

Vallingby, Sweden. Your card of 1/25 was a most welcome one. Your kind remarks about John Slack and Mary are mutually shared across the board of our membership. Also appreciate your vote of support and encouragement in my new and challenging undertaking ahead.

Letter follows and a Happy New Year, which will include '93 in Louisville. Claire and Henry Soderberg

Long Beach, CA. Thank you, Don, for note and generous check to the P.F. Best wishes. Don L. Ohl

Newport Beach, CA. What a nice long letter. It will take a few more years for my memory to erase that 40 & 8 train ride from Rennes thru Tours to Poland, with the AAF working over trains and yards. Your report on the return was interesting. Your old boss up in New York, Charles Cain, was so pleased to hear about you. He has become a good friend and runs a successful Book Place her in the Village. Best wishes Smiley and Bets, and thanks for the P.F. check. Carl Clawson

Waialua, Oahu. Bill, so good hearing from you again and the June 28, 1986 on your lanai facing the forceful

Kauai Channel. Congratulations on your new and impressive assignment with Robinson Trust. Your news clip follows and our best wishes to you and Peggy. Bill Paty

Geneva, N. Y. Martin, thanks for the P. F. check and your nice note of encouragement. Just finished the book, Passage to Freedom by your old friend, Joseph Frelinghuysen. What a story! Marty Lawler

Iowa City, IO. Martin, thanks for the check and your note. Hope you enjoyed Frank's book. Best wishes. Marvin Chevalier

Annandale, VA. John, thank you for your note and the generous check to P.F. Will call you on my next trip to D. C. and will try to get Casner, Diggs, you and I together. Your timely report on the improvement of John A. Stansell, 904 Lennette, Bellaire, TX is good news. He might appreciate a note. John H. Davis

Grand Junction, CO. Tom, thank you for your check for the P.F., and your note as well as the Xmas card. I spoke to Rita Kasper and the obit and eulogy are enclosed. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Tom Lawson

Gig Harbor, WA. Jimmie, thanks for your nice note and the check for P.F. Cont'd.

Surely liked your recollections of "Bootstrap" at Univ. of Omaha, and the fine Chapter of Pen & Sword we had. You graduated about six months ahead of me. No, I came in with a Reserve Commission in Jan. 1942. We missed each other a short time at Ft. Campbell, Ky., do recall John Geraci, Jack Merritt and Stinky Sinclair. Best wishes.
Jimmie Kanaya

Owings Mills, MD. Louis, thank you for your nice Xmas note and the two checks for the P. F. Lots better than January 1945!
Louis Tankin

Northwood, IA. Charlie, thank you for your check and the friendly note of encouragement, Hope you enjoyed the books. Your meticulous roster of the names of Oflag 64 is always nearby me for reference. A great job.
Charlie Jones.

Wausau, WI. John, thank you for your nice note and the P.F. check mailed to us by your wife. Hope that you are recovering rapidly from the recent stroke, Please keep us informed.
John Fehl

Enterprise, AL. What a nice and up beat letter, Clayton. Your book came and I really enjoyed it very much, Kriegy, for those who have not had a chance to get and read it. Jimmy Hildreth, here in the Village is a friend of ours. He is doing real well on the sales staff of Pinehurst National Golf Club. Your letter to John Slack was well written and a true statement of his invaluable service to us for 28 years. Your avocations keep you young and I am proud of you. Clayton Metcalf

West Boylston, WA. Ormond, thanks for your Xmas card and your check for the P. F. Also your nice note of encouragement. Dorothy and Ormond Roberts

Oakland, CA. Jim, your generous check and a reply to my condolences over the recent loss were received. He is so pleased to have heard from so many of us. Best wishes.
Jim and Jeff Sherman

Bellerose Village, N. Y. Lorriane and John thank you for the recent nice note about the photo taken at Colorado Springs. Also the check for the P.F. The Glendennings

Denver, CO. John, thank you for your note and the check for the P.F. Hope you enjoyed Frank Digg's book. We had a nice Xmas here and hope yours was too. Good to see you in Colorado Springs. Let's plan on '93 in Louisville. John Rathbone

Sun City, AZ. Duane, thanks for your generous check for the P. F. and your return of The Oflag 64 Roster. I share your concerns with the omissions and inaccuracies that it seems to have. I welcome some input from those of you who have computer access for a way to possibly enhance it with the use of some short queries and then watch the results. I must confess that of all the treasured items in the Hospitality Room that Roster and the Odessa Roster got considerable attention. It brings out a new name each time I get into it.
Duane Kennedy

Orange Beach, AL. Horace, I had no difficulty seeing why you had left Charles City, IA., and the kinda cold they have had this winter. Have fun. Your Southern Pines home has gone.
Harold Spaulding

