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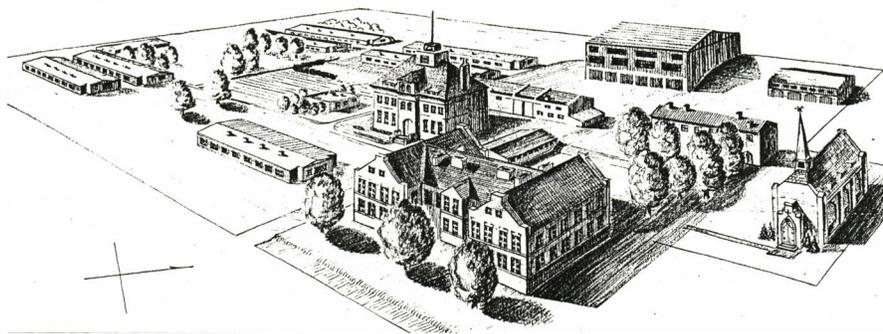
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We apologize to any others we may have overlooked and thank all who have contacted us.

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Drawing by Jim Bickers, shown without barbed wire fences or guard towers

## Looking Towards the Future

Some of you may be wondering what's happening regarding the future Oflag 64 museum which we've been talking about for so long. The project has not been forgotten. It's still very much in the works but many of the steps needed to get to where we wanted to be by now have been delayed, primarily due to COVID. However, with restrictions being lifted worldwide, we're looking forward to a faster pace.

While we're waiting for a new permanent building to be built though, interim plans are under way. See page 10 of this ITEM to learn more. Additional information provided by the Polish-American Foundation will be included in the next ITEM to be published the end of June, first week of July.

Artifacts continue to be collected and shipped to Szubin. They're being stored in a safe, climate-controlled environment until ready for exhibition. Legal paperwork for them has been submitted along with accompanying donation forms. We are still looking for artifacts, so as you discover your Kriegy's Oflag 64 artifacts, please consider donating them to the museum.

We're excited about the overall project and appreciate the countless hours Mariusz Winiacki and the Foundation have spent coordinating and moving things along.

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# A Little Company Business

## Many Thanks

*We wish to express our continued gratitude to Minuteman Press for their ongoing excellent service in printing our ITEM each quarter. The quality of their printing and the timeliness in which the ITEM is printed is very much appreciated. Thank you Mike Vorse, Nate Howe, and Samantha Lemire!!!*



## Financial Contributions

There is now more than one way to contribute to Oflag 64 related funds.



For contributions to the Postage Fund ONLY (which not only covers the cost of printing and mailing the ITEM to our remaining Kriegies or their widows, but also pays for running the Oflag 64 website), please make your checks payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, and send them to:

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You can also access the donation page on the Polish-American Foundation website at:  
<http://www.szubinpowcamps.org/en/foundation/support-us>

These funds are separate from the Postage Fund and will be used to help support the future Museum in many ways.

THANKS to all who donate to our various Oflag 64 funds.

## Website Updates and Additions



*If you haven't had an opportunity to visit our Oflag 64 Remembered website for a while, at [www.oflag64.us](http://www.oflag64.us), please visit it again and take a look at What's New!*

*We have recently added 24 book titles of books written by or about our Kriegies. Also included are book titles that contain information about battles they fought. Does your Kriegy have any books to add to our list or to donate to the museum library?*

*Occasionally we receive new photos of our Kriegies while they were in the camp. We have just added 3 new ones to our Wartime Kriegy Gallery and 2 new ones to our Kriegy Pastimes Gallery. Thank you Otterbein and Burgess families. If you have the same*

*photos and can identify the men, please drop us a line. (See the Kriegy News and Information section for photos.)*

*Also added to the site are approximately 23 new links to our links page. These links include Kriegy journals as well as interviews or stories about our Kriegies. We hope you'll take some time and look through them. If your Kriegy kept a journal or has a story that has been published online, please let us know. We would love to add the links. As the Kriegy Research Group receives such information or documents, they will be made available on our website.*

*We frequently receive notice that a Kriegy has passed away. The online TAPS list is updated each time we receive those notices. Please check to make sure your Kriegy's name is there and that the information is correct.*

*If your Kriegy kept a journal that you're not yet ready to donate, we would appreciate having scans of the pages for future museum displays. These will help put pieces of the whole Kriegy puzzle together.*

*Lastly, MANY THANKS to **Ric Kolseth**, our POW Database manager, for uploading the changes we frequently send to him. Please check the website POW Database page to make sure your Kriegy's information is correct and as complete as possible.*

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# MAIL CALL



*It's always a great pleasure hearing from our Kriegies, Kriegy families and friends during each quarter. Some were contacted by us initially, some were new to our Oflag 64 Family, some had information to share, some thanked us for our website and for providing a source of information for them, some had questions, and some just wanted to say hello and wish us well. [Thanks so much to the following for keeping us in "your" loop and for sending information. We love reading about how and what you are doing. Please stay safe and well!](#)*

