



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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GLADWYN, PA. Just returned from my daughter's
 party in Old Greenwich, CT. While there his 4th
 birthday party took place. Batman reigned supreme
 for the entire day. I might add also that it was a
 big event in his young life. My GRANDSON.

You will be interested to know that there are
 still some places open on the trip to Europe Aug 2
 Aug 22, 1990. Over 50 persons have signed up
 already but not much time left to sign up. See list
 attached of those that have already going to make the
 trip.

I'm sure its going to be a gala event and just as
 worthwhile and enjoyable as the first one made in
 1971.

Send your reservations in now so as not to miss
 out on the last "trek" to Schubin.

If you need any further information or have any
 questions, please contact:
 Travelmasters International

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 1750 K St. N W Suite 510
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CHITA, KS Mrs Robert (Louise) Sutton sent me a
 note advising that Robert passed away last July, 1989.

I was indeed sorry to learn of this and those of
 you who knew Bob may wish to send condolences to
 Mrs. Louise E. Sutton
 408 E. Zimmerly
 Chita, KS 67207
 My sympathy from all us go to the Sutton family.

PENSACOLA, FL Our good dentist friend just advised
 that he had moved to Pensacola Fl. ROBERT FREEGE.
 See full address on address sheet at end of letter
 Thanks Bob. Coming to Vegas?

HOUSTON, TX Ted Roggen has a new address.
 Thanks Ted for letting me know. Good Luck! See
 you in Las Vegas.

ADVANCE, N.C. This is the new town for
 General Dobson.

See the full address on the address sheet at
 end of newsletter. Thanks much for this info.
 General.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN Have had several long
 letters from Henry Soderberg giving many of the
 details of our up coming trip and his plans
 in relation to the tour group.

He writes that he was "under the weather"
 in January but feels fine now and sure hope he
 remains so and can join us on the trip in August.

I'll tip you off on one little item. He
 is working with both the American and Swedish
 Ambassador in Warsaw and the American Ambassa
 in Stockholm. We should get a good special
 reception in both places. You'll ^{not} know unless
 you make the trip.

Thanks, Henry for all those letters and t
 info. See you at Norfolk, Schubin, Sagan and
 Las Vegas.

SALEM, OR. The Escape Factory by Lloyd
 Shoemaker.

This book has been in the making for over 45
 years and Lloyd is the only guy healthy & alive
 that could have pulled it all together.

I have had the privilege of reading the
 1st three chapters and plan to finish it real
 soon. Oflag 64 is part of the story and it
 sells for \$18.95 retail. It will be worth

aving on your P.O.W. shelf. Its due in the retail
tores in April.
ee you in Las Vegas Lloyd in October.

DAYTONA BEACH, FL Just a brief note from Dick
eskell who had received a likewise brief
note from Father Abfollah Zaidan, M.L., Pastor of
the St. George Maronite Church thanking him for
his letter which set up a prayer in perpetuity
or Father Brach. This was also the Church at which
Mass was performed for Father Brach and from which
e was buried.
Thanks, Dick for forwarding this to me.
I will plan somehow to include it in the Album with
the photos that Roy Chappell sent to me which
will be on display in Vegas.
See you this summer or in Las Vegas.

FAR HILLS, N.J. Thanks for the obituary for
Father Brach.
It was indeed sad news, he was a wonderful
human being! So writes Joseph S. Freylinghausen.
A real nice tribute. Thanks also Joe for your
excellent contribution. A nice lift to the
Postage Fund. Sure hope you mark down the dates
for Las Vegas and reserve them.
We would all love to see you. I'm sure David
Westheimer will be there.
Looking forward to seeing you.

SACRAMENTO, CA Thanks George Durgin for the
kudos. Someone else I'm sure can do as an effective
job as I can, but thanks anyway.
With this letter I will also include previous
info on the Aug. Trip, that you may have missed.
What happened was that considerable amount of "flak"
from San Diego indicated that many people would
not go to A. C. because there was nothing to do there.
The A. C. ^{COMMITTEE} accepted this as gospel and cancelled all
plans.
I had to take a quick action and call Alan who
responded quickly and we made the change to Las
Vegas.
For 1992 we have 2 or more possibly 3 choices
at present, 1st, Coloradr Springs, 2nd, Norfolk,
3rd, San Antonio.
Hope you can make Vegas.
Also look forward to seeing you on the trip in
August to Schubin & Sagan.
Thanks also George for the contribution to the
Postage Fund.
See you soon.

HOUSTON, TX Sure will come for a visit in
Houston when I get down that way Ted Roggen
Good luck in your new suite.

SAN ANTONIO, TX This is to let you know
those who were at the San Antonio reunion
were given a brief biography of Father Brach
supplied thru the efforts of Roy & Helen
Chappell and Father's good friends and Doct
I will make some additional copies available
at cost for any one wanting one.
Roy Chappell also wrote that:
Father Brach was comatose for most of his
last week to 10 days.
He was taken to Santa Rosa Hospital, because
of kidney and bladder blockage.
When Roy & Helen left S. A. on Friday Jan-1
he was "rallying" and Dr. David Grant
expected him to return to St. Francis
Nursing Home but it was not to be.
He is now in perfect peace and we all have
a host of inspirational memories!

ENTERPRISE, AL Clayton Metcalf is to be
thanked for passing on to me the passing of
Frank Nowlin.
He passed away May 31 1987. He had had open
heart surgery but apparently didn't realize
that this didn't make him young again.
Our sympathies are with the Nowlin family.