Mesa, AZ. Lew, got your two checks for the P. F. Hope you enjoyed the Digg's book. Noted the temporary address change, please let me know when you return to the old one. Best wishes. Lew Wilcox

Cazenovia, N. Y. Bill, thank you for the nice letter and the encouraging words. Lookin'forward to Louisville and a chance to get better acquainted and catch up on the 80th Inf. Div. Bill "Bus" Barnum

Springville, UT. Mays, thank you for the Xmas note and let's stay in touch. Even Utah makes our most best known paper, The Charlotte Observer, and last Sunday featured a lovely part of the southern end of the state in the Travel Section. Mays Anderson

Washington, D. C. Thanks for your prompt reply to Frank's questionnaire. He mailed the letter on to me and it's here before me. I will gladly honor your request to drop your name from the mailing list, but it is with deep regret. I wish that you might reconsider it and here's why. Even if there weren't many from the State of Mississippi in Oflag 64 and your stay was short one, we are still a caring and helpful group of people for one another. So, to any of you who may recall Francis, please get a note off to him in a time when he is a bit discouraged. I'll go to see him next time I am in D. C.

Francis B. Stevens, 3202 Stephenson Pl. NW., Washington, D. C. 20015

Fayetteville, N. Y. Ed, thanks for your very thoughtful letter and the renewal of our trip to Odessa. Try to shoot for the Louisville '93 "Do". Near the end of The Item are two others with their memories of the same trip. Ed Joiner

Spokane, WA. Herman, your nice note reached my FAX from Bill Cory. We both missed you and let's hope that the prospects get even better for an improvement following the heart surgery, with five by passes, to let you come to Louisville in '93. Herman Littman

Livonia, MI. Don, the Item that you asked from Bill Cory ~~and~~ it should be in your hands by now. We enjoyed seeing you and Lucy in Colorado Springs and look forward to '83 in Louisville. Don Lussenden

Grove City, OH. Brad, got you nice note with the catch up for me. Had lunch back in early October down at Kinston, N.C., my old hometown with Marion Parrott, who worked with you in the library. Recall the 1st F.A.Obsn. Bn., at Bragg and it was moving out while I was in the FARTC across the Bragg Blvd. Henry Desmond has been added to our mailing list, and we thank you for that. O. L. Bradford

Columbus, OH. Henry, welcome to our group! Brad was kind enough to give us your address. You will enjoy it we think. Near the end of this Item is an article written by Bob Levin from nearby Seven Lakes, N. C. and who was captured in a skirmish at the Rapido River. He was in the 36th Inf. Div., too. Best wishes. Henry Desmond

Williamsburg, VA. Harvey, thank you for the Xmas card and photo atop a 3d Armd. Div. Arty. tank of the "Top ETO Brass". Ann and Harvey Patterson

Vidalia, GA. Bill, thank you for the fine letter that you wrote to the officials at Siggelkow and their reply. It has been edited and appears at the end. Very thoughtful of you and what generosity they showed. William Warthen

Chunchula, AL. Roy, what a joy to speak to you and get my first letter, ever. It is a bit past 47 years since that trip out of Odessa to Port Said and on to Naples. Glad you are well and my very best to both of you
Roy and Karen Smith

Clearwater, FL. George, thanks for letter and the fine photos of the Tampa Bay Opera Schedule and your Lakeside Travel Card. Our two kids love Steamboat, and will head out in March to Whistler's Mountain in the Vancouver area. Your busy life is a credit to you and keeping active. Good luck in Fledermaus coming up soon. George Rosenthal

Lexington, VA. Morris, your very interesting letter reveals that we may well have been a lot closer in Normandy to each other than we thought. Appreciate the check for the P. F. very much. Let's try for '93 in Louisville.
Morris Jones

Brockton, MA. Chet, what a nice long letter and I have shared it with John Slack, as you asked me to. An interesting point in a parallel in our careers exists. I caught one summer of CMTC (Blue) and in a few months finished the 10 Series and was commissioned and the next day applied for active duty in 1941. I wish that such a program, like the CCC could be revived for it would take many of our young trouble-makers and give them a new avenue of a productive life. That is a real cross to bear when you and your wife are both having health problems. You were kind to write and let's stay in closer touch. Thanks for the P. F. check. Chet Russell

San Francisco, CA. Thank you for the newsy letter and your plan to visit the Archives soon. Please let me know and if I'm free it would be my pleasure to join you. You will find near the end of this issue the announcement of the work you so diligently polished up to make it more readable to the members of our organization. While it specifically covers the route out of Szubin on Jan. 21, 1945 toward Odessa, it may also be of interest to read of some in that group. I am very grateful to you, Clarence. for the time and effort that you so freely devoted to getting it out, finally. I have still a few copies of your excellent book The Roads to Liberation from Oflag 64 and will gladly mail them to any member who has not received a copy. The cost is \$13.00 including the mailing fee. Clarence Meltesen