- **Bill Bell**, son of the late Kriegy Frank W. Bell – wrote to ask if anyone has information about his dad's captivity after he was marched out of Oflag 64; he's not on Hammelburg or Luckenwalde rosters. (See photo in the Kriegy News and Information section)
- **Richard Brooks**, grandson of the late Kriegy John Terrence Maguire – wrote with information about his grandfather's life and POW experiences and asked to be added to our email list
- **Vicki Frodsham Brown**, daughter of the late Kriegy William Frodsham, Jr. – wrote that she has her dad's memoirs and some files of people he remembered; she referenced the book written about him "The Road to War: Duty & Drill, Courage & Capture" and about a contact she's had with David Little (on our research team) who would like to write her dad's bio
- **Cindy Burgess**, daughter of Kriegy Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe – sent a photo from the "Boy Meets Girl" production to add to our Kriegy Pastimes Gallery (marked NEW on page 2), also in this ITEM on p.9
- **Kay Godfrey Cruise**, daughter of the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey – at our request has sent some of her dad's artifacts which will be or have been shipped to Szubin for the new museum; she also shared some of her dad's letters and has joined our Kriegy Research Group
- **John Dimling**, son of the late Kriegy John N. Dimling, Jr. – contacted us about the ITEM; also recently met with Brant Godfrey, son of another Oflag 64 Kriegy who lives in the same town
- **Lynn Alexis Doyle**, daughter of the late Kriegy Jerry Alexis – responded to our email regarding her father's bio which she'll be sending shortly; she also would like to donate her dad's POW notebook to the museum
- **David Durgin**, son of the late Kriegy George L. Durgin – thanked us for the work we do for Oflag 64; he worked on his father's bio with Ann Rogers, one of our bio writers, and submitted it recently
- **Steven Fisher**, son of the late Kriegy Leo Fisher – has been looking for an article written by his dad from the Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia on December 14, 1944. We have articles written by his dad, but weren't successful in finding the article he was looking for
- **Bill Geroux**, an author researching LTC William H. Schaefer and other Kriegies – recently contacted us for whatever information we have; he also sent information on some of our Kriegies for whom we previously had little or no information
- **David Glendinning**, son of the late Kriegy John A. Glendinning – complimented us on the ITEM and provided additional information about the watch pictured in the last ITEM
- **Brant Godfrey**, son of the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey – at our request shared some of his dad's letters; he also made contact with another Kriegy Kid, John Dimling, who lives in the same town; Brant's wife knows the Dimling family well
- **Sharon Hutchison**, daughter of the late Kriegy Isaac "Ike" Franklin – wrote to tell us of the passing of her dear husband after a long illness. Our sincere sympathies are sent to her and the family
- **Hope Langan**, daughter of the late Kriegy Vincent Grimes – in response to our request has contacted Margaret Spence McClone and is assisting Margaret in finding some helpful information from Hope's dad's war log

- **David Little**, grandson of the late Kriegy Thomas H. Wingate – recently finished his grandfather’s bio and sent it to the Kriegy Research Committee for future museum use; he also sent a copy of the “Train to Luckenwalde” map (see the Kriegy News and Information section), and some information about Escape Aids for American POWs and related information at <https://bit.ly/3IHell9> and at <https://bit.ly/3iBWQkM>
- **Bob MacArevey**, son of the late Kriegy James MacArevey – wrote asking for permission to use our website as a resource for a book he’s writing about his Dad’s war experiences; he and Margaret Spence McClone are collaborating on their dads’ escape; he also thanked us for maintaining the site
- **Ben Proler**, unknown relationship to the late Kriegy Ted Roggen – wrote to tell us of Ted’s passing at age 104 on Thursday, March 4. (See the TAPS section for his obituary)
- **Fred Scordo**, son-in-law of the late Kriegy Edward T. Berlinski – responded to our request for information about Eddie and sent a great article entitled Field of Honor highlighting his father-in-law
- **Margaret Spence McClone**, daughter of the late Kriegy Leonard W. Spence – wrote to ask about obtaining her father’s war records; she is compiling records for her family and would like to know more about his war years and escape from the long march with Richard Secor and James MacArevey; she will soon receive a scanned copy of Vincent Grimes’ war log from his daughter, Hope Langan, which may have more information
- **Kathy Zelazny Thomas**, daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph J. Zelazny, Jr. – has been working on creating an Oflag 64 Virtual Cemetery on Find-A-Grave, separate from the one already there which focuses mainly on our Kriegies who made it to Hammelburg (more information about the new virtual cemetery coming soon)
- **Paul Thriffiley III**, son of the late Kriegy Paul Thriffiley, Jr. – in response to requests from the Kriegy Research Group, sent numerous pieces of information to aid the research team in filling in gaps of information
- **Robert Vicek**, son of the late Kriegy John W. Vicek – sent a copy of the Prisoners of War Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 3, published in March 1945 which contained “The Saga of John Kriegy” which was reproduced from the Oflag 64 Item of January 1, 1945
- **Peter Waful**, son of the late Kriegy Donald Waful – responded to our phone request for a bio and possible artifacts of his dad’s; he will be looking through WWII items very soon and get back to us
- **William H. White**, nephew, by marriage, of the late Kriegy Hugh G. Muldrow – wrote to let us know that his uncle passed away in 2008. (See the TAPS section for his obituary)
- **Marvin Williams**, son of Marvin Williams, a WWII soldier – continues to find and share information about many of our Kriegies and has shared websites that mention our Kriegies; he also asked for a copy of the John K. Waters Oral History book which was sent
- **Bob Winton**, son of the late Kriegy Clifford A. Winton – wrote with information about his father, specifically about his D-Day jump, his capture and escape to Russia
- **Victoria Winton**, daughter-in-law of the late Kriegy Clifford A. Winton – wrote to let us know of the passing of Clifford in 1975 in Wilmington DE, no obituary is available at this time

