

POST OFLAG 64 ITEM

SUMMER 1999

REUNION IN 1999

THE TIME IS NEAR

Pat Waters has furnished forms to be filled out for the Charleston Reunion on October. This form is for the reunion only. You should contact the Holiday Inn separately. Pat is sending out information in addition to this in the Item.

This should be one of our best reunions. You can see by the enclosed program that he has done a lot of work to prepare things. It should be a special time for all of us.

REUNION IN 2000

REVISIONS PROPOSED

A proposal has been offered to change the place of the 2000 reunion from Laughlin, NV to Louisville, KY. Bill Cory in Louisville has offered to host the 2000 reunion in Louisville. Duanne Kennedy accepted Bill's proposal and Bill will offer his proposal for a vote to the members at the business meeting in Charleston.

A message from Bill regarding this proposal is included in other pages of the issue of the Item.

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MAIL CALL

Our Guest Editor, **Irv Yarock** has read all your letters and says,

Pat and Martha Waters, Mt. Pleasant, SC are promising the "best ever" though they were slowed down by the illness and demise of Martha's father. DO YOU HAVE THE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR? 20-24 OCTOBER in CHARLESTON, SC. One of the possibilities is a trip to the CITADEL, but might be complicated by a heavy school activity on the same dates.

Alan and Lilo Dunbar, LasVegas, -who did a terrific job in '98 are amenable to another go around in Las Vegas.

Al Casner, Falls Church, VA- talks about each reunion being our "last one" I guess as long as we get hosts we'll keep going. Thanks for the Postage Fund donation.

Wilbur Sharpe, Bethesda, MD is happy we're going to be back in his part of the country and is looking forward to Charleston. Thanks for the Postage Fund donation.

Lloyd Warren, Austin, TX hasn't committed himself yet, but did send a contribution to the Postage Fund.

General Clark, Colorado, Springs, CO sends an interesting letter. Thanks us for keeping him on the mailing list. And ordered a copy of "The Waters Story" to donate to the Air Force Academy to "round out" the memorabilia that **Henry Sodeberg** donated to their library. He also indicates that he knew General Waters before General Waters went to West Point and his father (Clark's) may have had a hand in Waters getting into West Point. General Clark's wife Carolyn and General Waters wife Bea worked together for the Red Cross during WW 11. Thanks for the Postage Fund donation.

Gene Sharick, Rittman, OH acknowledges his age by sending a note on AARP stationary. Thanks for the donation. (IY just figured out that the 18 yr old lieutenants who reported in 1944 are already 72, and we go up from there)

Kermit Hansen, Elkhorn, NE writes that **Stephen Ambrose** in his book Citizen Soldier said "Johnny Waters was hit by friendly fire" We who were there know that that ain't so. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund. (did you know that Johnny's limp was from a polo accident at West Point?)

"Boomer" **Holder**, Athens, GA says he'll be at Charleston. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

Roy and Helen Chappelle, Kaufman, TX sent in a contribution to the Postage Fund "In memory of Roger Cannon"

The Cannons, Waco, TX- word of the demise of **Roger** after a long fight with cancer. Roger and Ruby were regulars at our reunions, and were recently accompanied by their daughters **Patsy and Carolyn**. Our deepest sympathy to you and yours.

Bob Cheatham, Ashboro, NC- just a hop, skip and jump to Charleston. Better be there! Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

Herb Garris, Pinehurst, NC- Took a little trip and on his way back stopped in to see **Sharpe, DiFrancesco and Diggs**.

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Horace Spaulding, Waterloo, IA- didn't send a note but did send a check. Thanks

James Bond, Waco, TX says he got away on the march and made it back to Odessa, Naples and troop ship to Boston. Thanks for the donation.

Art Bryant, Lakeland FLA- missed Las Vegas but hopes to be at Charleston. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

Dot Jellison, Bangor, ME- **Milt Jellison's** widow appreciates being on the mailing list and sent a donation to the Postage Fund. Thanks.

George Greene, Fredericksburg, TX- apologies for his poor attendance but by coincidence Oflag 64 and the 30th Division usually have coinciding reunions. Anyone who can come up with the formula for one person to be at two different places at the same time will make a fortune. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

Charles Brocker, Apopka, FLA- No apologies this time. See you in Charleston. Thanks for the donation.

Walter Heisler, Wakefield, RI- Thinking of sailing down?

Jim Bates, Brentwood, TN- See you in Charleston? Thanks for the donation.

Paul Marable Jr. Waco, TX- sent in an obituary notice on **Roger Cannon**. Also a donation to the postage fund.

Martin Keiser, Lawton, OK. – also sent a copy of Roger's obituary, and he also attended the funeral.

