Hansaker might have Bob Watts address. If you do Lyn would you kindly forward it to me. Thanks

Nice to hear from you "Young un" and yes many of us have years on you at the "tender age" of sixty-two.

Save your pennies and join us in Arlington, VA.

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WARREN, MI Many of you from over the years will remember Frances R. Barkovic.

Thru a series of unexpected meetings between Ray Marnien and Steve Barkovic in Pittsburgh Airport. I have learned of her passing on January 15, 1987.

We extend our sympathy to Steve on this loss. He has however, already determined to be with us in Washington next October. See you then.

MESQUITE, TX Real nice of Mrs. Jantz to write and tell me that they were guests at Orlando so not to include them on a permanent mailing list. Thanks much, and hope you enjoyed our company in Orlando.

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ATLANTIC, IOWA Sure sorry not to see you in Orlando Don Wilkinson, you were missed as were others from Iowa who didn't make it. Sure hope other obligations don't show up this year that require you miss such a great event. Look forward to seeing you in Washington in October. As always thanks for the contribution to the postage fund.

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STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN A nice letter from Henry Soderberg expressing the great time he had in Orlando which he felt was so well run and beautiful place to hold it, the Airport Marriott. He also enjoyed the special feature that Dick Meskill extended to him and especially the circling return ride with the sing-a-long tape. As he put it a most memorable experience.

Thanks Dick again for a job well done. To those who were on the '85 Safari you will be pleased to learn that Henry wrote the note from his 'summer' hideout and the quiet such a place could have. See you in Washington Henry.

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LEESBURG, FL What an interesting and educational addition to our reunion. The showing of the Katyn Massacre VCR by Col. Van Vliet. It certainly rounded out our heretofore limited knowledge of this outrage. Not that we could do any thing about it except to raise the question in our own minds of why we continue to deal with a government of this nature?

I hope you finally located Mrs. Stewart and were able to resolve the question about potential copies of the VCR. Thanks for the contribution to the Postage Fund.

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EAST LIVERPOOL, OH What a fine addition to the Philadelphia area. Curtis Jones has returned to Swathmore from whence started many years ago. See his new address under Change of address. Thanks for letting me know Curtis.

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BRANDENTON, FL Thanks to Bill Gray, I received several months ago a huge VCR tape of the reunion which I have reviewed part of. I'm saving it for a completely snowed in day before our next reunion. What I saw so far was great Bill. This is one I'll save for posterity and bring it along to Washington for anyone that wants to look at. Thanks much Bill for this bit of history. It will be great to look at down the road.

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GROESBECK, TX Thanks, much to "Lu" Wilcox for getting Clarence Ferguson to send me his book that was written and published in 1985. Not only is it quite detailed but in my opinion expresses much more of the emotions that all of us experienced during our time as P.O.W. "Fergie" has done a great job.

Similar to other of our Kriegie Authors it was written for more private reading than for sale to the open market. All of this to say that no copies are currently available. If, any do become available from future printings these pages will contain the announcement and you will be able to get a copy. Thanks, Fergie for putting it down on paper. It's a great book.

Now just set aside the dates and join us in Washington Oct 8, 9, 10, 11, 1987

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WELLSBURG, W.V. How unfortunate that Tony Cipriani and Rose were not able to be in Orlando. We missed you both and hope that by now the eye is completely healed and functioning.

If, not, I know your 8th grand child is keeping you busier than ever, Great! Had a nice chat with Craig Campbell at the reunion and was real glad to see him.

I'm sure Mayor of Wellsburg keeps you busy and along with all else you and Rose due, I'm sure there is never a dull moment. Look forward to seeing you both in Washington.

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Gainesville, FL Did convey your greetings to all Kenny and Mildred Johnson. Sure hope you both are holding up reasonably well in those winter months in Florida.

Don't let them get you down with the next reunion reasonably close by, we all hope to see you both there.

FREMONT, OH Sally and Curly Curtis dropped me a note prior to the Reunion with a very fine contribution to our postage fund. Believe me they all help with all cost of reproduction going up. Looks like we helped keep the USPS in the black this past year and sure hope it stays that way. Good to see you Curly & Sally. See you in Washington.