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*Please check the **Library of Congress** website at <https://bit.ly/356b4Hq> to see if your Kriegy participated in the Veterans History Project. If he did, we would like permission to use his video interview and/or transcripts as we help prepare for displays in the future museum. The above link takes you to my father’s file (Reid Ellsworth). Just enter your Kriegy’s name in his place and push enter. See the last page of this ITEM for the Consent to Use Materials form. Please use the same form if your Kriegy participated in another similar project.*

# Kriegy News and Information



and best wishes to our great **KRIEGY PATRIOTS AND HEROES**



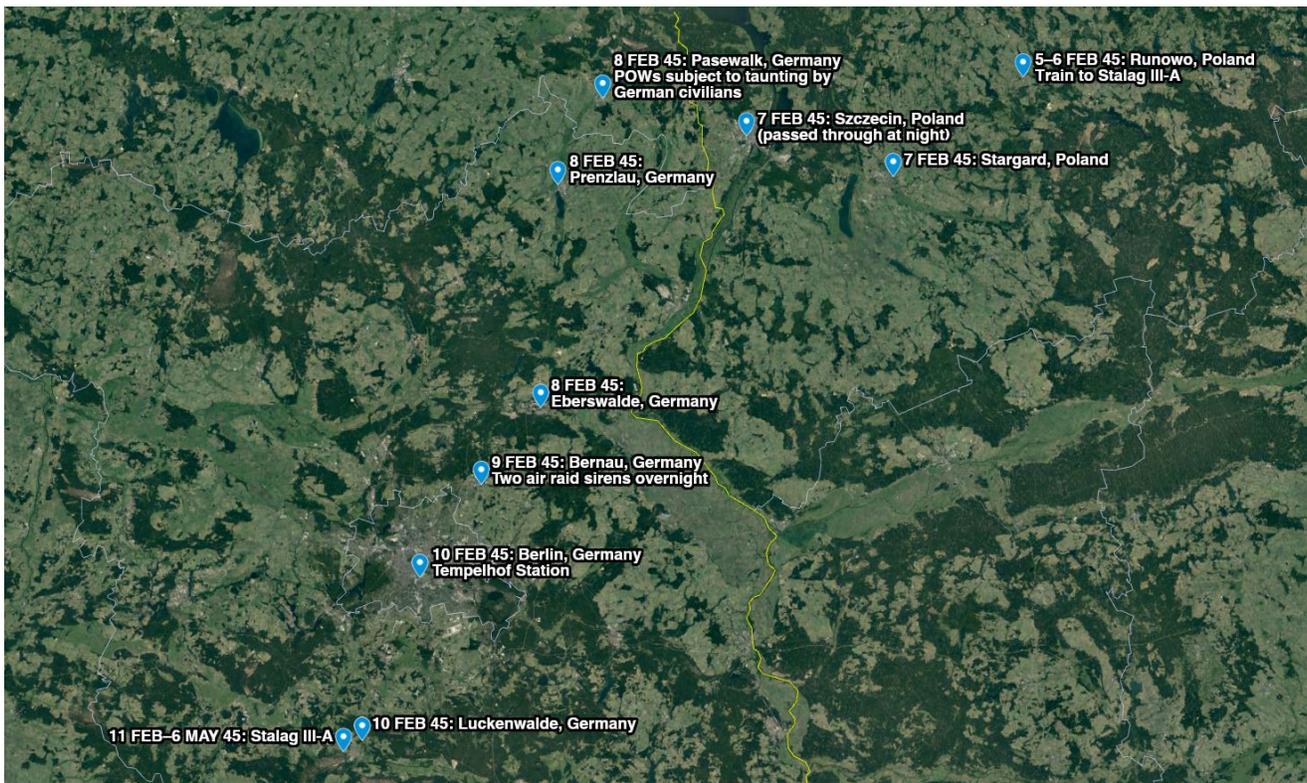
Robert Levin  
April 30 – Age 102



Wilbur Sharpe  
June 24 – Age 100

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Thanks to David Little, grandson of the late Kriegy Thomas H. Wingate, for providing this “Train to Luckenwalde” map. If your Kriegy ended up at Luckenwalde, you may find it helpful in retracing your Kriegy’s path.





