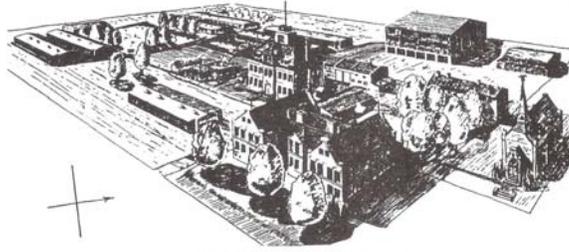


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Artist's drawing of Oflag 64 without barbed-wire fences or guard towers.
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Oflag 64

LARGE-SCALE OFLAG 64 REUNIONS APPARENTLY HAVE COME TO AN END

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

It is with great sadness that we announce the apparent end of our large-scale Oflag 64 Reunions. But it is also with great joy that we remember the wonderful times we experienced at previous reunions first with Kriegies and wives, then later with Kriegies and extended families.

Oh, the tales that were told and the memories that were shared. I heard it expressed at the Ft. Lauderdale Reunion a few years back by one of the Kriegies about being in captivity, "It was not an experience I would ever want to repeat, but because I experienced it, I'm a better man for it today." Our dear Kriegies experienced many hardships during those dark days, but those experiences made them stronger and what wonderful men they are today, what great lives they've lived, and what great examples they've been to the generations that followed.

As time has passed and as our men have reached their 90s, travelling has become very difficult for many and in some cases fragile health has prevented them from leaving their homes. We remember them in our thoughts and prayers and always wish them well. We know they would love to attend our gatherings, but simply aren't able to do so any longer.

So, in thinking about the future, we encourage regional mini-reunions for Kriegies and families who are able to gather together in different regions of the country to chat and enjoy each other's company. For those who do gather, take pictures and write up a little history of your gathering then send the information to us to post on our website. In this way we can all keep in touch and enjoy each other even though we're enjoying from afar.

Last, but not least, our heartfelt thanks goes again to Tiffany Skidmore for her work on a Minneapolis reunion for 2012 and also to Lynn Kanaya for her work on a Seattle Reunion for 2013. We regret that those reunions didn't happen.

Best Regards to you all,
Elodie Caldwell, ITEM Editor
(Daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth)



A LITTLE COMPANY BUSINESS

Thanks to Bret Job for the Treasurer's Report below.

Month	Begin. Bal.	Deposits	Item	Misc	End. Bal.	Month
Dec 1 2008	\$12,979.28	\$2,485.00	\$5,416.94	\$395.02	\$9,652.32	Sept 30 2009
Oct 1 2009	\$9,652.32	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,912.32	Oct 31 2009
Nov 1 2009	\$9,912.32	\$25.00	\$1,343.66	\$0.00	\$8,593.66	Nov 30 2009
Dec 1 2009	\$8,593.66	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,133.66	Dec 31 2009
Jan 1 2010	\$9,133.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,133.66	Jan 31 2010
Feb 1 2010	\$9,133.66	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,298.66	Feb 28 2010
Mar 1 2010	\$9,298.66	\$1,175.00	\$441.38	\$53.14	\$9,979.14	Mar 31 2010
Apr 1 2010	\$9,979.14	\$400.00	\$0.00		\$10,379.14	Apr 30 2010
May 1 2010	\$10,379.14	\$150.00	\$0.00		\$10,529.14	May 31 2010
Jun 1 2010	\$10,529.14	\$461.50	\$437.79	\$28.83	\$10,524.02	Jun 30 2010
Jul 1 2010	\$10,524.02	\$380.00	\$0.00		\$10,904.02	Jul 31 2010
Aug 1 2010	\$10,904.02	\$195.00	\$0.00		\$11,099.02	Aug 31 2010
Sep 1 2010	\$11,099.02	\$590.00	\$504.54	\$24.59	\$11,159.89	Sep 30 2010
Oct 1 2010	\$11,159.89	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$11,159.89	Oct 31 2010
Nov 1 2010	\$11,159.89	\$200.00	\$0.00		\$11,359.89	Nov 30 2010
Dec 1 2010	\$11,359.89	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$11,359.89	Dec 31 2010
Jan 1 2011	\$11,359.89	\$300.00	\$482.92		\$11,176.97	Jan 31 2011
Feb 1 2011	\$11,176.97	\$125.00	\$0.00		\$11,301.97	Feb 28 2011
Mar 1 2011	\$11,301.97	\$660.00	\$0.00		\$11,961.97	Mar 31 2011
Apr 1 2011	\$11,961.97	\$0.00	\$430.96		\$11,531.01	Apr 30 2011
May 1 2011	\$11,531.01	\$1,460.00	\$0.00		\$12,991.01	May 31 2011
Jun 1 2011	\$12,991.01	\$125.00	\$0.00		\$13,116.01	Jun 30 2011
July 1 2011	\$13,116.01	\$0.00	\$538.87		\$12,577.14	July 31 2011
Aug 1 2011	\$12,577.14	\$250.00	\$0.00		\$12,827.14	Aug 31 2011
Sept 1 2011	\$12,827.14	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$12,827.14	Sept 30 2011
Oct 1 2011	\$12,827.14	\$330.00	\$0.00		\$13,157.14	Oct 31 2011
Nov 1 2011	\$13,157.14	\$100.00	\$457.57		\$12,799.57	Nov 30 2011
Dec 1 2011	\$12,799.57	\$35.00	\$0.00		\$12,834.57	Dec 31 2011
Jan 1 2012	\$12,834.57	\$525.00	\$592.52		\$12,767.05	Jan 31 2012
Feb 1 2012	\$12,767.05	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$12,767.05	Feb 28 2012
Mar 1 2012	\$12,767.05	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$12,867.05	Mar 31 2012