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BANGOR, ME Boy it was good to see Milt Jellison after so many years absence. Also to see and meet his lovely wife Dot. Thanks also for your nice contribution to the Postage Fund.

The two people we have been seeking have turned up. I learned that Lawrence Thibodeaux passed away about 4 years ago.

Victor Danylik finally sent me his change of address and is definitely located at, 16 Longwood Drive, Kennebunkport, ME 04043

Thanks for all your help. I learned about Thibodeaux from one of the fellows at our mutual outfit reunion last Sept in Harrisburg, 805 T.D. BN.

Hope you both are looking forward to a repeat performance in Washington.

Also, Dick Rossbach wrote me his address that he obtained thru a friend of his lives in Maine.

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VENANGO, PA A nice long letter from newly added to our mailing list Bob Kramer. One thing we have done is stir up his memory.

CINNCINATI, OH How nice to hear from Dave Mc Connanghey. He couldn't make the Reunion with his wife, because he had a heart attack previously and was not fully recovered. At a Company "K" 168th Infantry reunion he sat next to Don Wilkinson and evidently had a nice mini-reunion.

I vaguely remember the German Sergeant "Goodie" who drove the wagon that went into town to get food on Market and other days.

Hope you are both fully recovered now and are looking forward to being with us in Washington.  
Bring M. L. Ferguson with you!

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KNOXVILLE, IA I have misplaced who sent me the program at the VA Medical Center here.

Anyway it lists all Ex POW's that the honored on POW MIA Day. I only recognized, two, Carl Coffey and Merle Meachern. Seemed like quite a program and its really a wonderful way to publicize live POW's as well as those in Vietnam or Korea. Thanks to anybody out there that sent this to me.

You all may remember him as the guitarist and straight man for the late Sol Levy. He also played for those in the infirmary and in the mess hall during the Christmas Holiday period.

He mentions a "Red" McGuire and a Sam Friedman that he escaped with on the first night on the "MARCH". We have a

John T. Mc Gulre  
99 Milwood Ct  
Farmingdale, L.I. NY 11235

on our mailing list. I wouldn't know if its the same but perhaps you would care to write and check it out.

It was nice to see you in Orlando and hope to see you again in Washington.

You evidently had quite an eventful trip on your return after the escape.

I do not have Colonel Cheal on my list. Have never seen the name before.

You really wound up your return with a big bang being on Times Square on VE day 1945. What a mob scene that must have been!

Thanks, Bob for the nice letter, your quite a typist too! Also many, many thanks for the contribution to the Postage Fund.  
Very thoughtful.

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LEESBURG, FL Another brief note from Col. John Van Vliet, Jr with another contribution to the Postage Fund.

He also wrote about Chaplain Daniel who proved to be an asset to our program in Orlando.

The Colonel has this to say about the Chaplain who remembers him from the North African Landing. He was more than a Chaplain he was a one-man-gang; foted a rifle, got right into things at the front, provided keen and rapid intelligence info. and earned himself a Silver Star. Congrats Chaplain Daniel. Also for your good work among the enlisted men in the Stalags in which you served.

Thanks! Colonel for this insight on Chaplain Daniel (To those new men on our list, Chaplain Daniel also wrote a book about his P.O.W. experience entitled In the Presence of Mine Enemies)  
If you would like a copy  
Write to:

Reverend Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.  
5311 Robinhood Rd  
Charlotte, N.C. 28211

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FOREST ACRES, S.C. A second letter from Bill Shular listing additional names that he obtained that I will cross check with my mailing list and add to or change. Thanks, Bill thats a very thoughtful of you to do this.

Since the reunion with your help and Ike Franklin's I have been able to add about 100 names. This is great! I have already heard from some of them with very favorable comments. I'll write about them in the next newsletter.

It was indeed nice to meet with you in Orlando. Hope you can make Washington.

Thanks also for the snapshot of the '64'ers at the Am Ex. POW convention last year.

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CAZENOVIA, NY. William Barnum said he would get to the reunion and he did. Great! Nice to have met you and hope you can make future ones as each one to get to know you better and more interesting.