This photo of the late Kriegy Frank W. Bell was sent by his son, Bill Bell. Bill wrote: "My dad was Frank W. Bell. He was a 2nd Lt. in Company A of the 398th Infantry Division. He was captured in Wingen Sur Moder, France, on 3 December 1944. He spent his initial captivity at Stalag XII-A and was then sent to Oflag 64 arriving there on or about 31 December 1944. His name is listed in the database of Oflag 64 prisoners.

I've attached a letter he sent to my grandmother on 7 January 1945. I've included the address side of the letter showing he sent it from Oflag 64. I haven't been able to find out much about my Dad's captivity after he was marched out of Oflag 64. I believe he was among those who were marched to Hammelburg, but I'm not completely sure of that. He rarely talked about that portion of his life. My Dad passed away on May 7, 2005.

Absender:

Vor- und Zuname: 2ND LT FRANK W BELL

Gefangenenummer: 080878

Lager-Bezeichnung: OFLAG 64  
M-Stamm-lager XXI (1)

Deutschland (Allemagne)

Landteil (Provinz usw.): USA

Kreis: VIRGINIA

Strasse: BIRDS NEST

Empfangsort:

An: Mrs. MATTIE W. BELL

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1945-1-7

Mit Luftpost  
NACH NORD AMERIKA  
"Par avion"

Gebührenfrei  
U.S. CENSOR

7-Jan 1945

DEAR MOTHER, DON'T SEND ~~ANYTHING~~, SEND  
 DEHYDRATED FRUITS, VEGETABLES, SOUP MIX, AND EGGS;  
 CREAM OF WHEAT, RICE, VITAMIN PILLS, BISQUICK,  
 CINAMON, TOASTED NUTS, AND BAKERS CHOCOLATE,  
 TRIPLE WRAP WITH CELLOPHANE. ALSO SEND YOU  
 BAGCO PACKAGE - PRICE ALBERT. FIND OUT FROM  
 RED CROSS ALL DETAILS. 11 POUNDS OF FOOD  
 AUTHORIZED EVERY 2 MONTHS. SEND NO CLOTH-  
 ING. KEEP TAB ON ALL ALLOTMENT MONEY  
 THAT COMES IN. SHOULD BE \$75 BOND AND \$75  
 IN CASH. AM I A 2ND OR 1ST LT? AM READING  
 PLENTY. ALSO ATTENDING AN AG. CLASS TAUGHT  
 BY A FELLOW PRISONER. SEND HELEN \$25  
 ABOUT 15 APRIL FOR HER BIRTHDAY. WILL TRY  
 TO WRITE SISTER A CARD ONCE IN A WHILE  
 SEND SOME SNAPSHOTS IF YOU HAVE ANY. DID  
 MY \$20 RADIOGRAM COME THROUGH? SEND A BOOK  
 PARCEL IF YOU WISH. Toss IN A COUPLE OF DECKS  
 OF CARDS. HAVE MEY QUITE A FEW VA. BOYS HERE  
 IT ISN'T TOO COOLD - ABOUT FREEZING. THERES  
 ANITTE SNOW OUTSIDE. RECEIVED 1 PACKAGE  
 FROM SISTER AND 3 FROM HELEN BEFORE  
 I WAS CAPTURED. ABOUT ALL FOR NOW. YOU  
 ARE NOT LIMITED AS TO LETTERS TO ME. LOVE, FRANK

These NEW “artifact” photos were donated by John Otterbein, son of the late Kriegy Louis Otterbein, for use in the future museum. They have also been added to our website. If you can identify any of the men in these photos, please contact us.



Kneeling right in this photo below is John Creech. Others?



Also NEW - Larry Phelan has been identified in this newspaper clipping and possibly Lou Otterbein and George Durgin. Please confirm and let us know if you can identify any others. If you have an original of this photo, we'd love to have a copy. A digital copy works perfectly if it can't otherwise be donated.



Lou Otterbein is identified sitting center in the photo below.  
Any ideas on what the production was and who the others are?



This NEW top photo was sent by Cindy Burgess, daughter of Kriegy Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe. The Little Theater production was called "Boy Meets Girl" and was performed in 1944. Please identify the Kriegies you recognize. Lou Otterbein is seated in the center. The playbill might help.



**BOY MEETS GIRL**  
a 3 act comedy  
by  
Bella and Samuel Spewack

**ACT I**  
Office of C. Elliot Friday  
Royal Studios — Hollywood

**ACT II**  
Same

**ACT III**  
Scene 1 Hospital corridor  
Scene 2 Mr. Friday's office

Curtain at 8

A Theatre Group Production

Robert Law	John Hannan
Larry Toms	Richard Van Syckle
J. Carlyle Benson	Lawrence Phelan
Rossetti	Carlos Burrows
CE. Friday	Richard Rossbach
Norman Bel Jones	Lou Otterbein
Peggy	William Crain
Miss Crews	Edwin Haggard
Rodney Bevan	Jack Carpenter
Green	Ken Goddard
Slade	William Swanson
Susie	John Cramer
Nurse	Lawrence Brant
Doctor	Stanley Stetson
Chauffeur	Vito Fiorentino
Young Man	Leonard Vaden
Studio Officer	Victor Danylik
Cutter	Clyde Herring
Major Thompson	Maurice Topping
Radio Voice	Russell Ford

Thank you Susanna Connaughton, from the Polish-American Foundation, for sending this information.