Apr 1 2012	\$12,867.05	\$230.00	\$467.96	\$12,629.09	Apr 30 2012
May 1 2012	\$12,629.09	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$13,329.09	May 31 2012
Jun 1 2012	\$13,329.09	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$13,454.09	Jun 30 2012
Jul 1 2012	\$13,454.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,454.09	Jul 31 2012
Aug 1 2012	\$13,454.09	\$90.00	\$382.63	\$13,161.46	Aug 31 2012
Sep 1 2012	\$13,161.46	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$13,261.46	Sep 30 2012
Oct 1 2012	\$13,261.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,261.46	Oct 31 2012
Nov 1 2012	\$13,261.46	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$13,311.46	Nov 30 2012
Dec 1 2012	\$13,311.46	\$0.00	425.33	\$12,886.13	Dec 31 2012
Jan 1 2013	\$12,886.13	\$100.00	\$599.92	\$12,386.21	Jan 31 2013
Feb 1 2013	\$12,386.21	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$12,486.21	Feb 28 2013
Mar 1 2013	\$12,486.21	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$12,586.21	Mar 31 2013
Apr 1 2013	\$12,586.21	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$13,411.21	Apr 30 2013
May 1 2013	\$13,411.21	\$245.00	\$500.00	\$13,156.21	May 31 2013
Jun 1 2013	\$13,156.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,156.21	Jun 30 2013
Jul 1 2013	\$13,156.21	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$13,346.21	Jul 31 2013
Aug 1 2013	\$13,346.21	\$107.81	\$407.55	\$13,046.47	

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Jim Bates
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In Memoriam

Kriegies who passed away since 2010 who have not been honored at a reunion memorial service:

- 2010 Michael J. Calpin
Lloyd C. Warren
Donald R. Wernette
- 2011 Larry M. Hewin
Kenneth W. Hyatt
Donald A. Ohl
- 2012 James P. Forsyth
Donald O. Graul, Sr.
Edgar H. Kummer
Boyce "Boo" Nunnally
Walter S. Parks
Robert W. "Bob" Rivers
Ira R. "Ike" Slagter
- 2013 Abraham J. "Abe" Baum
Edwin J. "Jim" Betts
Robert L. Corbin
Louis P. Gendron
Thomas Griffin (Doolittle Raider)
Thomas M. Holt
Edmon L. "Ted" Rinehart
William A. "Bill" Shular, Jr.



MAIL CALL



JIM BATES from Brentwood TN (Kriegy) wrote to say that he would not be able to make it to the Seattle Reunion. He also sent a donation to the Postage Fund and asked for a copy of the group picture. *Thank you, Jim, for your thoughtful contribution to our Postage Fund. It was a sad day for us when we had to make the decision to cancel the Seattle Reunion. It's just too hard for most folks to travel any more so we certainly understand. Needless to say, there was no group photo.*

DAVID BAUM from McLean VA (eldest son of the late Kriegy Abe Baum and family historian) wrote and asked to be added to our email list. *David, thank you very much for writing. We have added your name to our email list as requested and welcome you to our Oflag 64 family.*

EILEEN BAUM from San Diego CA (widow of the late Kriegy Abe Baum) sent a donation to our Postage Fund and also responded to our email about the reunion cancellation: "I am sorry about the cancellation, but I know that I could not make it. This is happening in all of the WWII groups. The last 4th Army convention several years ago, there were only three veterans and then wives and friends that added up to about ten people. That was the last one! It is sad that the "Greatest Generation" is dying off. This country will never be the same. I feel sorry for the younger people that will not know what the country was like then. I doubt that we will ever see it again." That was the real USA!!!!!!!!!! *Thank you, Eileen, for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund. Always very much appreciated. Regarding reunions, we are seeing the same trend. It will be a sad day indeed when the last of our Greatest Generation Kriegies passes. We don't even want to think about it.*

BARB LOOS BECKER (daughter of the late Kriegy John C. Loos) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She is hoping to visit Szubin in late October and asked for information regarding a possible tour. *Thank you, Barb, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested and you'll be receiving emails from us before long. We are sorry to report that we have no official scheduled tours to Szubin as an organization. However, there are several who have made the trip there this year or plan to visit before the year's end. We have sent by email contact information for our friends in Szubin. We hope you are able to arrange your visit soon.*



PAT BENDER from Philadelphia PA (daughter of Kriegy Vincent "Doc" Di Francesco) updated us on a few of her family's comings and goings. Son, Jeff married Catharine in April and honeymooned in Barcelona in July. Jeff and Catharine are now living in Bellingham WA. "Doc" turned 97 in September and wished he could have celebrated it with his Kriegy friends. Pat is working a long-term sub-librarian job in Philly, something she wanted to do before retiring for good. *It was good to hear from you again, Pat, and to learn of your latest news. We hope all goes well for you and your family.*

GARY BOND (son of the late Kriegy James B. Bond) wrote recently asking about benefits. He would like to know if this VA Aid and Attendance Benefit support applies to a 100% disabled vet's (James Bond, my deceased dad) wife (my mom) for nursing homes? *Thanks for writing, Gary, with this question. We don't have the answer without researching more. Can anyone shed some light on this?*

PATTY BOWERS (daughter of the late Kriegy James F. Callahan) wrote of her hope to attend the reunion and was saddened that we had to cancel this year. She offered support in any way possible and expressed the importance she feels of keeping them alive. *Thank you, Patty, for writing and offering support. We will let you know when we need to take you up on that offer.*