Washington should be a great one with a lot of new faces, Thanks to Ike Franklin and others and a really great program in store for us. Sure hope you enjoyed your first reunion.

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WINSTON SALEM, N.C. Well Dr. Jim Godfrey, I sure hope you got to play some pinochle or poker while in Orlando. If not you'll have to try again in Washington. **look**

Nice to meet you and will forward to seeing you in Washington.  
Thanks also for the Postage Fund Check.

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PINEHURST, N.C. Thanks! Doc Herb Garris for Car 1 Bedient address. Name has been added to our list and hope to see him at future reunions.

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CLIFTON PARK, NY See change of address for The Mac Areveys on list at end of Newsletter.  
Thanks, Jim for letting me know.

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ENGLAND, ARK Well we sure missed you & Bob Oshlo.

Hope you both are doing well and will be in good shape to join us in Washington.

As to all the new names they are coming from the American Ex P.O.W. list supplied by Ike Franklin, Bill Shular and others.

The names are probably the late comers who arrived in NOV, DEC 1944 & JAN 1945.

Hope you both enjoyed the inadequate report on the reunion. It was really a great time and even without you, Billy the stories are getting bigger & better.

So we really need your presence to get us back on track.

Make it to Washington and thanks for the letter.

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SAN DIEGO, CA I guess our diplomatic world would be much better off if it used the heading

that greeted me when I opened Quincy Drake's letter prior to leaving for the Reunion.

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

In large 20 point type across the top of the note.

Thanks, Quincy for a nice note and hope that things worked out OK for you in Orlando. Thanks also for the very nice Postage Fund Contribution. Sure hope you can make it to Washington. As you said See ya!!!

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LAS VEGAS, NV Even before Orlando, Alan was working arrangements for 1988. Boy that's real optimism. Go for it. Look forward to hearing from you in February when you get to Washington for the POW Advisory Comm. Meeting.

Sure will plan to take in at least one ball game with Mike when the season gets under way. Las Vegas here we come!

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ROSWELL, N.M Gee Walter, in spite of the fact that we Kriegles are doing all we can USPS (P.O. in the black we just still cannot expect them to know that a six block difference in address can still be the same people to whom a letter is addressed. Especially in as big a Metropolis as Roswell, N.M. to Walter Gill, I was unable to check on your name as being on our list at Orlando. What Happened! any way sure hope you will be able to make it to Washington. It will be a great time! Thanks for your help too, in adding to the Postage Fund.

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SACRAMENTO, CA Thanks much, George Durgin for your nice letter before the reunion in Orlando. Hope you and Nancy enjoyed the time in Orlando.

I have added Ben Edelmann's name to our mailing list and am sure he will be greeted with the same "Open Arm" enthusiasm that all of our group receive. Thanks also for your contribution to the Postage Fund.

It all helps to keep the newsletter flowing by the USPS Eagle. Hope to see you and Nancy again in Washington.

MONTEZUMA, IA Boy not hard to tell who lives here. Thanks Carl Caffey for your note. As you can see from our schedule published in the last memo, Dubuque IA is out for 1988 but maybe Las Vegas wouldn't be too far to travel.

Carl is looking forward as that year he will be married 50 years and will also be 80 years old. Great! Before then maybe you can make it to Washington and then Las Vegas in '88.

Carl wants everyone to know he is only 8 miles south of I-80 on Rt 64. Feel free to drop in and see Carl. Thanks much for your Contribution to the Postage Fund. It All Helps. Hope to see You soon.

BELLEROSE VILLAGE, NY A note both before and after the Orlando were very warm and considerate and appreciative by Lorraine Glendinning.

We all enjoyed meeting her and hearing about the background to the P.O.W. Medal that her late husband John conceived.

We hope that our Washington Committee will find time on the busy agenda and allow time for either Lorraine or her son David to make whatever presentation may be available to them.

This is assuming the final design for the medal is completed.

Thanks Lorraine for your joining us in Orlando. We are richer for it.

EDITOR'S POTPORRI

Chum Williamson. I hope by now you have received some answers to the questionnaire I included in the last mailing that have proven to be helpful.