West Wyoming, PA. Ted the note about Carl Kasper came from John Slack and we both realize how close you all were to Carl and his family. You will find near the end of this issue a fine bit of work on our fallen member. Clara Ann Siems is her daughter who delivered his eulogy. Ted Powloski

Seaford, DE. Kay, thank you for the nice offer to mail us the WWII materials that you hold. John is also grateful. Best wishes.
Kay Chaffich

Dallas, TX. Tom, enjoyed our short telephone chat and am glad to get your new address: 10403 High Hollows Dr., Dallas, TX., 75230. Tom McHale

Clarinda, IA. Archie, the loss of your brother Larry Higgins, was a real loss to us. He was very close to John Slack and to honor that we are glad to keep you and his children on the mailing list: Archie Higgins, 430 S. 13th St., Clarinda, IA. 51632

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Louisville, KY Bill, we thank you very much for the fine work that you are doing in preparation for the '93 Reunion. It really does show. It is a joy to see the work to be able to enclose the "Special Flyer" which you and Susan have worked up. In addition the brochure on The Galt House is equally attractive. What this amounts to is that we are able to let our membership see and know early what a treat is in store for them. I would be remiss if some fine credit to Frank Diggs and Jim Bickers isn't also given. Their main project is the work on the 50th Anniversary Booklet which is moving right along in its progress. Do as you have done all along stay in touch with John and me for any questions or ideas that you may want to discuss. Best wish for your continued success. Bill Cory

Scott AFB, Ill. Major Bober-Moken, I have your letter here with the request for any information that we may have of dentists who may have been captured and were POW's in the ETO in WW II. While I am not in position to assist you, surely within the membership there are some others who may. Best wishes in your unusual research. If anyone can be of any help to this lady her full name and address and telephone follows: Major Irene G. Bober-Moken, USAF, DC USAF Medical Center Scott, 310 West Losey St., Scott AFB, Ill. 62225-5252, Tel: 618-632-2106

REMEMBER!!! →

By ANN LANDERS



So proudly he raised that flag

Dear Ann Landers: Four years ago, you printed several moving letters from American GIs who had been prisoners of war in Moosburg, Germany, during World War II. The letters described the feelings of the GIs as Gen. George Patton's Third Army tanks made their way to the main gate of that prison camp.

One letter was from an American security officer who was at the front gate "when that skinny GI climbed up the flagpole, tore down the ugly German swastika and replaced it with the beautiful Stars and Stripes." Well, Ann, that skinny GI was me.

I was the pilot of a B-26 bomber shot down over North Africa in January 1943. Before I was sent to Moosburg, I was in another POW camp, Stalag Luft III. In 1944, a large American flag was smuggled into the camp and brought to me for hiding. (I was a security officer.) We were supposed to put the flag on the ground in case the planes that we prayed would one day come to liberate us had trouble identifying the camp. I sewed the flag between two old German blankets and slept under it for the next year.

In early 1945, we were ordered to start walking east. Before we left camp, I grabbed my precious blankets and a small transmitter that had also been slipped into camp. Twenty thousand of us walked nearly six days in the snow to Moosburg. It was rough, but I'm sure the Bataan death march was worse.

When Gen. Patton liberated us, my roommate and I went up to the German flag tower, took down their flag and proudly replaced it with the beautiful American flag I had kept hidden so many months.

Sorry it took me so long to write, but I've been thinking about this for four years and decided it was time I let you know.

— Dr. Martin Allain, Shreveport, La.
Dear Dr. Allain: Can you believe that was 48 years ago? Thanks for the memories, which reminds me — Bob Hope will be 90 years old in May.

TO: The Burgermeister of Siggelkow, Germany

I am curious to know if any of your citizens recall 300 dirty, depressed American Officers arriving in Siggelkow about Feb. 25, 1945.

We had been marching for 35 days from an American Ground Force Officer Prison Camp in Poland, and were quartered in your town while we waited for trains to carry us to a POW Camp near Hammelburg, Germany.

We stayed in your yards and barns about three days. We made fires in the barn yards, cooking and boiling water to bathe and shave. We were also doing some pilfering, begging etc.

My memory of the townspeople was that they were very kind. They treated us as human beings, the ladies allowed us in their kitchens to warm and shared hot water, bread and potatoes with us.

I wandered from house to house, as did many others, looking for food. We had American cigarettes and soap to exchange, but in many cases the people gave us eggs, bread, marmalade and some cheese.