FRANCES MARKS BUCK (daughter of the late Kriegy Frederic Smith Marks) wrote: "I understand my brother wrote to you with corrections to our father's spelling of his name and his rank as major, not captain. I am still trying to get pictures, telegrams, newspaper articles, and military information available. Our father, Frederic Marks, MD was born 8/30/1915. I believe he died 4/14/1980. He didn't know anything about the Oflag organization, nor did we even know where he was interred until I started searching. If and when John Marks or I can obtain records, we will send them to you. Apparently, a lot of military records stored in St. Louis were destroyed in a fire, so they are not available to go that route." *It was good to hear from you again Frances. We know how frustrating it can be when trying to get information with little or no cooperation from the other side. We hope success will come to you quickly. Thanks also for the information you shared about your dad. We have since added him to our online TAPS list.*

T. J. BUGG, JR. from Westchester OH (son of Kriegy T. J. Bugg, Sr.) wrote in response to our email regarding VA Benefits. His comments can be found in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Thanks so much, T. J., for sharing your information with us. The more we know about this, the better we are able to get needed assistance.*



CINDY BURGESS (daughter of Kriegy Wilbur Sharpe) wrote that her father has identified some of the men in the photos on our website. She will send those along soon. She also informed us of her trip to Szubin to visit the "camp" and meet with Mariusz

Winiacki. She expected to take lots of photos to share with the Oflag 64 family. In a subsequent email she commented on the idea of future regional mini-reunions: We were saddened to learn of the reunion cancellation, but certainly understand the reasoning. Great idea for mini-reunions, which I have posed to dad with a positive response. Will try to get a few of the Kriegies together on the East Coast and see what happens." Before the close of her email, she asked if anyone has contact information for Earl Hoffman. Her dad escaped with him and is looking for information. *Thank you very much, Cindy, for writing. We look forward to names and new photos to hopefully add to our website. Also looking forward to a report on your visit to Szubin.*

KEVIN BURKE (nephew of the late John F. Guitson, POW from another location) contacted us recently and asked to be added to our email list. He wrote: "My uncle, PVT John Guitson was killed in the 5 April 45 air raid on Nuremberg. I am trying to trace his steps from being captured during Battle of the Bulge on 16 December, and also to have his purple heart awarded, not only for him but all 29 POWs killed with him that day. Any help is appreciated." *Thank you, Kevin, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested and have, by way of a forwarded email, sent information about medals. Please check this website for more information:* www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html

JOHN CREECH (son of the late Kriegy John Creech) recently found our website and asked for information about visiting Szubin. He is planning a trip there in mid-November. *Thank you very much, John, for contacting us. We have sent by email information about how to get to Szubin and contacts once you arrive. Please let us know if there is any other information you need. We know that you will have a wonderful trip and hope you will be able to share your experiences when you return.*

KAY GODFREY CRUISE (daughter of the late Kriegy Dr. James T. Cruise) around the time of the printing

of the last ITEM asked if we could connect her with someone who might have known her father while in the camp. Sid Thal read her request in the ITEM and called asking us to give Kay his contact information. This we did. Shortly thereafter, they had a wonderful phone interview. She asked him about the camp, experiences working with Polish and Russian doctors, boxcar transports, food, Red Cross parcels, entertainment, tunneling projects and escape. In a separate email, Kay talked about putting together a packet of her father's war experiences to send to us. We received the packet shortly thereafter and will be adding information to our website as time goes by. *Kay, thank you for sharing highlights of your conversation with Sid with us. We love hearing of connections such as yours and are happy you were able to contact him. Thanks also for your note and package. We hope to be able to upload information to our website soon.*

SUSAN DANYLIK from Redondo Beach CA (daughter in law of the late Kriegy Victor Danylik) recently contacted us for the first time to let us know that the family has a diary that Victor kept. She mentioned briefly that Victor had six children and got his engineering degree by going to school at night. Susan is hoping to learn more about our Oflag 64 information. *Thank you very much, Susan, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We hope you are able to access our website where much information about Oflag 64 can be found. Please let us know if there is other information we can provide.*

THOMAS DETMERS from Jacksonville FL (son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers) responded to our email about the reunion cancellation: "I guess this is the natural progression of things, unwanted as it may be. Maybe the reunions have moved into the digital age with the Internet. At least we have that. The battlefield commissions group has started a sub-membership of the children of the soldiers. Maybe that's something for you to consider." *Tom, thank you very much for your suggestion. Hopefully we'll all be able to stay in touch in some way. Thank goodness for mail, email, texts, phones, and the Internet.*



VICTORIA HERRING from Des Moines IA (daughter of the late Kriegy Clyde Herring) upon learning of the reunion cancellation noted that many tend not to do reunions as much these days, or meetings of any type...having the ITEM and other resources probably suffices. *Victoria, thank you for sharing your feelings about reunions. You could be right; the ITEM might just have to suffice. It's just hard to let a good thing go and admit that the good thing has come to an end.*

DEBBY HUNKINS (daughter of the late Kriegy Robert McBride) recently found our website and asked about obtaining a copy of Clarence Meltesen's "Roads to Liberation from Oflag 64". Copies were sent and we in turn received a donation to our Postage Fund. *Thanks, Debby, for contacting us and for your contribution to our Postage Fund. We hope you and your family members enjoy the books.*



BRET JOB from Minnetonka MN (son in law of the late Kriegy Ray Holmquist and Oflag 64 Treasurer) recently sent a copy of the financial records he's kept for the last year. See the "Little Company Business" section of this