CLARINDA, IA Thanks Larry Higgins for the
contribution to the Postage Fund. For those
expenditures it's the cost of doing business
to-day. I'm sure glad I was able to help
you on the location of Carol H. and hope
you were able to stop to say hello.
December was a cold month here and now
were into Spring. Am thoroughly enjoying it
and will enjoy summer also.
Hope you are well and look forward to
seeing you in Las Vegas.

WASHINGTON, D.C. area A very nice thought
caring letter from Wilbur Sharpe. Our
Alexandria. Chairman Asst. advising me that
Jerry Moher who did a lot of work on the
Alexandria Meeting had suffered a stroke on
the 15th of March, He is fortunately
recovering quite well and we could even
expect to see him in Las Vegas.
In the meantime how 'bout a barrage of cards
or phone calls.

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LADY LAKE, FL Thanks Harold Tallman for letting me know your new address. As you are aware we have many of our 64'ers in Florida. I'm sure your enjoying your new environment. I'll sure look you up if I ever get down that way. The New Year has been good to us because we're both still here. Enjoy and hope you won't forget Las Vegas. Hope to see you there.

COLUMBIA, S.C. Writing the name of this town brings back memories of Col. Schaefer. However, this time it's Don Grout. First, thanks much for your contribution to the P.F, Don. Glad to hear that you are keeping up the exercise to improve your over all health. Haven't heard of any single males going as yet wouldn't dare suggest a female even though you might well be compatible. Thanks for your comment on Father Brach as having led a charitable devoted life to helping others. " Agreed!

CLEMSON, S.C. Sure hope Wright Bryan and Ellen are still as perky as ever. In my initial report to you I indicated that as a result of previous strokes Wright was unable to talk. I'm wrong. He keeps all on their toes, and just has difficulty getting around. I'm sure this has improved by now. Ellen also included a short note from Charlie & Polly Gibson of Lawton, MI. Nice to hear from them. Try to make Las Vegas, C. Charlie. We would love to see you.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. Nice long letter from Don "Baseball Waful". Now that your probably back from Italy may be you'll have a different perspective on Vegas. However, I fully realize we can't win them all. Come on down to a baseball game in Easton and I'll meet you there. Hope Italy was fun!

ROCK ISLAND, IL Great guy "Jack" Suterland from this little town in IL. A short note and a nice check for the P.F. Thanks much "Jack" and hope to see you in Las Vegas.

EL PASO, TX! I received an announcement that Eva D. Moore, widow of Milton J. Moore had made a contribution in Father Stanley Brach memory to the Andersonville Fund of the American Ex P.O.W.

is in the Mt. Vernon Hospital
2501 Parker Lane
Alexandria, VA 22308
his home and I'm sure Jenny will see that he gets them
1210 Priscilla Lane
Alexandria, VA 22308
Also a few prayers sent his way will be a big assist.
Anyway, we're rooting for you Jerry! and thanks, Wilbur for letting me know.

LAS VEGAS, NV Nice letter from our Chairman 1990 who had an inquiry from Otto Amerall regarding the Reunion. This inquiry has been answered and we look forward to a great time in Las Vegas, thanks going to Alan Haven't heard of any single males going as yet wouldn't dare suggest a female even though you might well be compatible. Thanks for your comment on Father Brach as having led a charitable devoted life to helping others. " Agreed!
We'll be there with, all our wheelchairs, crutches, canes and of course our great spirit and the best health we can muster.
Make sure you keep the bars open because there may be a few left that will have a beer or two.
See you Oct 11, 12, 13, 14 at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel. LAS VEGAS.

SEATTLE WA Henry Schulte wrote me in March including the obituary of Ghet Sigmen. Thanks much for this Henry. Additionally, he also included a copy of what he referred to as Christensen's Platoon of which he was a part. It consisted of 51 Kriegies, anyone recalling the significance of this listing which Henry made in his own handwriting might care to write Henry at:
614 42nd Ave N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105
giving their thoughts on it. He already has the suggestion but if someone really knows he would appreciate it.
Thanks for telling me about the error in your mailing label. It is now corrected.
Thanks also for your contribution to th P.F. As I've said before it all helps to keep the news letters going out to you.
Hope you can make Las Vegas.

DUNEDIN, FL Very nice letter from Bob Keeler who requested removal of his name from our mailing list. Bob arrived at 64 just around New Years 1945. We evacuated on the 21st of January Bob (not the 12th as you indicated), nevertheless it was a short stay and you are certainly justified in your not having made any friends to remember faces or names. Sorry to lose you but we wish you the best in health, wealth, & happiness.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness
on behalf of all of us of Oflag 64.

AMPA, FL Another short note and a very nice
check from Paul La Chance for the P.F.
Thanks Paul and sure hope you can make it to Vegas.

The tardiness of this letter has been caused by
a couple of time consuming health problems on
the part of both the Slacks. We'll try to do better.

Your Editor
John F. Slack

Chetlain A. SIGMEN

Age 72, died Jan. 14. Husband of Lillian I. Father of
Carole Smith and Lauren Sigen; grandfather of
Kari Koziel; son of Laura M., all of Seattle. Brother
of Lauris E., of Olympia. World War II veteran of
361st Infantry and ex-P.O.W. Retired from Sears in
1978. Member of Glenacres Golf Club. No service, at
his request.

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Remembrances to Providence Hospital Cancer Care
or your favorite charity.

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Mr. Sydney Thal
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thal ?
Mr. Joseph Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Holder
Mrs. Lorraine Glendenning
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brown
Mrs. Rudy Heil - El Paso, Tx
Mrs. Mildred Kasitz
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Lowe
Mr. Garrett
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oshlo
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Jones
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