Jean Gever, Bass River, MS- widow of **Gabe**, keeps up with old friends through the Item. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Tom Lawson, Grand Junction, CO- he and his wife **Sue** use the Item as a basis for discussions of the "Old Times" (That's what all of you should be doing. Believe it or not I've been to High School history classes where the students never heard of WW 11 It's after the parents are dead that they try to find out about their military experiences.) Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Vic White, Arlington, TX- Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Jim Sherman, Oakland, CA- he and Jeff are looking forward to Charleston.

Herm Littman, Spokane, WA- **Herm and Sue** hope to make it to Charleston and vie with **Jim Sherman** for the "longest distance traveled". Did you know Herm had a younger brother who was a B-24 pilot? His brother was shot down and they met on the way to Mooseburg!

Mary DiFrancesco. Bethesda, MD- says Doc is getting feisty, but welcomes old friends, so anyone in the area is welcome to visit.

Bill Warthen, Vidalia, GA- has an extensive mailing list, including Jimmy Kanaya who tells of his families internment at the beginning of WW11. Though Jimmy was in uniform, a visit to his folks was like visiting a prison. One of the black marks in our history. (Irv- hindsight is always better than foresight, but I assume that whoever

MAIL CALL

made the decision thought he was doing the right thing but in the chaos of unpreparedness, certain people who lacked experience were given dictatorial powers.)

Ed Batte, Atlantic Beach, NC- just a days drive from Charleston. Sent a contribution to the postage fund in memory of **Ethelene Garris**. Ed and Elizabeth are working hard these days fishing and sun bathing. For a change they spent a month in the Florida Keys (Tough Life) Had a great time at Las Vegas and they're looking forward to Charleston.

Margaret Kleysteuber, Largo FL- sent in a contribution to the postage fund. Thanks! Charleston?

James Bond, Waco, TX- looks like we had half the population of Waco. Are you the one from Barracks 3A? How about coming to Charleston? Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Robert O'Neill, Santa Maria, CA- is looking for a Robert E. Davis (not the one from Alabama) Anyone know him?

Charles Moore, Phoenix, AZ- thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Mrs. Mary Cupit, is now at 49 Golden Rd. Mystic CT 06355. Jim is deceased. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Mrs. Eugene Daniel. Charlotte.NC- sent in a contribution. Thanks.

Don and Lucille Lussenden, Livonia, MI-were in Dayton, OH to meet with former members of the "Doolittle Raid". How many people remember that many of them were sent to the European Theater and some ended up as a POW. When they got back from the raid, the Chinese Gov't had a dinner with a beautiful girl sitting next to each one and didn't tell them until after many ribald comments that each girl spoke perfect English. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Mrs. Eugene McDonough, Hempstead, NY- though her husband is gone, she appreciates being on the mailing list. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Royal Lee, new address, 233 Heather LN, Mankota, Mn 56001- spent his winter down south and mail wasn't forwarded, but no excuse for Charleston 20-24 October.. Details to follow.

Walter Parks MD, Austin, TX- writes that he still has 1/3 of a loaf of Kriege Bread that's as good as new (wood pulp doesn't deteriorate very fast) Does some museum want it?

John Creech, Box 603,Columbus, NC 28722, - can't repeat enough how much we all owe John for keeping us reasonably healthy. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

Just a passing thought-

Everybody has gobs of photos they have taken in the last 50 years of the reunions. Probably most of these old photos are lying around in a shoe box in a closet or in a dresser drawer that hasn't been opened in 50 years. Lots of these photos are of people you don't remember or maybe don't even know. Why don't you bring the ones you don't want to the reunion and put them on a table in the hospitality room and invite anybody that wants them to pick them up and keep them. Somebody might run across an old friend they haven't seen in ages.

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12 May 1999

Mr. William D. Warthen
P.O. Box L
Vidalia, Georgia 30474

Dear Mr. Warthen,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your plans for visiting The Citadel campus on Friday, October 22, 1999. The Citadel would be most honored by the presence of the Oflag 64 Reunion Group for a campus tour and parade review.

The Vice President for Communications, Cmdr. Bruce Williams, would be happy to discuss your itinerary. He can be reached at (843) 953-6779.

I am delighted that you and your distinguished group would like to join us for our Friday afternoon parade.

Thank you again for your interest in The Citadel. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Reger
Colonel, USAF, Retired
Executive Assistant to the President

CBR/pal

REGISTRATION FORM

OFLAG 64 ANNUAL REUNION
WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER, 1999

NAME (AS DESIRED ON NAME TAG) WIFE'S NAME (AS DESIRED ON NAME TAG)
OTHERS ATTENDING OTHERS ATTENDING
PRINT YOUR ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER
YOUR UNIT PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE

WHERE YOU WERE FREED (OFLAG 64, ON ROUTE, LUKENWALD, HAMMELBURG
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DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL, IF KNOWN. BY CAR BY PLANE

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$125.00 FOR EACH REGISTRANT MADE PAYABLE TO: OFLAG 64 REUNION 99. REGISTRATION INCLUDES ITEMS ON ATTACHED FESTIVITY PLAN EXCEPT THOSE INDICATED AS OPTIONAL.