The one old couple I recall welcomed me into their home, asked me to warm by their fire, and though I spoke little German I was able to learn that the invalid husband had been a POW in England during the first World War. They were particularly kind and I visited them on two other occasions, and helped a little in getting their garden started.

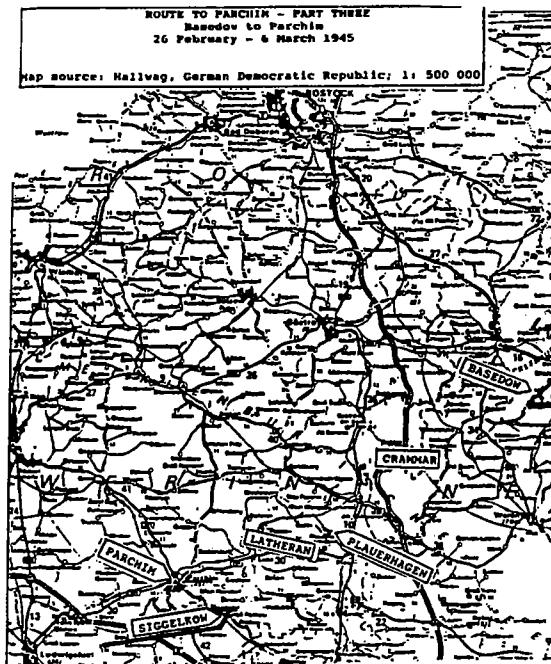
The Prisoners of War who were together in Siggelkow still meet each fall somewhere in the United States, and talk of our experiences and we all remember your town and the chance to rest, clean up and enjoy the little bit of food you shared. We marched out very early on the fourth day to Parchim and took box cars to Hammelburg.

I am enclosing an envelope and if you find anyone who remembers this incident, I would like to hear from them. I have someone to translate.

I have visited Germany twice since the war but was never able to retrace our route of march because it was all in East Germany. Now that you are one again I'm sure things will go much better for you.

Yours very truly,

William D. Warthen
PO Box L
Vidalia, GA. 30474



SOURCE:

The Roads to Liberation from Oflag 64, Clarence Meltesen,
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From: Burgermeister
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(Germany)
TO: Herrn William D. Warthen
PO Box L
Vidalia, GA. 30474

Translation of the letter from Hans-Olaf Kasang in Siggelkow made by his father -in-law, who in 1944-45 was a POW in the States, especially in Camp Dermot, Arkansas

Dear Mister Warthen:
We were very pleased in receiving your letter that arrived in a round-about way.

You may be sure that many of our inhabitants remember the American Officers who took up their quarters at our village. Especially do some of the older inhabitants, mainly the women and those who were children at that time. Even today the women dream of the American soap and chocolates, and those who were lads at the time wonder of the American cigarettes, which they traded with you.

Having had some conversation with different inhabitants I may give you the following information:

The family you are especially looking for is the family of Wilhelm Plogt. I regret to tell you that the two older persons have already died some years ago. Their relatives do not live here anymore. (We don't know neither their names or addresses.)

The big barns where you took your quarters are still existing, as well as the house where the ambulance-station was installed. Our village got through the war and the following 40 years of communism rather well, so that you might find many spots that you are remembering. Our village did not suffer from any destruction by war.

We would like to stay in connection with you furthermore. If you or some of former comrade of you come to Germany, we shall enjoy your visit. We send our greetings to you, your family and your comrades.

Sincerely yours

Hans-Olaf Kasang
(and Kurt-Vollrath Peters, translator)

Paty quits state land post, joins Robinson Trust

By Shannon Tangonan
Advertiser Staff Writer
Set 12/12/92

William "Bill" Paty yesterday bid a fond aloha as he announced his resignation as director of the state Land and Natural Resources Department to take a position as a trustee with the Mark A. Robinson Trust.

Paty, 71, who guided the department through such controversies as newly launched shark hunts around Oahu and the arrest earlier this year of Hawaiian protesters at Iolani Palace, leaves the state post Dec. 18.

No replacement has been named. John Keppeler and Dona Hanaike

serve as deputy directors. Paty will be serving as one of three trustees of the Robinson estate, established by one of Hawaii's earliest landowners, James Robinson.

According to Herman Lemke, one of the trustees with the Robinson estate, Paty will earn between \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year, depending on the trust's income. Paty said he gets \$85,000 a year as a cabinet member.

He said he was taking the trust position mainly because the trust has no mandatory retirement age. Paty is also a part of the lame-duck administration of Gov. John Waihee, whose term ends in 1994. "I had not planned to step down

from DLNR at this time. I enjoy the work, sticky issues notwithstanding," he said.

But under a provision of the trust, a new trustee had to be named by the end of the year.

