



Prisoner's drawing of Camp 64, reproduced from The Item of January 1, 1948

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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 This is a real bonus Newsletter to convey to you Father Brach's greeting for the Holidays as well as to say as soon as I receive the books "Welcome Swede" from the publisher, I'll get them in the mail to each of you whose orders I have received. Thanks for the terrific response. Part of the cost of the book also helps the Fund. Tain't much but every little bit helps maintain the good condition of the fund.

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ENGLAND, AR Thanks much Billy Bingham for the pictures. The one of Roy's home was very fascinating. Both Mary & I would have loved to have joined you & Beth there.

We took the West Texas Trip and thoroughly enjoyed the rugged part of Texas.

It was nice of Mrs. Amon Carter to have you all over to her spot for entertainment. My guess is that it was unfortunate that she never became part of us as Amon was.

Not only is "The Welcome Swede" a fascinating book as you found out but you ought to have a copy in your bookshelf for your guests to read. Henry or Frank Diggs won't mind.

If I ever again get in your area rest assured that I will stop & say hello at least. Most especially I would want to get directions to some more of that good catfish that we had with you when we were here.

Thanks for nice letter and look forward to spending more time with you in San Diego.

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BELLEROSE VILLAGE, NY A nice christmas card from Mr. John Glendinning (Lorraine.) She wrote and told me that she received John Glendinnings P.O.W. medal at ceremonies in Dover, Del. from Senator Roth who engineered the bill thru the Senate as most of us know. The ceremonies were held at Dover AFB which is where the AF has tremendous facilities for the return of deceased service men as well as practically all deceased POW's/ MIA are returned also.

Thanks, Lorraine that was indeed thoughtful of Senator Roth. Hope you can save your pennies and join us in San Diego. Thanks also for your contribution to the P.F.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA Thanks Clarence Meltesen for sending me the name of Robert M. Watt of Lexington, KY to add to our mailing list.

Welcome! Robert and glad to have you with us. Your name was added to the list before the previous mailing but I didn't mention you in the newsletter.

I hope your visit in the Hospital Clarence was fruitful and that you are recuperating nicely.

See you in San Diego.

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SAN DIEGO, CA Hah! you thought this was going to be about Tom Drake or Quincey. Wrong it was Henry Soderberg who dropped me a post card saying he was giving some talks in that area and just wanted to say hello. Thanks Henry.

Always nice to hear from you. Let me know ahead of time when your coming. Maybe I can get you to give a talk to our Churchsmen Men's Group.

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MEMPHIS, TN Really quite a lengthy letter from Bob Bonomi, to convey the spirit of his letters to me as well as the reaction of one person to our reunions, I feel that a complete quote of the first paragraph of his letter does the job.

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SEE NEXT COLUMN-----

He follows by saying that he was on a three day emotional high. He feels wonderfully invigorated to a member of such an outstanding group. (Thanks, Bob.) He feels great with the group. He also included in his letter a new name for our group.

Welcome!

Charles R. Hughes  
505 So. Perkins # 412  
Memphis, TN 38117

In subsequent paragraphs he mentioned specific persons that he enjoyed contracting. I don't know the status of the photo book but the attendee list is included with this mailing.

Thanks Bob for a very interesting letter. Will advise everybody of dates for 1990 as soon as possible.

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VALLINGBY, SWEDEN Have had two communication from Henry Soderberg since the Reunion in S.A. Great!

We were glad to see you Henry and more than sorry to have missed Claire. I can't figure out why I didn't send as many kisses to her as Mary did. My thoughts were there any way.

At this stage of the game the trip in 1990 shapes up along the lines outlined below. After the Holidays I think we will have definite dates for the Atlantic City part of the Reunion. Then Henry will be able to pin down his part of the trip better.

This is what Henry has so far;  
Copenhagen, Warsaw, Schubin, possibly Gdansk or other interesting cities on Northern Poland then Helsinki in Finland then to Stockholm and or Oslo. Tour length Not more than 18 days

Price not in excess of \$4000.00/person  
Timing—conclude during first days of October

Trip will be arranged for comfort and reliability.

During the Tour we will be meet by many of Henry's personal friends which proved to be very delightful on our last Tour of Germany/Poland and Scandinavia.

Every effort will be made to see different places than were seen on the 1985 Tour. Henry also noted in his letter that while at the Chappell's after the reunion the group had an evening with Mrs Amon Carter.

It was also revealed that she had been to to Schubin with Amon on one occasion in the past.

later in the Month Henry writes that he was over here for the 5th time this year on a talking tour about Swedenborg's Airplane. Henry visited with the Drake's, and found that things were under way for a great time in San Diego.

Start saving your pennies now, It's going to be a great reunion!

Henry, I'll be in touch with you after the Holidays.

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GLADWYNE, PA With this second mailing I think I've brough every thing up to date and tied up loose ends.

HAVE A GREAT  
HOLIDAY PERIOD!  
GOOD HEALTH AND GREAT LIVING IN  
SAN DIEGO  
OCTOBER 12, 13, 14, 15, 1989

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'Thank you and all of the committee for a most excellent reunion at San Antonio. I certainly did enjoy the entire thing, and I was glad there were no general tours arranged during the time we were there. I have too much pleasure in just talking with these guys to waste time in looking objects d'art, or gyrating fish. (I really did enjoy the tour of the harbour in Miami but there was lots of time to talk while watching the shoreline drift past.)'

To all my friends of OFLAG 64,

A special thanks for your kind friendship. I remembered you in my Thanksgiving Day prayers.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I continually thank my God for you because of the favor he has bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, in whom you have been richly endowed with every gift of speech and knowledge. Likewise, the witness I bore to Christ has been so confirmed among you that you lack no spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless of the day of our Lord Jesus (Christ). God is faithful, and it was he who called you to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:3-9)

As we approach the Christmas season I am reminded of the need to wish you and your family a sincere and special holiday greeting. As you may know, I am a prisoner of the disease called Parkinsons! While it controls my body it can never take away my freedom of spirit. This freedom is mine to share with you this Christmas Holiday.

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

The Grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all men. It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires, and live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age as we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and of our Savior Christ Jesus. It was he who sacrificed himself for us, to redeem us from all unrighteousness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is right. (Titus 2:11-14)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Remember I will Continue to offer my Mass Intentions for you and your loved ones throughout the year.

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