ITEM. *Thank you, Bret, for your diligent service to our Oflag 64 family. We appreciate you "keeping the books".*



LYNN KANAYA from Gig Harbor WA (wife of Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya) wrote many times about the progression of plans for the Seattle Reunion. Karen Rossi sent her a few photos and Lynn did a 20-minute

audio recording which included Christmas greetings from some of the POWs to their families in 1944. It also included stories from the POWs at the WWII Museum exhibit. Along with Karen's pictures and items from Jimmie's War Log, the presentation would have been very interesting. She really took the ball and ran with it and we would all have enjoyed ourselves immensely. Separately from the reunion, when Lynn found out that the Kreutzers and the Rossis and the Caldwells/Ellsworths would be making the trip to Seattle anyway, she arranged for all of us to have lunch together that weekend. *Thanks so much, Lynn, for your faithful, diligent and tireless work on the reunion. We were so disappointed when it had to be cancelled but understand the reasons and the necessity of the decision. And thank you for arranging the "mini-reunion" of sorts. It was so good to see everyone again and spend some time together.*

JAMES W. KENT from Talladega AL (Kriegy) wrote that he had several labeled photos of Kriegies at the camp and also photos of play productions. Since receiving them, we have posted these new photos to the galleries pages on our website. James reported that his daughter is writing a story about his experiences and is using the photos for her writing. Responding to another matter regarding VA benefits, he reported that he is again receiving VA aid to help with costs for his wife's nursing home care. *We thank you very much, James, for sharing your photos. Little by little we'll hopefully get them all labeled. Our best to you and your wife.*

JUDY KNIGHT from Naperville IL (daughter of



Kriegy Ed Graf) wrote following the cancellation of the reunion: "I begged my father to go but it didn't work! He is doing well and still driving and getting around well....we did bring him to Lake Michigan for a family reunion and he loved it. He amazes me on how great he is doing at 91!!!....He just keeps on ticking." *Judy, thank you for the updates on your dad. It's always great to hear about the things our Kriegies are doing. We hope all is well with you and your other family members as well.*



ANNE KREUTZER from Woodbridge VA (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot) sent an email regarding the cancellation of the

Seattle Reunion. Although she was saddened by this news, she and Tom decided to keep their plane tickets and fly to Washington anyway, stay a few days and then travel down to California to see family. *Thank you, Anne, for letting us know that you would be travelling to Washington in spite of the cancellation. Having a "mini-reunion" was a highlight of our weekend.*



ROBERT J. LAPLANDER (author and friend of Oflag 64) updated us on the status of his new book about the Wooden Horse. The publisher has projected an April/May 2014 release, primarily in the UK, with a tentative new title of "The Wooden Horse: The True Story". *Thanks, Robert, for writing. It was good to hear from you again and learn of the status of your book. The process takes patience, that's for sure. Looking forward to hearing how things progress.*

ROBERT LARKIN (son of the late Kriegy James J. Larkin) recently contacted us about some of his father's WWII memorabilia. Included in his email was a photo which is included in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. As described by Robert's sister, Christina, it's a large black and white photo of Dad (as a Lt.) with a Capt. Bill Martin in North Africa. They are pouring over a large map with one edge held down by a pistol, and the bottom half of a jeep and a motorcycle and only the legs of three other soldiers showing. In the background is an expanse of arid land. Robert reported that his dad was a member of the 3rd Battalion (Darby's) Rangers. *Thanks so much, Robert, for sharing this photo. We would be interested in any other photos or information you have relating to your dad's WWII days at Oflag 64.*

HERM LITTMAN from Spokane WA (Kriegy) sent a couple of donations to our Postage Fund along with a note saying he would not be able to make it to this year's reunion. He said he would keep in touch as



long as he's around and mentioned that his daughter, Sue, invited him to move in with her when it becomes too difficult for him to be on his own. *Herm, we look forward to your notes and emails; it is always good to hear from you. Thanks so much for your thoughtful and generous contributions to our Postage Fund. We truly appreciate your continued committed support.*



LUCY LUSSENDEN from Livonia MI (widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden) was hoping to attend the Seattle Reunion this year. Even though the reunion didn't take place, she was able to come anyway and visit her son who lives in Redmond, Washington. We hoped she would be able to join us for the "mini-reunion" but timing didn't allow. She also commented on the future of Oflag 64 Reunions: "I think it is a good idea to no longer plan reunions. The surviving Kriegies are old enough that, as you said, it is not possible for most of them to attend. I received a note from a Kriegy this past week saying that he just was not up to making the trip, much as he would love to. As a Kriegy widow, I really have no need to attend if there are no longer any Kriegies attending.....Thanks a million for all you do to continue the ability of the Oflag 64 friends to stay in touch with each other." *Lucy, it would've been great to make connections while you were in Washington...so close yet so far away. Hope you stay well and that we have the opportunity for a get together in the future.*

JOHN F. MARKS (son of the late Kriegy Frederic S. Marks) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. In his email, he provided corrections to the spelling of his dad's name as well as a correction to his dad's rank at the time of capture. *John, thank you so much for contacting us and providing necessary corrections. We are trying to contact our database coordinator to make the corrections but as of yet, have been unable to reach her. You have been added to our email list as requested. Please contact us again any time.*

BILL MOORE (nephew of the late Kriegy Louis E. Moore) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He also provided information about when his uncle retired and eventually passed away. *Thank you very much, Bill, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested. You'll be hearing from us before long. Thank you also for the information about your uncle.*