Paty's duties as a trustee will include approving land sales, rentals and other land management duties, Lemke said. He described the trust as a "small-scale Bishop Estate, but is land rich and penny poor." The Robinson trust owns interests



Paty

in 2,900 acres in central Oahu for sugar cane production and interests in 56 acres of primarily commercial lands in Waipahu, Kalihi and the downtown Honolulu area.

Since the mid-1970s, the estate has been voluntarily selling leased fee interests under home lots at Robinson Heights, Harbor View, Seaview, Crestview and Village Park.

Before joining the Waihee administration, Paty was chairman of diversified agriculture for Castle and Cooke and held various positions with Wai-lua Sugar Co., including that of plantation manager.

Paty's ties to Waihee go back to the 1978 Constitutional Convention,

where he and Waihee worked closely as leaders of the majority faction. Paty served as a delegate and convention president.

He went on to become campaign chairman for Waihee's 1988 gubernatorial campaign and was appointed Waihee to head the land department in early 1987.

Waihee said, "His management people skills and understanding how government functions has in him an invaluable member of this administration."

"Bill and I have been through together and, as a personal friend, will miss his wise counsel."

Editorials

Saturday, December 12, 1992

Bill Paty He brought energy, sensitivity

A one-time paratrooper in the legendary 101st Airborne Division in World War II, William Paty was not afraid to jump feet first into controversies in his six years as director of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Paty, 71, brought to the job hands-on energy and the enthusiasm of a man half his age. He was raised in Hawaii with family roots going back many years, and approached problems with special sensitivity to the environment, culture and people.

While we didn't always agree with his positions on shark hunting, his positions on archaeological sites, Iolani has been open, straightforward and accessible.

His resignation to become a trustee of the Mark A. Robinson Trust leaves another gap in Governor John Waihee's administration, which still has two years to run. It's another issue Waihee faces the tough beginning of his tenure, beginning with the budget crunch.

Waihee and Paty met in the 1978 Hawaii Constitutional Convention. Paty was president,

Waihee an emerging leader. At this point, Paty is best remembered as Waihee's troubleshooter on any number of hot topics: Kahana Valley living park, the occupation of Makapuu Point, spraying of marijuana plants, Krishnas at scenic points, seawalls, geothermal energy, Waimanalo squatters, long-line fishermen, conservation lands, archaeological sites, Iolani Palace protests and shark hunting.

He didn't sit in his office like many officials, but enjoyed being in the field — whether at the park after a fatal flash flood, or hiking Sacred Falls State Park after a fatal flash flood. Waihee is unlikely to find another Bill Paty for the final two years of his administration, but the governor needs more than a bureaucratic time-server to fill this sensitive position.



Paty

Paty quits land board for new job

□ The political vet will be a trustee for the Robinson Trust

By Helen Ahom *Fri - 12/11/92*

State land board Chairman William W. Paty Jr., 71, a veteran member of Gov. John Waihee's cabinet, will resign to become a trustee of the Mark A. Robinson Trust, it was learned today.

Paty was on Kaula today and couldn't be reached for comment.

His last day of work will be Dec. 18 when he chairs a final meeting of the state Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Department staff members were informed yesterday.

"We're in shock," Linda McCrery, the agency's spokeswoman, said today. "He's very well loved by everyone, especially his staff, and the department made a lot of advances under his leadership. They are big shoes to fill."

The land chairman serves in myriad state capacities involving sharks, historic sites, Hawaiian issues, land disputes, water, conservation, recreation, forests, fish and endangered plants.

Paty was also chairman for four years of the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council.

He is the state Historic Preservation Officer and was first chairman of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

He headed both of Waihee's gubernatorial campaigns and was on the governor's transition team in 1987.

It was hoped that Paty would stay through the upcoming legislative session. But his decision to leave was sudden because of a deadline to fill a trustee vacancy at the trust, McCrery said.

The trust has three trustees who manage an estate that includes about 1,800 to 2,000 acres, mostly leased to Oahu Sugar Co.

Paty formerly was president and general manager of Wai-lua Sugar Co. Inc. He started there as an agriculturist in 1946 and soon was the plantation's labor relations director.

He worked his way up to chairman of diversified agriculture for Castle & Cooke in 1984, staying there until becoming Waihee's 1986 campaign manager.

The two met when Paty was president of the 1978 Hawaii Constitutional Convention and Waihee was a delegate.

During his six years as head of the land department, Paty, among other things, expanded the state parks system and added thousands of acres of forested agricultural lands to the State Forest

EULOGY FOR CARL KASPER

I would like everyone to know that I'm speaking for all the family. Dad lived his life for others. As a young man he sacrificed his dream of a college education and went to California in the early 30's to earn money that was sent home to his parents during the depression- keeping only pocket change for himself. Then he sacrificed the first couple years of his marriage to serve his country in WW II. He served heroically to the point of ordering fire on his position- willing to give his own life for his country. For this action he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He spent many months as a P.O. W suffering hardships that were too painful for him to even talk about.