REUNION ACCOUNTING:
REGISTRATION FEE @ \$125.00= \$

TOURS: (each tour is subject to getting 30 people to go or money back)

LUNCH AT MAGNOLIAS AND TOUR OF DOWNTOWN @ \$ 55.00= \$
PATRIOTS POINT & FORT SUMTER, LUNCH ON CVA @ \$ 38.00= \$
(THURSDAY'S TRIP)
BOONE HALL AND FORT MOULTRIE @ \$ 28.00= \$
PATRIOTS POINT & FORT SUMTER, LUNCH ON CVA @ \$38.00= \$
(SATURDAY'S TRIP)

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE SENT: \$

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HOLIDAY INN,
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reservations MUST be made by September 15th to guarantee rate and space

FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET, PLEASE MAKE AN ENTREE SELECTION:

ROAST BEEF (how many)

MAHI MAHI (how many)

OFLAGREGISTRATION

OFLAG 64 FESTIVITY PLAN

WEDNESDAY OCT. 20

DAY 1: 10:00 am ---Arrival/Registration

4:00 pm-----Hospitality room opens

6:00pm----- Happy Hour-Cash Bar

With an oyster roast and Frogmore stew being served at 7:00pm

THURSDAY, OCT.21

DAY 2: 8:30----- Charleston Buffet

10:00-----Posting of the colors

Followed by:

Business meeting

Presentation of your visit to Charleston.

Noon: Activities begin--**OPTIONAL TOURS** (to be selected on registration form)

Lunch at Magnolias restaurant/Downtown sightseeing/shopping-----\$55.00

Patriots Point & Fort Sumter with lunch on ship, CPO Mess-----\$38.00

Boone Hall and Fort Moultrie ----- \$28.00

On your own.....

6:00pm----- Dinner cruise on Charleston Harbor

10:00pm----- Return to Hotel

FRIDAY, OCT. 22.

DAY 3: Breakfast on your own---

9:30am (Speaker, possibly- Gen Signius, Sen McCain, etc.)

12:00 noon---Buses to Citadel depart for lunch with corps (tentative)

View Campus/exhibits/museum

3:00-----Citadel Dress Parade

5:00pm----- Return to hotel

5:30 pm -----Bar opens on back deck/ hospitality room open.

6:00pm----- On your own for perhaps a quiet dinner in Charleston, or the theater.

SEE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATIONS

SATURDAY, OCT.23

DAY 4: Breakfast at your leisure..

Free day on the town etc. (Optional tour) Patriots Point/Ft.Sumter-----\$38.00

5:00pm----- Open Bar in Hospitality Room and Patio Bar

5:30pm -----group photograph (location to be decided on)

6:00----- Farewell Dinner and auction

8:30pm----- Plantation Singers to perform

SUNDAY, OCT.24

DAY 5: 9:am Full breakfast followed by FAREWELL SERVICE and Retirement of the Colors. *UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.*

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United States Department of the Interior



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Andersonville National Historic Site
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Andersonville, Georgia 31711
(912) 924-0343

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 7, 1999

Mr. Robert Thompson
The Oflag 64 Item
7448 East 68th Place
Tulsa, OK 74133

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Here is the information about donations to Andersonville that you requested some time ago. I apologize for the delay in providing it to you. The article I mentioned earlier has taken so long to develop that I decided to write this up especially for you and your publication. If you have any questions, or it does not meet your needs in its present form, please contact me. I hope it is informative and helpful to you and your organization.

Sincerely,

Eric Reinert
Museum Technician

ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IS SEEKING ARTIFACT DONATIONS

By Eric Reinert, Museum Technician

With the recent opening of the National Prisoner of War Museum, located at Andersonville National Historic Site, there had been a large increase in interest in the history of American Prisoners of War. This had led to an increase in the number of artifacts and memorabilia donated to Andersonville. At the same time, many are not aware of the park and museum, and are not aware that we are actively seeking donations of POW items. This information will hopefully spread the word about what we do at Andersonville, and provide guidance for those considering a donation to the park and museum.

Andersonville is the only unit of the National Park Service that is dedicated solely to the commemoration and interpretation of Prisoners of War from all time periods of U.S. history. POW history is the only thing we do at Andersonville. A major goal of our efforts was realized when the National Prisoner of War Museum was dedicated on April 9, 1998. The 10,000 square foot facility contains theme based exhibits using almost 200 artifacts and three times as many graphics and reproductions, a POW research library, and a theater for showing the movie *Echoes of Captivity*, which was produced for the park to show in the museum. At the same time, administrative and storage space for the museum collection was expanded to more than double the previous space. In this way, we are prepared to accept and care for large numbers of POW artifacts.