ARLENE ROSENTHAL from Oldsmar FL (wife of Kriegy George Rosenthal) texted to let us know about their plans to attend the Seattle Reunion. She and George were so excited to attend. Upon cancellation



of the reunion, she subsequently she wrote: "Needless to say we wish the reunion could have become a reality. I kind of thought this might happen. Our wonderful Kreigies are getting tired....I still look forward to hearing all the news from everyone and hopefully some day we will see each other again." *Arlene, how wonderful it would've been to be able to see you and George again. The decision to cancel the Seattle Reunion was very difficult but had to be made. We hope that you were able to do something fun during the time the reunion would've been held and that all is well with you both.*



KAREN ROSSI from Panama City Beach FL (great niece of the late Kriegy Thomas Drake) wrote about her trip to the WWII D-Day Museum in New Orleans. While there, she took several photos which she shared by email for presentation at the Reunion. Although the reunion didn't take place, she wrote that she would be keeping her plane tickets and along with her husband, Jon, would visit for a few days and then celebrate her birthday aboard a cruise ship to Alaska for 7 days. *Karen, thanks for writing and for sharing your museum photos and for keeping us posted on your adventures. We were overjoyed to learn that you would be visiting Washington anyway and that we would be able to have a "mini-reunion" lunch before your cruise, which we're sure was most enjoyable. We hope you had a happy birthday as well. Would love to hear about your trip when you get a chance to share.*

SARA SHADE from Muncie IA (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Wilbur Bishop) responded to our email about VA Benefits for our elderly veterans. The information she shared is in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Thanks so much, Sara, for your email. There is so much important and helpful information out there. It's great to have so much input on this matter.*



ANN LUMPKIN SUDDUTH from Watertown NY (daughter of the late Kriegy Tony B. Lumpkin) after hearing of the reunion cancellation wrote: "Thanks for letting me know about the decision to cancel large scale reunions of Oflag 64. I am not surprised that we have come to this point -- but, oh how poignant it is, especially for you and so many others who have been involved in the reunions for many years. I am very grateful that my husband and I, and our nephew Tony Lumpkin III were able to attend the reunion in Dallas 3 years ago. Precious memories....I look forward to keeping in touch through the newsletter. *Ann, thank you very much for the thoughts expressed in your email. We were very happy to*

have had the opportunity to meet the three of you in Dallas and to make some new connections. We hope to continue producing the ITEM for several more years for "spreading the news" and, as you said, for keeping in touch.

CHRISTINE RINEHART TAFT from Washington D.C. (daughter of the late Kriegy Edmon "Ted" L. Rinehart) wrote to tell us of his passing in June and to share his obituary which is included in the TAPS section of this ITEM. She shared the following: "I am sending you the obituary for my father that ran in the Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, Alabama last month, June 14, 2013. My father died from complications related to recovery from hip surgery. He loved being part of the Oflag 64 family, and I very much hope my family and I may continue that connection for him. My address is 3013 44th Place NW, Washington, DC 20016 and my phone number is 202-362-1279. Our son Stephen Taft just graduated from Georgetown with a degree in History and he loved talking to my father about military history and especially World War II. My family actually visited the camp in Szubin in the late 1990's and it is one of my son's most vivid memories. My Dad's mind was wonderfully clear and his memory extraordinary. We loved his gentleness and cheerfulness as well as his wonderful stories and unlimited font of knowledge. We miss him very much." In a subsequent email she wrote: "My Dad was part of the Ranger group captured at Anzio in January 1944. His closest friends, Ed Patterson, Jim Dew and "Graf" Graffagnino, unfortunately died quite a while ago. He and my mother always enjoyed the Reunions. I was able to come to the one in Pittsburgh a few years ago and my husband and son also came with us to the 2008 in Alexandria." *Christine, thank you so much for writing and sharing your thoughts and feelings about your father. We were so saddened to hear that he had passed. These dear Kriegies were truly heroes and will not be forgotten. We are so appreciative of their service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Wonderful memories will help sustain and strengthen you. Like you, we will also miss him very much.*



G. PAT WATERS from Mt. Pleasant SC (son of the late Kriegy John K. Waters) responded to a query regarding and Oflag 64 calendar from 1945. Although Pat is not in possession of a similar calendar, he said that he would love to purchase one, if available, to add to his dad's memorabilia. In a separate email, Pat mentioned that he had been in contact with Kriegy Dick Kellahan, one of the camp's artists. He expressed how important it is to keep in touch with our living Kriegies and mentioned that Dick is suffering from painful neuropathy in both legs but his voice is strong and

his spirit is still there. Pat was able to pay him a visit and urges anyone who can to call Dick at 843-382-2893. Dick's wife generally answers the phone but you may need to speak up. Now would be a good time to call. *Thanks Pat for your email. Regarding the calendars, we have since learned that the calendars were given to the POWs in January before they left the camp. All who were there at the time probably received one, but of this we're not certain. Regarding contacting our living Kriegies, we agree, now would be a good time to do so. Thanks for your suggestion. Time is flying by.*

PAM WATERS (daughter of the late Kriegy Bertram A. Wheeler) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. *Thank you, Pam, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list so you should be receiving emails from us soon. We're so excited to be in contact with Kriegy family members and hope you'll email us again soon.*

ANITA WADE WEBER (daughter of the late Kriegy Philip M. Wade) wrote about her daughter's research trip to Poland and other places in Europe. As part of the research, she traced her grandfather's regime and the capture that led him to Oflag 64. She also expressed an interest in attending the Seattle Reunion and meeting with some of our Kriegies. *Anita, thank you for contacting us. We were so hoping to meet you at the reunion. Unfortunately that was not to be. We would still be interested in any information you might want to share about your daughter's trip or anything about your father. We, likewise, would be happy to share whatever information we can to aid in your daughter's research. Please have her email us for more information.*