## Upcoming exhibition in Szubin!

### **1943:** The POWs'

"Tin Store," where the prisoners stored the tin cans they pooled from their weekly Red Cross parcels. Each man donated some of his canned meat, margarine, or powdered milk, in anticipation of the day when the life-saving parcels would stop coming.



**2022:** The Foundation begins renovations to bring you our first exhibition, "The Tin Store: A Glimpse at the Past & Into the Future."

**More details coming soon.**

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# Kriegy Bios, Artifacts, Artifact Descriptions

We're happy to include the following family-written bio in this issue of the ITEM. It was written and submitted by David Glendinning, son of the late Kriegy John Glendinning. Photos are from family files and Google Images.

## John Andrew Glendinning, POW 1500

John Andrew Glendinning (known variously as Jack or Glen) was born 10 January 1922 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was a twin to sister Elizabeth, younger brother to Richard, Jr., and son to Richard E. and Alice M. Glendinning (nee Summers). John's father was a brick mason by training and operated a building company in Elizabeth; his Mother was a housewife.



*John pictured left, as a cadet at Howe Military Academy*

At age 9, John entered Howe Military School, Howe, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1940, having been Captain of the basketball team, a varsity football player, and where he excelled at track and gymnastics and was a senior cadet leader. Following graduation from Howe, John attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida but left following his sophomore year to join the Army after the nations' declaration of war in December 1941. Based on his Howe ROTC training, John was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant and trained as an Armor Officer. On 18 August 1942, he shipped out for England with the 805<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion (TDB) and spent the next three months training with what he described as his "WWI-era" weaponry.

On 1 January 1943, Lt. Glendinning and the 805<sup>th</sup> TDB departed Glasgow, Scotland in a convoy aboard the Dutch merchant vessel Alcinous for Algiers where they were to await combat orders. As their convoy traversed the Mediterranean, closing to the Algerian coast, they were attacked by German submarines and the Luftwaffe, sinking one of the ships and leaving others damaged and with casualties. The Alcinous was untouched but for John and most, it was their first taste of the war.



*John, brand new 2LT*

On landing in Algiers on 17 January, the 805<sup>th</sup> was attached to Allied Force HQ pending assignment, which came as orders to the front and they departed for Tunisia on 8 February 1943, attached to the 2d Corps Reserve. Lt. Glendinning was designated C.O. of 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Co. A, 805<sup>th</sup> TDB. On 14 February, the German's Afrika Korps launched an intense offensive against the Allied line and Lt. Glendinning and the 805<sup>th</sup> were ordered to move out against the 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer Divisions in support of the United States' 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3d Battalion, which had become trapped in the fighting. John and Co. A were then redeployed to support the attack on Sidi Bou Zid, attempting to protect the US left flank. John's call sign was Charlie One Baker and over the following days, he and his four-halftrack unit, as well



*805th TDB patch*

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as the whole of the 805<sup>th</sup>, were engaged in heavy fighting, taking severe losses against the superior firepower of the German tanks and Luftwaffe air bombardment. On 17 February, as the Allied forces were ordered to retreat, Lt. Glendinning and the members of his platoon were among the last line to hold back the fast-advancing Afrika Korps at Kasserine Pass and with his mobile gunships having been immobilized or destroyed, he and his remaining men were hiding in scrub bushes about 2 miles northeast of Sbeitla when they were discovered and captured by German Infantry.

Following is a section of the official 805<sup>th</sup> TDB report of operations for the period.

**APPENDIX "D"**

**RESUME OF ACTIVITIES COMPANY "A" 805TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION AT SBEITLA**

**ACTIVITIES:**

Company "A", 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion, with one Reconnaissance Platoon was detached from the battalion on 14 February 1943 and sent to SBEITLA. It took up successive positions east of the town as part of a force under command of a Colonel Kerns. Two platoons were detached from the company and occupied independent positions south and east of SBEITLA under other commanders. On 16 February 1943 company withdrew to west under enemy pressure along with remaining American forces in front of and behind it. On 17 February 1943 it reverted back to the battalion at KASSERINE.

**Casualties:**

**February 17, 1943 - SBEITLA**

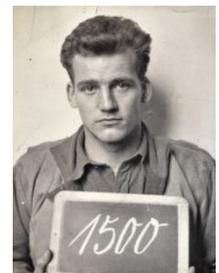
**Personnel**

**2 Officers & 8 Enlisted Men - Captured  
37 Enlisted Men - MIA**

**Vehicles**

**4 - T.D.'s  
2 - P.G.  
3 - AA  
5 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  T  
2 - Mch.**

The thousands of US military prisoners of war taken in the Battle of Kasserine Pass, including Lt. Glendinning, were sent first to Naples, Italy for processing. There, a Vatican representative took names and sent official notification to servicemembers' families. John's mother Alice received notification from the Vatican that her son was in German custody at the same time the Army was listing him as Missing in Action, such was the intelligence capability and organization on the ground for those remaining after the German assault. On 5 March, Lt. Glendinning was moved from the internment base at Capua, Italy into Germany, arriving at Stalag 7A, Moosburg and then, on 13 March at Oflag IX A/Z, Rotenburg where he remained until 7 May when he was moved, with some 300 other ground officers from the North African campaign, finally to Oflag 21B, later designated as Oflag 64, in Szubin, occupied Poland.