Like all other professional museums, Andersonville has a policy governing the types of artifacts we accept. We are interested primarily in items that have a direct relationship to the experience of being a Prisoner of War. For example, the items that most fit this definition are things that a POW had, made, was given, used, or otherwise possessed while held in captivity. POW dog tags, or a fork would be an example of this. Letters sent by and to POWs, and the telegrams sent to the families of POWs would also be items we would seek. By setting a policy such as this, that defines the items we will accept, we are ensuring that we do not have large numbers of historic items that, while important and interesting, do not tell the story of POWs. We also save space and resources by not accepting things that are not part of the history we deal with at Andersonville.

One other question that is often asked regarding donations to Andersonville is about exhibits. Some who donate items believe that they will quickly be placed on exhibit. This is not the case, for a number of reasons. First, the exhibits in the National Prisoner of War Museum incorporate the latest technology and research in both preservation and exhibit planning. They are designed to both protect the artifacts and to immerse the visitor in the subject of the exhibits, through the use of graphics, audio, video, and lighting. Designing, fabricating, and installing an exhibit like this takes time, almost 10 years in our case. Thus, the artifacts on exhibit now were chosen approximately nine years ago. Therefore, changes and additions will be made only after careful consideration of both the interpretive message and the safety of the items, a time consuming process.

Second, the National Park Service does not accept donations with the condition that they be exhibited. This is both a professional and ethical policy, as it protects the objects and allows the staff the flexibility to use whatever objects and materials necessary to best serve our visitors. We cannot be required to design exhibits, and our educational programs around certain items that we must exhibit. Therefore, all donations are unconditional.

Third, the National Park Service is mandated by law to preserve artifacts for future generations to see, enjoy, and learn from. It is a sad fact of life that the safest place for an artifact is a cold, dark room. In other words, the presence of even light is damaging. An object that is on constant, never-ending exhibit would be heavily damaged, and eventually destroyed before its time, if it were otherwise properly taken care of. However, we are also mandated to use these items for education and interpretation, so we do exhibit some of them. It is a balancing act between education and preservation that we walk to both preserve these important items as well as serve the public. The one thing we do guarantee is that the items will be documented and preserved. The National Park Service has detailed, strict regulations governing museum artifacts that meet the highest professional standards. In addition, Andersonville is Accredited by the American Association of Museums. It is one of only eight National Park Service sites to have achieved this recognition, which signifies that the park meets high standards in administration, preservation, and interpretation in the museum field.

I do not wish to discourage any potential donations by this information, but to inform those who might be considering the disposition of POW items. In fact, I strongly encourage anyone who might have POW related items to contact Andersonville National Historic Site. The staff will carefully consider any potential donation. The staff here is strongly committed to its mandate to preserve this park of our country's history. Anyone who wishes to help us in our efforts can contact Andersonville National Historic Site, Route 1 Box 800, Andersonville, GA, 31711, (912) 924-0343.

REUNION 2000

At the reunion in Newport RI, Duanne Kennedy volunteered to host the reunion in 2000 at Laughlin, NV. A few weeks ago Bill Cory proposed to host the 2000 reunion at Louisville, Ky.

Duanne Kennedy was contacted and informed of Bill Cory's proposal and Duanne stated that that was fine with him. He would move his date for the reunion back a couple of years to assure that we had a place and time to hold the reunion later on.

Bill Cory was then contacted and informed of Duanne Kennedy's decision and he stated that he would present his proposal to the Oflag 64 members at the business meeting in Charleston in October. A copy of a message from Bill to the Oflag 64 group is as follows:

WILLIAM R. CORY
12 WOODHILL ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207-1146

"THE PLACE FOR THE 2000 OFLAG 64 REUNION HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM LAUGHLIN, NEVADA TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN SUBSEQUENT POST OFLAG 64 ITEMS AS WELL AS IN CHARLESTON THIS COMING OCTOBER. CAROLINE AND BILL CORY ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF DUANE KENNEDY'S OFFER TO RELEASE HIS 2000 REUNION PLACE AND PLANS TO US, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PUTTING TOGETHER AN EVEN BETTER REUNION THAN THAT WHICH WE HAD HERE FOR THE 50th IN 1993."

Bill will present his proposal to the group in Charleston in October and a vote will be requested.

This proposed change will not affect Herm Littman's 2001 reunion in Spokane.

