



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

BY JAMES BICKERS

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 I'm not going to make this a lengthy newsletter but I just want to cover three things that have been pending and I know you have been waiting patiently to hear.

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BETHESDA, MD. Wilbur Sharp called me a week ago and wanted me to let you know that the memo book of the Alexandria reunion has not been forgotten. Harold and Helen Tallman have been working on it, to get it together for the Reunions Inc. that does the printing & Binding.

This takes hours of time which Harold & Helen have been spending diligently and all in our interest. So be patient and look for your memo book sometime after April 1, 1988. Yes, it takes that long.

When you get it, send a little Post card of thanks to Harold & Helen. I know it will be a nice looking book. A little Kudos to the Tallman's in Md. will compensate them immeasurably for the hours they will have to put into the book. Thanks much !

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SAN ANTONIO, TX I'll try to give you the basic facts about the situation with Father Brach from a long epistle by Roy Chappell and Helen on the current situation. First here's his official address

Father Stanley Brach

Madison House Room 448  
8645 Fredericks Road  
San Antonio, TX 78240  
Phone 512-694-7000

Roy sent me a brochure of the Madison House and it has a very fine appearance and seems to be very

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fine living facilities. It is also conveniently located near Audie Murphy V-A. Medical Center.

Roy emphasized that Father Brach needs, as he celebrates 50 years of ordination as a priest is not so much material needs as prayer, spiritual needs and T L C. (Tender Loving Care)

The prayer part is easy as we can send that thru the airwaves. The TLC is the tough part. Cards and phone calls I guess would be the best way to do this along with a long letter from time to time.

Its up to you fellows, I am not in a position to tell you what to do or how to do it, but of things I'm sure, each of you will do it somehow.

Father Brach has two other priests who have been close to him over the years, seeing that things are kept under control for him.

Our group has plenty of contacts at the scene to keep abreast of the situations. In Father Brach's situation, the Parkinson disease is a very volatile type of disease and thus his condition can change very quickly.

Thanks much Roy for this very complete report. Thanks to Helen for her part as well as to Joe Seringer Jr. of Wooster, Ohio.

Joe Seringer III of San Antonio., the Managing Director, of Madison House, Father Gilbert Pielte and Father Mitchell Valle.

All have contributed in helping us handle on the situation.

One last thought ! As Roy put it, Father Brach finances are adequate to cover his needs.