*John's POW ID photo*

During the ensuing 19-plus months at Oflag 64, John formed lifelong friendships with fellow "Kriegies" and was active in arranged and pickup sports but found a calling in "The Little Theater," a home-grown enterprise involving scores of his fellow captives who



*John, at left, in Oflag 64 Little Theater production, "Seventh Man" - 1944*

wrote, directed, staged, and performed in concerts, plays, extravaganzas, and similar entertaining distractions on a self-built stage with instruments provided by the Swedish YMCA and costumes pulled together from discarded fabric.

On 21 January 1945, in the face of advancing Soviet forces, the Germans moved the men of Oflag 64 out and toward Germany, Lt. Glendinning among them. They carried what they could in packs and rolled blankets through the deepening Polish winter,

trudging through the incessant snows and sleeping with animals in barns along the way or in huddled groups to maintain warmth. On occasion, friendly Poles risked their lives to slip the prisoners a scrap of bread. On 23 January, many of their guards fled, though were quickly replaced by an SS detachment. By the 26<sup>th</sup>, nearly frozen and without even their meager POW rations for sustenance, the sick among them were transferred to boxcars, each holding 50 men, and moved without water for days toward Berlin. Whichever, or combination, was his fate<sup>1</sup>, Lt. Glendinning ended his journey 700 km later at Stalag 3A, Luckenwalde, in late February 1945, there to await the end of the war.

In his diary, John noted a visit to the camp while there by the famous boxer, Max Schmeling, who had served in the German Luftwaffe. Liberation of a sort came on 21-22 April, when the Russians entered camp but no release was offered until US forces arrived in May. On 6 May, 1945, nearly 27 months after capture, Lt. Glendinning left Stalag 3A with others on trucks through Germany and then by ship, arriving home through New York on 3 June 1945.

Throughout the rest of his life, John stayed active with reunions and events involving his Oflag 64 brothers, even helping organize a special fund-raiser in 1966 in support of fellow Oflag 64 POW Tom Finan, who was running for re-election as Attorney General of Maryland.

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<sup>1</sup> Diary entries are unclear whether Dad was shipped by boxcar or marched on. His two diaries suggest different paths; in one, he passed out from weakness and was put on the train while the other provides a daily log of continuing the march with the larger group. It is more likely he marched as, in his "Wartime Log" book he drew a map of what he called "Travels of a Child at Arms", which included everything from departing Glasgow through the march and ending at Stalag 3A, whereas medical evacuees were supposedly transferred elsewhere.

Following the war, John enjoyed some R&R, completed his Reserve service, and got back to life, putting to use his new love of the stage, broadened by his Oflag 64 Little Theater experiences. Soon after he returned from German captivity, John auditioned for and joined the USO in New York, and was soon thereafter shipped back to Germany and Italy as an actor entertaining (again) the troops. He played supporting and starring roles



*John and Lorraine on their wedding day*

in a variety of road shows, taking time aside to visit sites such as Hitler's Eagles Nest and Hermann Goering's house (both in ruins), and attending a session of the Nuremberg Tribunal. Returning to the United States in late 1946 to build on his acting career, John settled in New York and, in April 1947, married a USO touring colleague, actress Celia Lorraine Pressler. In between jobs that paid the rent, John and Lorraine continued seeking opportunities in the theater, radio, and film. In addition to some industrial films, public relations assignments, and car shows around the country, among other not-so-glamorous roles, in 1948 John grabbed the part of a reporter in the film *The Babe Ruth Story* and in 1949 was playing on Broadway in *Metropole*. That year he also appeared as a Naval investigator in the film *Lost Boundaries*, with Mel Ferrer, winner of the Cannes Film Festival. He entered the

1950's in television roles, playing in *It Takes a Thief* and *The Big Story*, both at NBC, and on Broadway in *Julius Caesar* and *Twentieth Century*, still also working in public relations and filling in with odd jobs as salesman, including door-to-door, and waitering to keep the rent paid as he and Lorraine began raising a family. John ultimately gave up acting for a more stable occupation and a house in the suburbs, taking on the job of Executive Director for the March of Dimes in Queens, NY. In 1961, he was named Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the State Assembly's Ways and Means Committee, following which John



*John as a boxer, at left, in the TV drama "Man Against Crime" with Ralph Bellamy*

held a variety of State appointments including Assistant to the NY State Superintendent of Banks, as the Deputy Industrial Commissioner, and as Secretary of the State Insurance Fund. John also devised and ran The Governor's Club for Nelson Rockefeller and was Gov. Rockefeller's party finance director in the 1970's. John Glendinning concluded his career as Director of Public Relations for the Carrier Corporation, retiring in the early 1980's to personal projects at home in Bellerose Village, NY.