The following article states that the Cox Radio Co. bought the WNGC Radio station in Athens, GA from the Clarke Broadcasting Co. for 78 million dollars. H. Randolph Holder is the Chairman of the Board of the Clarke Broadcasting Co.
HEY FOLKS THAT'S "BOOMER"

Boomer also rated an article in the Wall Street Journal of May 7, 1999

Cox Radio, Clarke Broadcasting

ATLANTA—Cox Radio Inc. agreed to acquire the assets of WNGC-FM in Athens, Ga., for about \$78 million from closely held Clarke Broadcasting Corp. in Athens.

The purchase includes a Federal Communications Commission construction permit to relocate and construct a new radio tower. The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 1999.

In composite trading yesterday on the New York Stock Exchange, Cox Class A shares closed at \$50, unchanged.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Cox Radio buys station in Athens for \$78 million

By Charles Haddad
STAFF WRITER

Cox Radio has bought the largest radio station in Athens for \$78 million in cash and plans to greatly expand the reach of that station across the fast-growing eastern corner of the state.

The station is WNGC-FM, and it was owned by Clarke Broadcasting. Along with the station, Cox Radio is also getting a federal license to move WNGC's tower or build a new one.

Cox Radio plans to use that license to build a tower closer to Atlanta, near the border of Gwinnett.

The new location will enable Cox Radio to extend the reach of WNGC to some 2.5 million households in central and eastern Georgia,

including the northeastern corner of metro Atlanta.

"The tower move enables this frequency [95.5] to continue to serve Athens but also additional communities in central and eastern Georgia," said Robert F. Neil, Cox Radio's president and chief executive.

Cox Radio said it expects the purchase of WNGC to close in the second half of the year, pending regulatory approval.

Cox Radio is the fifth-largest radio holding company in the nation. It owns or operates 58 stations in 12 markets nationwide.

The company's holdings include WSB radio in Atlanta. The company is controlled by Atlanta-based Cox Enterprises, which also owns The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

One More Hammelburger-by Bob Thompson

On April 13, 1999 my son, Robert, and I left Houston for a trip back to France and Germany to visit some of the places I was during the war. We had intended to include a trip to Italy, but the time allotted did not allow us to go to Italy, so we confined our trip to France and Germany. He had read a lot about the Hammelburg Raid, so we included Oflag 13B to our trip. This qualifies him to be called a "Hammelburger".

Irving Yarock contacted a Lt. Gen friend of his in Washington who made arrangements for us to go into the camp at Hammelburg. We had an appointment with the Executive Officer of the Lager, Lt. Col. Wacker of the German Army at 10:00 AM on Thurs. morning April 15, 1999. We had reservations at the Schloss Saaleck, a 1000 yr old castle turned into a hotel that was about a mile north of the Lager. The airplane was 5 hours late leaving Houston and we were about 2 hours late leaving the airport at Paris, so we arrived at Hammelburg at 2:00 AM on Thursday. The Hotel was closed and we couldn't wake anybody and we also couldn't wake anybody in the town of Hammelburg, so we went out to the Lager to see what we could do. They let us into the Bachelor Officers Quarters and we spent the rest of the night there. We did make our appointment on time with the Officer from the Lager. The German XO, Lt. Col Wacker, was our host on a tour of the camp and surrounding countryside. He spoke perfect English and was a very gracious and friendly host.

We went to the HQ building and were taken to the Commandant's Office where we met some more of the German Officers that were stationed at the camp. When they discovered that I had been at the camp during the raid, naturally, they were full of questions. During the conversations at the HQ they informed us that the Raid of Task Force Baum, was one of the subjects that the students at the school studied as part of their training. One of the German officers said " we would like to have you talk to our students if you were here during the time they were studying the raid". We took our last hardback black copy of " All those Brave Young Men" and gave it to the German Lt. Col. to use in their library and in teaching the students about the raid. They seemed to be pleased with the book.

In walking through the camp the Lt Col wasn't sure where the Serbs were and where the tank broke through the fence to gain entrance to the camp. We went out to where the first ambush occurred with the recon force and then to the place where the last battle took place and the task force was wiped out. We went to a cemetery where the Lt Col said Joe Stalin's sons grave was. He said it was unmarked and it was not possible to identify Joe Stalin's son's grave. We went up on the hill where Capt. Baum first stopped and started firing into the camp. There were so many new houses built

that it was impossible to see anything that was familiar. We went back to the camp at lunch time and had lunch with two American officers from the 1st Division Hq at Schweinfurt at the lager Officer's Mess.

We left the camp about 2:00 PM after saying goodbye to everybody and thanking them for their hospitality.