He worked hard to provide for his family but even the job he chose was one of service for others- as a fireman he put his life on the line for the people of Hammond. Dad loved life and enjoyed it. Even in his recreation he thought of others- taking time out to teach his children the sports he enjoyed, especially fishing. Not only his children but he patiently taught his grandchildren to fish- often giving up a peaceful fishing to take his grandchildren with him.

He gave all of children an example of what it meant to be a faithful husband. Through the good times and the bad- he was faithful and loving for 43 years to the woman he vowed to love, honor and cherish 'til death do them part.

More importantly, Dad taught us you can do none of this without a deep faith and trust in a living God. His prayerful life- he had a special devotion to Saint Theresa of the Little Flowers- his faith and prayers sustained him through many trials- his time as a P. O. W., his time of raising children- which all of us know as parents know is not an easy task.

His faith sustained him during his illness. We never once heard him question God why he had to suffer . He accepted God's strength and fought to live. Dad's faith in God was his greatest gift- it provided an example to those who knew him that life no matter how difficult can be lived with joy if God is the center of it. Dad's acceptance of God's will in his life is now rewarded as promised with a mansion in heaven. During his last days the hospital, Dad kept saying he wanted to go home. Now he truly is home living in the presence of the god he believed and trusted in. He is now at peace and keeping an eye on all of us who love him so that we too keep the faith and will someday join him in the joy of eternal life in the presence of God. To know Dad was an honor and a gift and we thank God that he was our father.

Clare Ann Siems

November 6, 1992



Carl Kasper

Carl Kasper, age 79, of Hammond, passed away Tuesday, November 3, 1992. *To have known him was an honor and a gift.* He is survived by his wife, Rita; four sons, Joseph of Schererville, Jerome (Lynn) of Highland, Mark of Las Vegas and James (Ann) Kasper of Roanoke, Indiana; one daughter, Clare Ann (Spencer) Siems of Milwaukee; seven grandchildren, Scott and Karl Siems, Diane, Brian and Katie Kasper, Colleen and Phillip Kasper; two sisters, Mary Nicholson and Catherine (Ben) Stahl, both of Huntington, Indiana; sister-in-law, Genevieve (late Paul) Kasper of Ft. Wayne; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services Friday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. from the Solan Funeral Home 7109 Calumet Ave., Hammond to St. John Bosco Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass with Rev. Stanley Dominik, celebrant. Burial at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Rosary Thursday afternoon 2:30 p.m. Memorials to Father Blaney's SHARE Foundation would be appreciated.

Mr. Kasper was a retired Captain of the Hammond Fire Department and was formerly employed at Solan's Greenhouse for many years as a driver; a member of St. John Bosco Church, St. John Bosco Holy Name Society and the Senior Citizens Club; a member of K of C Unity Council #726; veteran of World War II - captured February 16, 1944 and was a prisoner of war until the end of the war; he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross and a member of the Legion of Valor; a member of the Northern Indiana Chapter of American Ex-prisoners of War and also the National American Prisoners of War; member of the D.A.V. Chapter #17 of Hammond and American Legion Post #232.

LT COL JOHN P. HORN

Sept. 11, 1992

Dear Sirs:

This is to notify you Lt. Col. John P. Horn, 2209 Abbott Martin Road, Apt. 12-1, Nashville, TN, 37215 passed away June 1991.

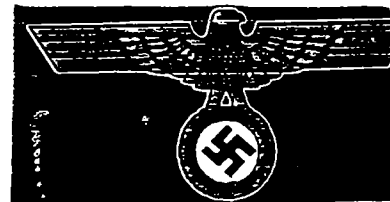
I am sorry I have not let you know before. The material on EX POW News was always of interest to him.

I thought you would like to know so you could remove his name from your mailing list.

Sincerely,

Valerie Horn
(Mrs. John P. Horn)

BOOK REVIEW



PASSAGES TO FREEDOM by Joseph S. Freylinghuysen, 303 pp. (Sunflower University Press, Manhattan, KS), \$ 17.95.

This book is one of the easiest to read and most interesting that has come to my attention recently. First off, the author is one of us, is on our mailing list for Oflag 64. Like many others, who never came to Szubin, his story is very closely allied to all of us and in it are many parallel experiences to our own.

He was a member of the 1st Infantry Division and was captured near Djedeida in Northern Tunisia on November 28, 1942. From there he was taken by truck north to Tunis and flown out by a Junkers J-52 north to Naples, and subsequently to Capua, 20 miles north of the city.