CONNIE KNAPP WELCH (daughter of the late Kriegy Austin Knapp) recently commented on her family's experience with receiving VA Benefits for her mother's care. See the Kriegy News and Information section for her comments. *Thanks, Connie, for sharing your experience with us. The more information we have, the more help we can give.*

TOM WILLIAMSON (son of the late Kriegy Carmen A. Williamson) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He thanked us for helping preserve his dad's military service. *Tom, thank you very much for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. You have been added to our email list so you'll be hearing from us soon. We appreciate the death date you provided and hope you'll be able to share other information you come across as time goes by.*

MARIUSZ WINIECKI from Szubin Poland (researcher and friend of Oflag 64) wrote regarding



the passing of Thomas Holt and trying to reach Tom's nephew Wistar Holt. He also reported that he was expecting a visit soon from Anna and Sarah Weber, granddaughters of the late Kriegy Philip M. Wade, and also a visit from Cindy Burgess (daughter of

Kriegy Wilbur Sharpe) and her husband Glen. Mariusz was very excited for their visits. In a subsequent email, Mariusz sent photos and wrote details of the meeting with Anna and Sarah Weber. We will hopefully post these photos to our website if we can obtain permission to do so. In the meantime, if you would like to see them, click on this link: <http://www.muzeum.szubin.net/index.php?d=wiecej&d1=galeria&d2=614>

Mariusz, thank you for being so willing to meet with our Oflag 64 family members from the U.S. You have provided such a wonderful service to them. We continue to receive requests for information from new Oflag 64 family members who would like to visit Szubin. We hope this is the beginning of many great new friendships for this generation and generations to come both in Szubin and in the U.S. Again, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



NANCY THOMPSON WYATT from The Woodlands TX (daughter of Kriegy Bob Thompson) texted in July that her parents moved to a new apartment within the same complex. She mentioned that Gladys, her

mother, had broken her hip in April and was rehabilitating, but progressing slowly. After reading the last ITEM, she mentioned that Brodie Hand had previously asked about meeting a soldier in the Nuremburg hospital. Bob was also in that hospital for a few days in a lower or middle bunk, but said he didn't remember much about it since nothing spectacular happened at that time. In a subsequent email and responding to the VA Benefits email, she said it's a tedious process. *Nancy, thanks so much for the updates on your parents. We hope that all is going well for them in their new apartment and that your mother continues to improve. We miss seeing them and the rest of your family as well. Keep us posted on the VA process.*

REUNION APPRECIATION

Ty Ankrom – Thank you for your continued dedication!

Pat Bender – I am so sad that the Seattle Reunion was cancelled. Thank you, Lynn and Jimmie, for all your hard work with trying to make it happen.

Victoria Herring – Thanks for all your hard work = People tend not to do reunions as much anymore.

Anne Kreutzer – I was so sorry to get your email. But I am more sorry for the stress this must have been causing you - I can only imagine the ups and downs you have been going thru in coming to this decision. Thank you for the enormous time and effort you have put into this for many months.

Karen Rossi – We are saddened about the cancellation. We thank you Jimmie, Lynn and everyone else who had spent the time organizing this reunion. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

A letter from Lucy Lussenden....

Elodie,

I read the letter sent to you by John Albree in the last ITEM. A friend of ours had forward the same article about the Raiders. I thought I would tell you a little story about the time Don and I attended one of their reunions.

Don and I had the privilege of attending one of the reunions of the Doolittle Raiders in April 1999. It was a very moving and lovely experience. They were there with their wives. Each one was applauded by the other attendees as they marched into the ballroom with their wives, one at a time. They looked so smart in their special jackets. At the end of the ceremony, they brought out the little glasses and bottle in its special wooden case and told about the promise they made so many years ago. We sure felt very lucky and honored to have been invited to attend.

The reason we had been invited is because Don was a member of his Ham Radio Group from Plymouth, Michigan. This Ham club had arranged and scheduled a "Special Event" to be held at the Wright-Patterson AFB museum in Dayton, Ohio. This museum features World War II vehicles, etc., as well as an exhibit featuring the little things the POWs used to make their lives a little more tolerable while in prison. So the Ham Radio group set up a table with all their radios and equipment right across from the POW showcase where they received calls from other Hams around the world. It's a fun time. The Hams put out a call before time that they will be holding this "Special Event" as their way to get lots of participation from other Hams around the world. The fun thing is to see how far away the calls come from that they get. While at the table, visitors stopped by to see what the Hams were doing and that included some of Doolittle's Raiders. Whoever made the arrangements for the event in the museum had also inquired well before time whether the Hams could attend the reunion dinner. That's how all this came about. It was a very moving experience to be present at the reunion.

Love, Lucy Lussenden

KRIEGY NEWS AND INFORMATION

The following photo was sent to us by Robert Larkin, son of the late Kriegy James J. "Joe" Larkin. See the Mail Call Section under Robert Larkin's name for the photo description. James Larkin is on our left.



On August 2, I emailed the following information to members of our Oflag 64 family:

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

We are becoming more and more aware that a number of our dear Kriegies and their spouses are entering assisted living facilities. What a blessing this can be, but we know they are also quite expensive.

If you are a Kriegy and have moved into one of these facilities or if you have moved a Kriegy into one of these facilities, there are benefits that are available to help defray the costs. Here is some information I looked up recently that might be of interest or help to you. Please take a moment to look through them. If you don't have Internet access and would like more information, please let me know and I will have it sent to you. If you are reading this online, click on the following links.