We then went to France and to the town of Remiremont where I was captured. The 36th Division was looking for a place to cross the Moselle River and penetrate deeper into the Vosge Mountains. We made contact with a Frenchman that was a young boy of 11 when the 36th Division attacked his town. He remembered the Germans bringing in a lot of American prisoners of which our Artillery FO party was a part. He contacted the local newspaper and we were interviewed and our picture taken. Our French friend sent us a copy of the paper that had the interview and picture in it. We then left Remiremont after saying goodbye and thanking them for their hospitality and went to Normandy. We went to Caen, then the Omaha beachhead and then to Pont du hoc, where the Rangers fired grappling hooks up a cliff and climbed up and took out the German gun positions. While at Pont du hoc we took a picture of a man we do not know and he didn't know we were taking his picture. The picture is included as it indicates the respect he has for the men in the Ranger Bn.

Irv's General friend had set it up for us to be at the main gate of the lager and somebody would meet us there as our guide for the few hours we were there. As a coincidence. Marvin Chevalier and his grandson showed up at the gate about a week or so before we showed up and the Germans thought they were us! Marvin called me when he returned home and told me of the coincidence. Marvin convinced them that he was who he said he was and things went smoothly from there.



INFORMATION REQUEST
IF ANYBODY HAS INFORMATION ON THIS LADY'S
FATHER WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT HER

May 10, 1999

Clarence R. Meltesen
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Robert Thompson
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Dear Mr. Meltesen and Mr. Thompson,

I am writing to obtain information about the experiences of my father, Captain William Carl Whorley , 0395426, in Oflag 64. My dad really never talked much about it and unfortunately he was killed in a helicopter crash in Nigeria in 1968. I have recently taken possession of all of his WW II belongings and want to learn about them. I only know he was captured in June 1944 and escaped in January 1945 from military records I obtained and my mothers memories. I was born in 1941 and my dad went overseas in 1943. I have written to Alan Dunbar for help and he has referred me to the two of you.

Mr. Thompson I understand you are editor of a newspaper about Oflag 64. Can I obtain copies of this or find it in a library?

Mr Meltesen, what are the books you have written about POW's from Oflag 64? Where can I obtain them?

Do either of you have names of surviving POW's from this time in Oflag 64 who might still be living and might possibly have known my father? Are there other publications or persons who might be able to help me in this search. I suppose there are many of us WWII babies who, after the movie "Saving Private Ryan", now want to learn more about our parents roles in this war --only we have waited too late to find out in person from our fathers.

I appreciate any help you can give me in this search.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Bob Thompson
Editor
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Dear Bob:

I would like to bring you little history about the Yugoslavia situation.

I was a POW at Oflag 64. I made the big march and ended up at Luckenwalde (a place I was first taken after our capture.) I came down with pneumonia, and was treated by a Yugoslav Doctor by the name of Gabriel Petrovich. He was the chief doctor to King Peter. Dr. Petrovich kept me in the hospital several weeks beyond the time that one French Doctor wanted me discharged. I helped Dr. Pet. with his English and he in turn took me to his Cubicle for some great bread, and other goodies.

After the war he visited the late John T. Jones, who was a kriegie at Oflag 64. We were interviewed by the Houston Chronicle, had pictures taken, etc.

Dr. Petrovich was a guest in my home, and we had a welcome party for him.

My family were astounded when Dr. Petrovich left our home, because there were several items taken, such as nylon hose, towels, and a few other things. When he came to Houston I totally equipped him from head to toe with a suit, hat, overcoat, shirts, ties, etc.

We overlooked the small things taken, and I corresponded with him for several years, sending him packages of food and clothing. My son was a student at the University of Geneva, and the Doctor wanted him to come to Belgrade to be his guest, but my son didn't have the time.

I know that he has a son who is a doctor, living in Chicago, but I do not know how to reach him. My guess is that the Good Doctor is deceased.

There's much more to the story. I represented our interned POW's at this camp, when a US Sergeant died in the hospital, and he was wrapped in brown paper and thrown in a hole. I witnessed this first hand, and reported this event to the higher authorities.

So life goes on.

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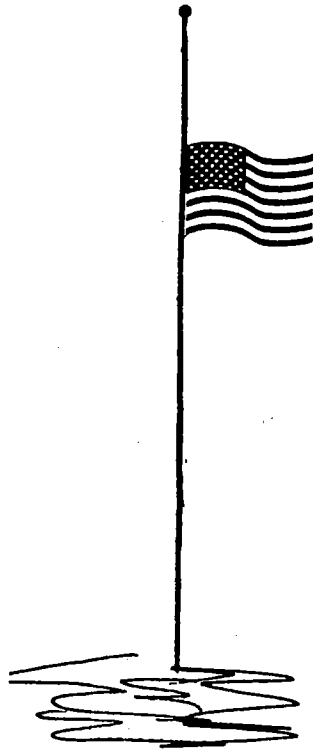
Cordially yours, Captain Ted Roggen, 36...
Infantry Division. POW FOR 21 months.