Some impressions of the well disciplined and organized author follows. His goal, seemingly, was a driven desire to escape at the first opportunity. That was enhanced by his early enrollment in an Italian language class at the new camp in Chieti, about eight miles west of Pescara on the Adriatic. By now he had already been associated with Len Warren, Marty Lawler, and soon David Westheimer, a B-24 navigator and shortly, Dick Rossbach, who came up from Sicily. The bonding, which we know so well and speak of it often, is vividly described here. There were many invariable flare-ups, but common sense prevailed and they began to finalize their escape plans. That brings up two points not always easily understood or easily resolved. Getting LTC Max Gooler's approval of their escape attempt, did not come easily, nor was this understood fully by the eager escape planners. The escape opportunities are often fleeting and one they missed, and soon regretted, was before the transfer of guards from the Italians to the Germans in mid-September 1943. This was occasioned by the recent and successful landings at Salerno.

An escape is an adventure fraught with a lack of food, medical care, good clothing and the rapidly approaching cold winter weather in the Apennines Mountains for the next sixty days. Even with some working fluency in Italian they were faced with some other problems. The harsh retaliation exacted upon the Italian families by the Germans, including mass executions, of anyone giving aid to the escaping prisoners, made seeking help from the folks not an easy thing. Italy, like we had seen in France, was filled with opportunist informers for the Germans. That made trusting guides, who were essential, a very troublesome task. The kindness and gentleness of the author throughout, not only to the Italians but to his colleagues, as well is clearly shown and paid many dividends. This was shown in his return to Italy in 1956 and 1958 where he met some of those who had assisted him and his party and shared their warm hospitality. Always appreciative of the Allied effort in returning their nation to them. But more touching was the author's deep gratitude for his safe delivery by them across the Sangro River into the hands of the 8th British Army and FREEDOM.



Henry Söderberg:

O F L A G 6 4 A S I S A W I T

Another approach to the history of Oflag 64.
The camp seen with the eyes of an outsider.
Excerpts from the diaries, reports and letters
by a frequent visitor to Oflag 64, the Swedish
delegate of The War Prisoner's Aid of the YMCA.

Last fall one of my first, and a most pleasant, task was to announce and provide you with Henry Soderberg's diary and associated papers entitled Oflag 64 As I Saw It. John Slack had printed up a small number of copies and they soon ran out due to the interest and heavy demand. Since he has mailed the proofs to me and today an order was placed for fifty more copies for the members pleasant and enjoyable reading.

It is truly Henry, always the fine Swedish gentleman, at his best. It is somewhat related to Frank Diggs' which was a story on tapes which Henry provided. This is his own translation from Swedish to English of many events which took place in his admirable and memorable service to us at Szubin. It is indeed a real treat with our high regard for Henry, I highly recommend it to you.

The paper is only 33 pages long and the cost of production is about \$7.50 a copy which includes the cost of mailing. He, like Frank, always so unselfish asked us to please make the payment to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund.

From Schokken to Wugarten

by Lt. Col. Clarence R. Meltesen, USA Ret.

This fascinating story was taken from Bob Levin's YMCA diary written in the winter of 1945. It covers the cadre which Oflag 64 provided to open Oflag 64 Z. It then covers the forced march which began on January 21, 1945. A neatly drawn map portrays the path of the route of the march. One delay of nearly five weeks at Wugarten, which seemed like eternity, was finally lifted and the column proceeded by truck and train on to Odessa, for a timely departure for Naples on the HMT Circassia on March 25, 1945.

As usual Clarence Meltesen with his superb writing skills shows vividly. It was published in the January 1945 Issue of EX-POW BULLETIN, pp. 26-29. Congratulations Bob and Clarence for a nice piece of work.

**A GRAND TOUR
OF
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WINTER-1945**

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This is a story somewhat like the one of Bob Levin's above, but with considerably much more detail. It, too, was written in Naples in 1945, and picked up by Clarence Meltesen a little over a year ago and he wouldn't turn it loose. We wrote many letters back and forth from San Francisco until it was refined into a presentable fashion.

My deep thanks to you, Clarence, for your unlimited patience with me in helping provide, yet another, view of the east bound travelers from Szubin on January 21, 1945.

This 16 page monograph is available to you for \$5.00 (not to me) but to The Postage Fund, instead and covers the mailing cost as well.

ROUTE OF MARCH FROM OFLAG 64 - 1945

Diary 1945 is my personal diary in which I attempted to note when and where I stayed the night during the POW evacuation of Oflag 64, Schubin, Poland to Parchim, Germany and then on by rail movement to Hammelburg, Germany. (Clarence R Meltesen, Lt Col USA Ret)

Current map locations are based on the following Hallwags:

Poland (Polen) 1:750 000

German Democratic Republic (DDR) 1:500 000

The route Exin-Lobsens was the subject of map study using pertinent Army Map Service sheets.