I now have available cassettes of Henry Soderbergs wire recordings made in Oflag 64 in July of 1944.

Send in \$ 6.00 and I forward <sup>one of</sup> them to you on a 1st come basis.

Lorraine Glendinning brought with her a prop from the play "Front Page" staged at Oflag 64 theatre.

It is the Front Page that was used as the poster on the set.

The next Post Oflag item will be started right away with many letters already received from all over.

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JUST OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON

John F Slack

EDITOR

# With plans on silk, maps led Britons out of WWII camps

By Walter F. Naedele  
*Inquirer Staff Writer*

Today, the pieces of silk seem pleasant decorations, things one might wear in a breast pocket.

Four decades ago, during World War II, they were used to help British prisoners of war escape to freedom.

They are maps, printed on parachute silk, some pieces as large as a head scarf, some no larger than a handkerchief.

These are not idle amusements. The British military intelligence service known as M19 called them "escape and evacuation plans."

"M19 gave them as standard issue to Royal Air Force flying crews who were flying over occupied Europe so that, if they got shot down, they had an escape map with them," Barbara Bond explained during an interview yesterday.

"But what they [M19 officials] also did was get them into the camps," she said, "and the way in which they got them into the camps was by hiding them in the bottom of board games."

Bond works in Washington these days, as British liaison officer with the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency.

But from 1979 to 1983, she was responsible for the map collection at the British Ministry of Defense in London, where her interest in these

pieces of historic silk was stimulated. This week, her keynote speech on the maps helped open the sixth annual meeting of the North American Cartographic Information Society, a gathering of map-makers and geography scholars that continues through tomorrow at the Hilton, at 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard.

Bond brought with her several silk maps that the War Office, predecessor of the Defense Ministry, unloaded at the end of World War II.

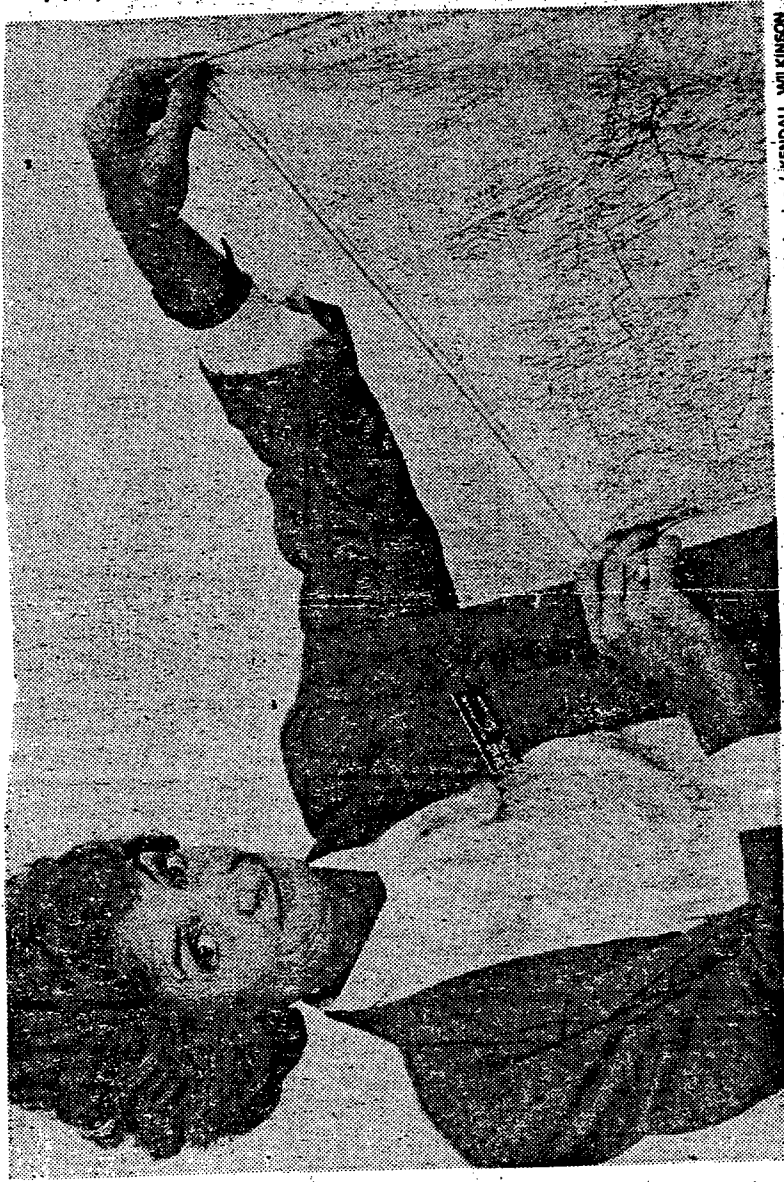
"The War Office," she said, "sold a lot of obsolete stock of these... and a lot of people bought them then." She said that in some cases they were purchased as head scarves.