Ted Roggen

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Jim Shoaf called in some sad news:

John O'Connor of Palm Coast, FL died on April 22, 1944. John's wife Agnes lives in FL and can be reached at: 24 Coolidge Court, Palm Coast, FL. 32137. John was a 1st Lt in the 1st Armored Division and was captured on August 7, 1944 at Mortaine France.



Evelyn Oshlo writes that her husband Bob was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Evelyn has moved, her new address is: Evelyn Oshlo

745 Ripplebrook Drive
Culpeper, VA 22701

Rest in Peace Good Friend

Roger Cannon, 78, of Waco died Thursday, March 18, 1999, at a local hospital. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel with the Rev. David Story and Bob Scott officiating. Burial will be at Waco Memorial Park.

Mr. Cannon was born on Feb. 15, 1921, in Moody, Texas. He graduated from Waco High School, Class of 1939. He married Ruby Adams on June 28, 1946. He joined the 143rd. Infantry in August of 1936. It was Federalized on Nov. 25, 1940. He was discharged in 1945. He saw active duty in Africa and landed in Salerno in September of 1943. He was captured by the Germans and spent 21 months in Poland. He was liberated on April 29, 1945. He helped reorganize the 3rd Battalion HQ Co. 143rd Infantry in 1947. He served as its Company Commander, retiring in 1968 as a Major. He was an employee of the *Waco Tribune-Herald* for 36 years, retiring on Sept. 1, 1980. He was a member and past president of the 36th Infantry Division, 143rd Infantry Association and Paul Tyson Football Association. He was a member and secretary of Elks Lodge No. 166, where he served as representative to the V.A. Hospital for the lodge. He was a lifetime member of the DAV and a member of Amvets organization. He served on the VAVS committee at the V.A. Hospital for many years. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom Cannon and Treasure Ammerman.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Cannon of Waco; two daughters, Carolyn Reat and husband Ronnie of Moody and Patsy Swatek and husband Russ of Arlington; two sisters, Valerie Staley and Dgil Smith, both of Waco; a sister-in-law, Elaine Cannon of Humble; four grandchildren, Tricia Rush and husband Ben, Ronnie Reat Jr. and wife Karen, Jacob Swatek and Elizabeth Swatek; and three great-grandchildren, Maigan and Cole Reat and Kinsey Rush.

Pallbearers will be Donald Cooper, Bill Swenson, Lyndol Rabbe, Bert Meador, Payne (Cuz) Rucker and Frank Tusa. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the 143rd Infantry and 36th Division.

Memorials may be made to Charity of Choice.

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Comments from Roy Chappelle and Bill Warthen about Davey Johnson
 Davey's father was Freddie Johnson, who was at Oflag 64 and who was a cubicle mate
 of Don Wafal. Don Wafal has been very active in baseball affairs in Syracuse NY for
 about 30 years. Don has also been involved with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Leaders & Success

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Baseball Manager Davey Johnson

His Positive Attitude Helps Keep His Teams Winning

By Michael Mink
Investor's Business Daily

Davey Johnson wanted a win. And he knew how to get one. It was 1985, his second season as the New York Mets manager. The Mets were playing the Philadelphia Phillies. The score was 0-0. Johnson signaled third-base coach Bobby Valentine that he wanted a hit-and-run play.

But when the pitcher threw to the plate, the Mets batter took the pitch, and the base runner didn't run. Why? Because the players had never even looked at Valentine for a signal.

"The players were assuming that nothing would be on because of what I've done in this situation in the past," Johnson wrote in his book, "Bais." "I tell them over and over, never take anything for granted. It's a losing attitude."

Johnson, 56, teaches this same lesson to his 1999 Los Angeles Dodgers. Taking anything for granted leaves a person unprepared, Johnson says.

Studying On The Field

Johnson began preparing to be a major-league manager when he was an all-star second baseman for the Baltimore Orioles. He studied opposing managers intently to get a feel for how the other team would play. When he saw his manager, Earl Weaver, calling for certain plays, he'd try to find out why.

"I learned from asking why," Johnson wrote. "I learned about the game. I was able to study how managers treated people and made decisions."