*John in later years*

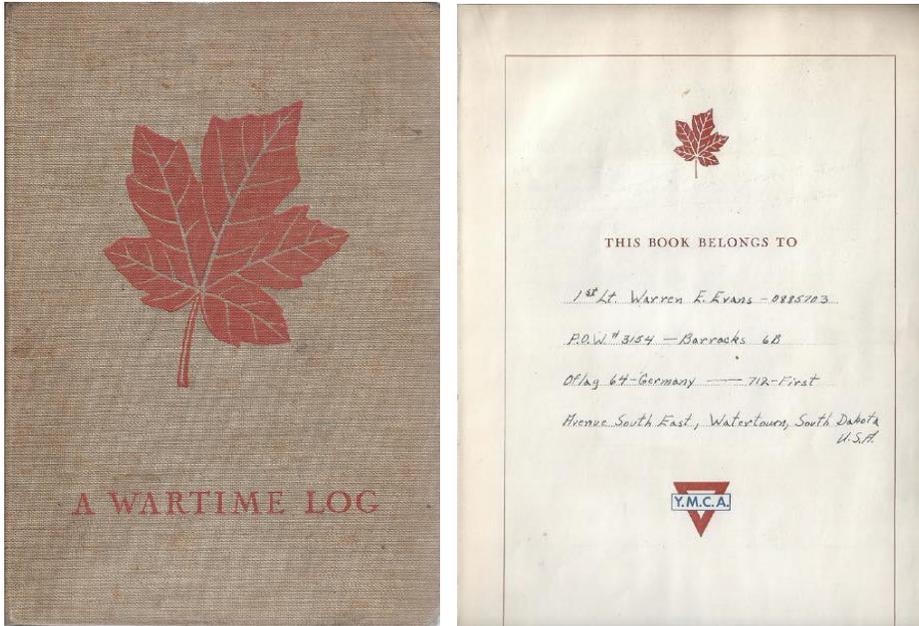
As a final legacy and tribute to his Oflag 64 brothers and all POWs, it was a comment by John in 1984 that inspired

Senator William Roth of Delaware to create the United States Prisoner of War Medal, which recognizes the sacrifices and special condition of service of all who have honorably served as American POWs. Roth introduced the bill within the year. It was passed by the Congress and, on 8 November 1985, signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. John Andrew Glendinning passed away after battling lung cancer on 3 March 1986 at age 64.



*POW Medal*

**Artifact Inventory ID No. 21.02  
(Class I Artifact)**



Donated by Mark Evans (photo by David Stewart)

**Artifact Description:** Wartime diary of 1LT Warren E. Evans, a Canadian Y.M.C.A. "A Wartime Log" book

**Artifact History:** 1LT Warren E. Evans kept a history of his captivity and mementoes in "A Wartime Log" book during his internment at Oflag 64. The journal was distributed by the War Prisoner Aid of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. to POWs beginning in 1943. The American Red Cross made the journals available to American POWs.



1LT Warren E. Evans (photo from Evans Family Archives)

**Artifact Inventory ID No. 14.16  
(Class I Artifact)**



Donated by Tony B. Lumpkin III *(photo by David Stewart)*

**Artifact Description:** WW2 British Pill Box Escape Compass

**Artifact History:** CPT Tony B. Lumpkin concealed a WW2 British Pill Box Escape Compass from the Germans while he was interned as a POW. Lumpkin acquired this compass at Oflag 64 (according to the donor) from a "loaded" (contained escape devices) food parcel sent by MIS-X who used a fake U.S. humanitarian organization as the sender of the loaded food parcel box. The red dot indicates North and the white dot on the South point is radium paint which glowed in the dark.



CPT Tony B. Lumpkin  
*(Photo from the Lumpkin Family Archives)*

**Artifact Inventory ID No. 5.10**  
**(Class I Artifact)**



Donated by LTC John H. Van Vliet III (photo by David Stewart)

**Artifact Description:** POW Camp Money

**Artifact History:** 1 Reichsmark POW camp money owned by LTC John Huff Van Vliet Jr. The German Government had to pay POWs who were interned in German POW camps so they printed special money for use by the POWs which could be used to purchase items from the camp canteen. Most often, the camp canteen had a very limited inventory which did not meet the needs of the POWs.

**Photo of Oflag 64 POW:**



LTC John Huff Van Vliet Jr in Iceland during winter 1941 (photo from Van Vliet Family Archives)

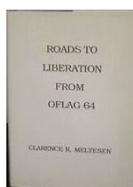
# Publications

**We're always looking for a hard copy of each of the following. Please let us know if you find one or have one to donate.**

- *"Country boy infantry: "The Blue Devils" 88<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 1944-1945" by the late Kriegy Carey E. Ashcraft, Jan. 1, 1987*
- *"My World War II Experiences" by the late Kriegy Donald Lussenden*
- *"The Colonel" by the late Kriegy James F. Skells*
- *Milton E. Dowse – 3D copy of online publication*

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Marilyn Kanners Beckham (Vic's daughter) for a copy of **Vic Kanners Diary**, 3608 W BRADFORD DR, BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48301-3353. [beckhammarilyn@hotmail.com](mailto:beckhammarilyn@hotmail.com)



Lynne Meltesen, daughter of the late Kriegy Clarence Meltesen, has sent us a few more copies of his fantastic resource book, **"Roads to Liberation"**. If you would like a copy, please contact Elodie Caldwell at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us). The book is available at no charge but you are asked to pay for S & H. (Thank you Meltesen family for this service.)