[Aid and Attendance Benefit, Financial Aid | American Veterans Aid](#)
[Veterans Administration Aid & Attendance Special Pension Information by VeteranAid.org](#)
[How to Get Veterans' Benefits for Assisted Living or Home Care - Yahoo! Voices - voices.yahoo.com](#)

If you are a Kriegy and are already accessing benefits and/or if you have other helpful information along these lines, please let us know.

Best to you all,
Elodie Caldwell, daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth
ITEM Editor, Oflag 64 Association

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Subsequent to my email, I received the following emails from members of our Oflag 64 family:

Great information! I got the same for my father Thomas J. Bugg, Jr. a few years back. One of the compelling points to propel the process forward was his status as a POW and then – details, details, details including working with the family doctor. Also persistent, patient and humble calls to anyone and everyone within the VA and ASKING for their help and recommendations on how to expedite the process.

They were MOST helpful once we were patient with them and insure that we COMPLIED with their requests for information and validation. Need to stay on top of the process and push it through.

Proud son of Kriegy – Thomas Jackson Bugg, Jr. – 93 years old and still going strong!

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Valuable information. You probably already know all about the site that follows, but some of our dear Kriegies and/or their families might like to know or be reminded.

I was sitting next to a judge at a luncheon and he told me that his father had always said he was awarded medals that he never received or had lost. The judge found the following website with information about how to obtain replacement medals of WWII vets. www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html. I haven't tried it but the judge said that his father's medals arrived in beautifully presented boxes, and he and his father were thrilled to have them.

Kathy Ezell (daughter of the late Kriegy Bill Warthen)

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So glad you posted this. We did not know of these benefits when my mom was alive and in assisted living her last year so we all chipped in. My sister was working at the VA then and never heard of it either. After our mom died someone asked my sister if we had gotten these benefits for her. So very sad we treat our veterans so poorly! Hope you will post this info. in the next Item.

Judy Winkle (daughter of the late Kriegy William Whorley)

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My father [a Kriegy] is no longer around but it's great that you pulled this together == I'm sure it's hard for some people to access the right information.

Another great source of assistance is your Congressperson or Senator = regardless of party. We pay taxes so they work for us. They LOVE to do constituent work and help people out -- they have staff to do that within a state and in DC -- so people should not be shy about asking their own Congressperson AND the two state Senators for some help. They'll push buttons in the Government and bring issues to the fore.

Victoria Herring (daughter of the late Kriegy Clyde Herring)

I have had "Aid and Attendance" from the VA since before my wife and I moved into Van Mall Retirement and Assisted Living Home, and it does help us financially. However a wife can also get it even if she is a widow of a veteran. <http://www.americanveteransaid.com/ebooks.html>

Gene Liggett (Kriegy)

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My beloved grandfather, Wilbur Bishop, was a Kriegie, and I enjoy being a part of your mailing list. I am an elder law attorney in Indiana. I deal with lots of issues for seniors entering care facilities. I would like to point out another resource that might be helpful to the Oflag 64 family.

<http://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/>

Visitors to the VA website can search for attorneys with accreditation to provide advice regarding VA

benefits. The search can help families find someone in their region. This can be especially helpful as VA benefits and Medicaid benefits have different standards, and in some cases one might need VA benefits prior to requiring Medicaid benefits. It can be very important to get advice regarding the interplay of these benefits from an attorney who keeps up to date on both programs.

I hope this information is helpful to Granddad's comrades.

Sara Shade (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Wilbur Bishop)

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When we learned of it, we applied for and were approved for full benefits of the Aid and Attendance for my mother's care when she was in a memory care unit for Alzheimer's. Was so worth the time and effort and made it possible for her personal finances to last longer for her care.

Connie Knapp Welch (daughter of the late Kriegy Austin Knapp)

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SZUBIN NEWS - Over the last few weeks, members of our Oflag 64 family have traveled to Szubin to visit the site of Oflag 64. **The following photos of the visit of Anna and Sarah Weber were sent to us by Mariusz Winiecki.** Look for more photos from other Szubin visits in the next ITEM.



After Anna's and Sarah's visit to Szubin, Mariusz sent the report that follows. Thank you Mariusz for your continued gracious assistance to our Oflag 64 family members in the U.S.

Hi Elodie,

It's my pleasure to report about the visit in Szubin of Anna Weber and her sister Sarah, granddaughters of late Kriege Philip M. Wade, a 1st Lieutenant in the 141st Regiment, part of the 36th Infantry Division.

On Friday, July 26th, our kind guests have visited the local museum in Szubin and have learned about the history of POW camps in Szubin including Oflag 64. They have also visited the exhibition dedicated to the WWII in Szubin. After that Anna has interviewed Mrs. Benigna Olszewska who shared with us touching war story of her family living for generations (since 17th century) in Szubin. Mrs. Olszewska was telling us how the Germans had put her family to flight and about displacements of Polish people away from Szubin when the WWII started. She was also telling about the spontaneously and neighborly organized help and how the local inhabitants of Szubin used to help to POWs during their attempts of escape from the camp.