Although that war was less than a lifetime ago, the maps present a geography of a world that seems much older.

A map of northern Africa, for pilots who might crash in the western Sahara, shows several of the once-storied pieces of the British, French and Spanish colonial empires that died in the flowering of African independence.

Silk was used, Bond said, because "it's much easier to hide a silk map than it is a paper map."

"You can stitch it inside your trousers, you can hide it more or less anywhere. And if it gets wet, it's still legible."



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## Bond holds a silk World War II escape plan of a type once routinely given to British soldiers.

The silk maps have a special sentimental value, she said, because early in the war they were superseded by U.S. technology.

"When the United States came into the war," she said, "they brought with them their man-made-fiber technology and, certainly in the last three years of the war, almost all of [the maps] were produced from man-made fiber — rayon."

Although M19 produced maps of the Far East, she said, the history of

the maps testifies to the harshness of the prisoner-of-war camps there and of the jungles that held some of the camps.

"All the [records] I found, of actual successful escapes on the basis of the maps, were in the European theater," she said.

"I never found any indication of British or Commonwealth servicemen successfully using them for escaping the Far East."

# Memorial is dedicated to B-17 bomber crew

LOMIANKI, Poland (AP) — Villagers who witnessed the crash of an American warplane shot down by German artillery during World War II have fulfilled what they felt was an obligation and erected a monument to honor the crew.

The 9-foot-tall stone memorial, believed to be the first in Poland for American soldiers, was erected after a five-year campaign.

"They were young Americans trying to save our Poland," said Stanislaw Niegodzisz, who lives in a farmhouse about 200 yards from the crash site in Lomianki, six miles north of Warsaw.

down.

"We thought it was the day of the liberation," she said. "There was a whole cloud of planes. It blocked out the sun."

The planes dropped arms, food and clothing for partisans in the nearby Kampinos forest. The Americans were unaware at the time that most of the partisans had already left the area. Most of the supplies fell into German hands.

Mrs. Niegodzisz, 76, said she saw thousands of parachutes carrying metal cylindrical supply containers floating to the ground. She said she noticed one of the planes losing altitude.

"I was standing there with my back to the northeast, burning, falling parts that were falling to the ground."

She said she saw one airman floating to the ground with his parachute, waving a white handkerchief at approaching German soldiers.

"A German went up to him and shot him with a pistol," Mrs. Niegodzisz said, pausing to brush back tears from the corners of her eyes. "I will never forget, to the day I die, the face of that young man, alive, so close to the ground, waving his handkerchief."

Two survivors — Sgt. Marcus E. Shook of Missouri and Sgt. James D. Christy — were taken captive by the Germans and returned to the United States after the war.

Mrs. Niegodzisz and other

"We want all of America to know what they did," he said.

The B-17, nicknamed "'Til We Meet Again," was shot down Sept. 18, 1944, with 10 U.S. soldiers aboard. Two of them survived.

The plane was one of 107 American aircraft dropping supplies that day for Polish partisans fighting the Nazis in the Warsaw uprising. About 220,000 Poles were killed during the 63-day battle.

Standing outside the farmhouse recently, Niegodzisz's wife, Janina, reminisced about the day the plane was shot

village residents buried the eight others in a common grave 50 yards from her house. In 1946, the bodies were transferred to the military cemetery in Warsaw and a year later returned to the United States.