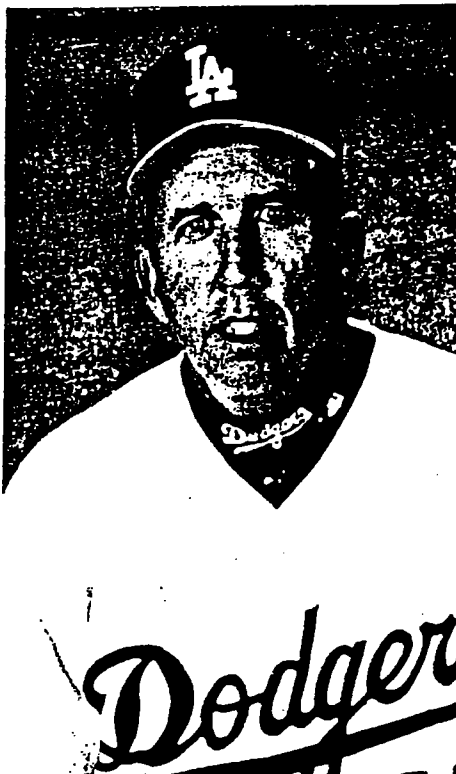
For Johnson's past 10 full seasons and two partial seasons as a major-league manager — for the Mets, Cincinnati Reds and Baltimore Orioles — his .575 winning percentage ranks first among all active managers.

The Mets averaged only 67 wins in the two seasons before his arrival. After Johnson took over, the Mets averaged 96 wins in his six full seasons and won the 1986 World Series. During his 10 full seasons, Johnson has won six division titles while never finishing lower than second.

When Johnson takes over a baseball team, his rules go into effect. The first and most important rule he instills in his players is this: "Do not embarrass me or the ball club, either on or off the field." To Johnson, being a professional means acting like one at all times.

Johnson wants his players always to be alert. For example, he doesn't want reserves sitting in the clubhouse during a game playing cards.

"Even if you're not playing," he said, "you can learn something while you're on the bench. If 25 guys are doing the job and all 25 are contributing, it makes your job so much easier. You can't rely on 12 or 15 players; all 25 players have



batting style he was comfortable with. Soon, Johnson tied Rogers Hornsby's major-league record for home runs in a season by a second baseman with 42.

Now, when Johnson approaches a player, he stays upbeat and focuses on the player's strengths.

"When you teach, you really have to be on the positive side and talk about the good things a person is doing," he said. "A manager has to be patient with his players."

"He is very positive," Malone said. "He only talks about winning. He keeps himself focused. Everything about him reeks confidence — his body language, the way he handles himself. You feel confident because he is so confident. I think he instills that in his players."

When Johnson looks at any situation,

Johnson At A Glance

Born: 1943 in Orlando, Fla.

Education: B.A. in mathematics from Trinity University in San Antonio in 1964.

Achievements: Has spent 10 full seasons and two partial seasons as a major-league manager, with the New York Mets, 1984-86; with the Cincinnati Reds, 1983-85; with the Baltimore Orioles, 1986-87. Now manages the Los Angeles Dodgers. His .575 winning percentage ranks first among all active managers. In 1986, led the Mets to win the World Series. Has helped teams win six division titles.

he asks himself one question: "What if?" That helps him come up with solutions before a problem comes up.

"You always have to have a Plan B in anything you do," Johnson said. "You have to have that plan in life; you have to have it in your business. You're always thinking positive, but you have to look at the plan, so when something happens you are prepared."

Beyond Statistics

Although Johnson has a background in mathematics, he isn't a slave to stats when it comes to managing a game.

"People are not machines; you don't plug them in and out," he said. "Sometimes he goes with his gut instinct even if overall statistics say to go the opposite way."

Johnson believes that if a player is in a good groove, he'll be more confident. That, in turn, will breed more success.

"Ninety percent of the game is mental," he said.

For anyone to be an effective leader, Johnson said, "You have to know yourself. Be honest with yourself about your strengths and weaknesses. Be positive, do the things that you like to do if at all possible, and work hard to be as best as you can be at it."

"Know what you want and don't want," Johnson said. "I think it is very difficult to be something that you don't want to be. I think a lot of us do that. I admire the person who enjoys what he is doing and has a passion for it."

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— Davey Johnson

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Johnson makes sure he is always honest with his players. "It is very important to be honest," he said. "It is not only what you say but your actions in backing up what you say."

"I try to be fair. You do communicate with the players on an individual basis; you have to. In this day and time, you have to know what makes them tick or what's going on with them," he said.

Johnson also lets his players know that if they're loyal to him, he'll return that loyalty. That's a crucial ingredient in running a strong team, said Kevin Malone, the Dodgers executive vice president.

"Players have to be able to trust you,"

Malone said. "When you have that trust, you can have expectations and meet goals."

When he's trying to help a ballplayer develop a new technique, Johnson keeps his methods simple.

He might show a player what he's looking for. But he isn't heavy-handed with the advice. If a player's fundamental mechanics are wrong, Johnson will suggest changes. "Too much advice can border on being negative," he said.

Johnson learned this lesson firsthand. As a player, Johnson showed good home run power in the minor leagues. Then hitting coaches advised him to change his batting style, and through his first five years in the major leagues Johnson averaged just nine home runs per year.

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