Pat Waters, son of the late Kriegy John Waters, sent several copies of the **"John K. Waters Story"** which can be purchased by contacting Elodie Caldwell, \$15.99 includes S&H. Please write your check to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund. (Thank you, Pat, for sending these copies.)

# TAPS



We have recently learned of the deaths of the following Kriegy Patriots and Heroes. We mourn their passing and honor them for their service and sacrifice during WWII.

*Hugh G. Muldrow*

1922 ~ 2008



Mr. Hugh Grey Muldrow, 85, died Monday, March 10, 2008, in Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in Chester Memorial Gardens.

Born in Mayesville, SC, Mr. Muldrow was the son of the late Robert and Mary Scott Witherspoon Muldrow.

He was a graduate of Mayesville High School and Clemson College. He retired from Chester County Government as the delinquent tax collector. He had been a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theater, and had been a POW in Poland. He was a member of Purity Presbyterian Church, the American Legion and the American Association of POWs. Mr. Muldrow was an avid outdoorsman who especially enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a founding member of the Big Buck Club. He also loved time with family and friends and exchanging



stories. Mr. Muldrow was first married to the late Louisa White Muldrow who died in 1981. In 1987, he married Jean Wilkes Fennell Muldrow who also preceded him in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Carlisle M. Putnam and her husband Martin of Rock Hill, SC; three stepsons, Al Fennell of Greenville, SC, Clark Fennell and his wife Kim of Rock Hill, SC, and Peter Fennell and his wife Gina of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society South Atlantic Division, Inc., 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210 and American Lung Association, 1817 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Obituary found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/thestate/name/hugh-muldrow-obituary?id=11147816>

## *Ted Roggen*

1918 ~ 2022



Ted Roggen passed away peacefully on March 4, 2022, after 104 happy years.

He was born in Houston in 1918 to Hyman and Tillie Roggen.

He cheated death many times, including as a three-year-old faced with diphtheria and later as a POW—and a Jewish one, no less—in Nazi-occupied Poland.

But in between, he found his calling in public relations and advertising. He received a full athletic scholarship to Louisiana State University, where he helped manage the football team and studied journalism.

After college, he joined the Army and ultimately became a Captain. Five days after helping the Allies invade Salerno, Italy, the Nazis captured him and kept him as a POW for nearly two years. For his heroism and courage, he received two purple hearts and the bronze star. When reflecting on his service, the ever-witty Ted said, "I got a purple heart, a cluster, and frostbitten feet."

He later began a storied fifty-year career in public relations. After starting out with cold calls, his clients eventually included the Pappas family, Ninfa Lorenzo, and Tony Mandola. He



especially loved promoting entertainers. And he warmly welcomed Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong, and the Harlem Globetrotters to town when no one else would.

Close friendships brought Ted so much joy. So did writing. The two passions led him to write many letters and two books. Above all else, Ted relished a 64-year marriage to the love of his life, Sydney—a caring, compassionate, and dynamic soul. He is survived by his wife; a son; and grandchildren; he was predeceased by his daughter Arlene, his parents, and close friends.

The family wishes to thank many much-loved helpers, notably the Bayou Bend staff. Donations can be made to the LSU Alumni Association: <https://www.lsutaf.org/and> Congregation Emanu El: <https://www.emanuelhouston.org/>

Ted's extraordinary life will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on March 6 at Emanu El Memorial Park. And as Ted would say, "May you all live to be 104, and the last person you speak to be Ted Roggen."

Obituary found at:

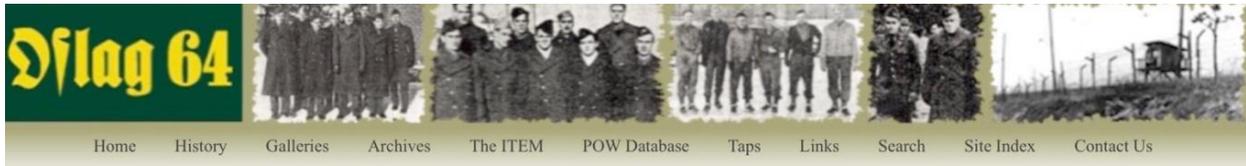
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/houstonchronicle/name/ted-roggen-obituary?id=33532764>



### Find a Grave

Stay tuned for information to come on a new Oflag 64 POW virtual cemetery being created through Find a Grave. We've learned that the one we previously highlighted is primarily for Oflag 64 Kriegies who ended up at Hammelburg. Our new one will include Kriegies who were held captive at Oflag 64 in Szubin and at Oflag 64Z in Schokken no matter where they ended up after the march.

We hope to have it up and running within the next few weeks.



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Honoring our Kriegy Patriots and Heroes

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