Five years ago, residents first sought permission from government officials to erect the monument. The proposal came during the height of liberalizations spawned by the outlawed Solidarity free trade union movement.

The imposition of martial law later that year and the subsequent deterioration of U.S.-Polish relations temporarily put the plan on ice.

The government finally granted permission in the fall.

On Sept. 21, the monument was unveiled in a ceremony attended by villagers and veterans group. The monument is located in a small military-civilian cemetery about a mile from the crash site. Polish soldiers killed during the 1939 Nazi invasion also are buried there.

The names of all 10 crew members were inscribed on a brass plaque.

Killed in the crash were Lt. Francis Akins of Derry, Pa. (the pilot); 1st Lt. Forrest D. Shaw of Exeter, N.H. (the co-pilot); 1st Lt. Ely Berenson of New Jersey (the navigator); and 1st Lt. Myron S. Merrill of New Jersey (the bombardier).

Also, gunmen Sgt. Frank de Cillis of New Jersey; Sgt. George A. MacPhee of Massachusetts; Sgt. Walter P. Shimshock of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Sgt.

Paul F. Haney of West Virginia.

At the top of the monument, the villagers wrote: "To the memory of the heroic crew that brought help to the Warsaw uprising in the plane of U.S.A. Air Force B-17, 'til we meet again.' Shot down Sept. 18, 1944, by German artillery." It is signed, "The People of Lomianki."

On Nov. 1, All Saints' Day, candles and flowers were placed around the monument, and village residents stopped by to pay their respects.

One of the visitors was Ryszard Szczesniak who was 12 years old when he saw the plane crash. He led the campaign to build the memorial.

"Commemorating this event has been lying on my heart. You have representatives of Poland in America who did something good for you. ... I wanted to ensure the memory of the crew will be preserved here," he said.

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THE SWEDENBORG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

## "Rediscovery" of Swedenborg's Machine to Fly in the Air

Mr. Henry Soderberg, a retired Vice President of Scandinavian Airline Systems, travels around the world lecturing on civil aviation. He feels a responsibility to record the historical and current events in Scandinavian aviation. Recently, he visited our offices and the following interview reflects the essence of our conversation.

D. Ruhl, Ed.

*Why are you engaged in this research on Swedenborg's aircraft?*

When retiring from my job as Vice President of the Scandinavian Airline Systems in 1981—after 35 years of active work in many sectors of international civil aviation—I decided to write a book about the participation and role of the Scandinavians—if any—in the development of international aviation. As far as I knew, no one before me had ever tackled this question, apart from some piecemeal approaches.

So, with the generous sponsorship of the SAS, I set out to detect Scandinavians wherever I could find them in the history books on aviation.

Very soon I was struck by the fact that the Scandinavians, with a few exceptions, had contributed very little in the practical field to the advancement of flying in the "prehistoric" days. Later on, after the second world war, through the formation of SAS—a unique and solid undertaking among airlines—and through the successful exploration of flying over the arctic regions during the Forties and Fifties, I came to understand that, after all, the Scandinavians were not *that* backward!

In my search for significant evidence I decided to classify what I found as "lighthouses" and "marks"—the former being landmarks of historical significance, the latter of a more temporary nature. Scandinavian Airline Systems was definitely a "lighthouse".

*How and where did you begin? It seems like looking for a needle in a haystack!*



Mr. Henry Soderberg visiting the Foundation

With these ambitions as a background I started my search in many libraries and archives both in Europe and in the United States—too many to be enumerated now. This research activity also took me to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology twice.

*"Even the bare fact that Emanuel Swedenborg designed a flying machine, relying in part on the principles of the aeroplane, is not generally known."*

It was in the excellent aviation library of MIT, one day at the end of 1982, while reading through old aviation magazines, I found something which suddenly made me jump from my chair! There, in the July issue of the journal of the prestigious Royal Aeronautical Society of London, one of the oldest and most sophisticated societies of its kind in the world, I read something that really caused my heart to beat faster with excitement. I read a headline: "Suggestions for a Flying Machine by Emanuel Swedenborg." The year was 1714.