Translation of German place names was provided by the Polish Cultural Foundation, San Francisco using a Gazetteer published in Breslau (Wroclaw) in 1948.

Officially the march period comprised 48 days on the road for a distance of 567 kilometers.

Heinrichsdorf, Crammar, Latheran and Neuberg have defied efforts to find the right map. Possibly my notes are garbled or more likely my sources on the march had difficulty reading the German on a sign during twilight conditions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Diary 1945</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Current Name</u>
21 Jan 45	Schubin-Exin		Szubin, Kcynia
22	Wirnitz-Echfeld		Smogulec-Ostek n. Notec
23	Charlottenburg		Wyrzysk
24	Lebenach	Lobsens	Lobżenica
25	Plattan	Flatow	Złotow
26	rest day		
27	Jastrow		Jastrowie
28	Zippman	Zippnow	Sypiniewo
29	Oflag IID		
30	Machlin		Machliny
31	Templeburg	Tempelburg	Czaplinek
1 Feb 45	Heinrichsdorf (7 listed in Gazetteer)		
2	Falkenburg		Złocieniec
3	Zülshagen	Zuelshagen	Suliszewo Drawskie

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Diary 1945</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Current Name</u>
4 Feb 45	Cienow via Dramburg	Gienow	Ginawa
5	Wangerin-Zietlitz	Zeitlitz	Wegorzyno
6	Regenswald	Regenwalde	Resko
7	Lilbin		Ploty
8	Stuchow		Stuchowo
9	Gr Justin		Gostyn
10	Dievenow		Dziwnów
11	Neuendorf		Wisełka
12	Swinemunde		Świnoujście
13	Gorz		Garz
14	Stolpe		
15	rest day		
16	vic Anklam		
17	Getzow-Grafin Estate		Gützkow
18	parcel issue-no march		
19	Tussow		Tutow
20	Demmin		
21	rest day		
22	vic Neukoln		Neukalen
23	Bessedam		Basedow
24	Crammar		
25	Plauerhagen		
26	rest day		
27	Latheran		
28	Siggelskan-Neuberg		Siggelkow-Niendorf

Oflag 64, cont

<u>Date</u>	<u>Diary 1945</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Current Name</u>
1 Mar 45	rest day- $\frac{1}{4}$ parcel		
2	rest day		
3	rest day		
4	rest day		
5	rest day		
6	Parchim - Entrain - Wittenberge		
7	Magdeburg		
8	Bad Kissingen - Hammelburg		
9	Detrain - March to Stalag/Oflag XIII B		

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I assume that Heinrichsdorf is now called Siemczyno since it is midway between two definite march points.

I assume that Crammar and Latheran are large farms or estates in an area that has a scattering of dorfs and such. It is possible that Crammar is in the vicinity of Hohen Wangelin and fits in between Basedow and Plauerhagen. Most of our marching from Plauerhagen to Siggelkow was cross country along cart roads, stream trails and actually across some cultivated fields, and was divided into two days with a stop at Latheran. We crossed route 191 on the first day so we must have approached Siggelkow from the southeast.

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5 May 1986

Clarence R Meltesen
Lt Col USA Ret

50th ANNIVERSARY OFLAG 64 EX-POW October 7 thru 10, 1993

"SPECIAL FLYER"

Being the first Ground Force Officers captured by the Germans we were small in number at the beginning, and for quite a long time until the numbers continued to grow from subsequent battles. We got well acquainted, we were a unique group, and we have held together since then by the efforts of John Slack, our friend and fellow Kriegy through the OFLAG ITEM and through various Reunions held in different Cities over the Country.

Now we are headed for our 1993 Reunion - 50 years from the first group captured in 1943. The Plans should come as no surprise to all who have attended previous ones. It will still have the same uniqueness, but with possible "extra" embellishments because of the 50th Anniversary date. As all those who "put them on" in the past know we do need monies up front. So, our proposal at this writing is to ask as many of you who will (and who plan to go to Louisville next October) to cough up an Advance Registration Fee \$110 per person. If you find it necessary to cancel at a later date, your Fee will of course be refunded.

Any and all such "EARLY BIRDS" will be welcomed, and any one of two Optional Tours planned will be at no cost to those "EARLY BIRDS". Now, that should be some sort of incentive to our desire for orderly funding of what promises to be a real fun get together of friends from grim - and not so grim days of World War II. If so inclined: Make check of the "ADVANCE CONTRIBUTION" payable to OFLAG 64 EX-POW and mail to 2843 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40206, Attention William R. Cory.

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