See photos following the link:

<http://www.muzeum.szubin.net/index.php?d=wiecej&d1=galeria&d2=614>

The next stage of the tour was the visit on the camp terrains and in Reform School hosted by my friend Mieczysław Luchowski and Tomasz Kmiec. We have a special assistance from Mr. Hyży, the eye-witness of camp, and Mrs. Mariola Polańska, the local historian of Szubin. Mr. Hyży was the priceless guide on our tour who also has mentioned his visits in camp and interactions with POWs. As a young boy, he has worked in sawmill, was nearby the camp and he has told us that they also used to organize help for US officers who as a volunteer worked in sawmill. He with his friends used to gather eggs and give it to them with other spontaneously gathered food. He also, as an assistant of electrician, had permission to enter the camp terrains. He was twice inside the theatre barrack, as he has recalled. He has told us that the POWs were allowed to leave the camp and to go for the "parole walks" in direction to the nearby lake, where they used to swim during the scorching days. We all have learned many interesting facts regarding the times where the American officers were here, but also regarding the previous camps for RAF pilots, which was at the same place. Mr. Hyży showed us where Kriegies used to dig a tunnel. We all have visited the carpenter's shop, where the scale model is built and has finished our tour at the office of the Reform School Director, Mr. Wiesław Guzinski.

The last stage of the tour was meeting with Mr. Roman Dudziak, whose grandfather has saved life of Frank Diggs and Nelson Tacy hiding them in his house after they have escaped the Long March in 1945. Mr. Dudziak has recalled this story as heard from his father Jan Dudziak, as well as, he has told us about the friendship between Diggs and Dudziak families lasting for today and about all their reunions. Thanks to Peggy Dicks for possibility of contacting Mr. Dudziak.

Thank you for the invaluable help to Mrs. Agnieszka Jakielek, who served as an interpreter.

Best regards,
Mariusz

If permission is granted we will post the online photos of the visit in the next ITEM, but in the meantime you can access them by using the link above.

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On August 8, I emailed the following to members of our Oflag 64 family:

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

As I receive mail from our Oflag 64 family, I note by the AXPOW stickers or return address mail labels that several of you are affiliated with the AXPOW Organization. Over time, I have learned that they put out a bi-monthly bulletin, which is full of information for ex-pows and their family members. I appreciate the information that continues to flow to me from those of you who receive these bulletins.

The purpose of this email is not to get you to seek membership in the AXPOW Organization but to inform you of a concern they have, that being the age of their current primary membership (most over 90) and their ability to carry on the history preservation process for future generations. One of our Oflag 64 Kriegies, Joe Zelazny, is

affiliated with AXPOW and has informed me of a new combined group within their organization called the Next of Kin (N.O.K.) and Strategic Committee. One of this new committee's functions will be to keep histories of POWs/MIAs/Veterans alive.

Our concern is the same, and through your emails and letters it has become evident to me that many of our Oflag 64 next of kin are already involved in the process of preserving Kriegy/POW/WWII history. As our Kriegy generation sadly leaves us one by one, we are most grateful to you for your involvement.

To aid in history preservation, Kriegy Joe Zelazny, who is the president of the East Valley Memorials Foundation, Inc. has created numerous memorials and monuments. You may remember seeing photos in past ITEMS of some of his memorials and monuments. He is currently working on a new monument (see attachment). He has also designed and is making available a lapel pin with sales being applied to the costs of construction and dedication of this monument. The pins are appealing to the eye and inexpensive. If you want to be a part of Joe's history preservation process, you may contact him directly either through email at zelaznyr@hotmail.com or by using his contact information below until some time in the spring when he returns to Washington for 6 months.

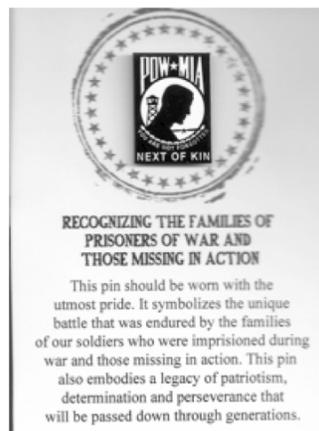
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To quote Joe, talking about our WWII ex-POWs: "We're like an endangered species: When we're gone, we're gone." That means that we who are N.O.K. have a big responsibility ahead of us. Hoping our combined history preservation efforts, in whichever manner we choose to be involved, will be positive and fruitful.

Best Regards,
Elodie Caldwell, daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth
ITEM Editor, Oflag 64 Association

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The following photos of Kriegy Joe Zelazny's History Preservation Project were sent to us by him.



This is the new monument that would fit on the Wall of Honor.

WE REMEMBER THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE ENDURED HARDSHIPS AS PRISONERS OF WAR.
(130,201)

<p>PACIFIC PEARL HARBOR</p> <p>DECEMBER 7, 1941, A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY ... NO MATTER HOW LONG IT MAY TAKE US TO OVERCOME THIS PREMEDITATED INVASION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IN THEIR RIGHTEOUS MIGHT, WILL WIN THROUGH TO ABSOLUTE VICTORY</p> <p>PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT</p>	<p>AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR</p>  <p>CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED AUGUST 10, 1982</p> <p>DEDICATED TO ALL AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION BOTH LIVING AND DECEASED</p> <p>DEDICATED DECEMBER 2013</p>	<p>ATLANTIC D-DAY JUNE 6, 1944</p> <p>YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK UPON THE GREAT CRUSADE TOWARD WHICH WE HAVE STRIVEN THESE MANY MONTHS. THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE UPON YOU ... I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR COURAGE, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND SKILL IN BATTLE</p> <p>GENERAL AL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER</p>
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"This (monument) is not about one individual," Zelazny said during a recent interview. "This is for the group of the POWs and the MIAs ... like pilots who were shot down. They never recovered the bodies ... they're still missing. This is why I want to put this monument here ... our flag says POW/MIA, so we should honor both of them."



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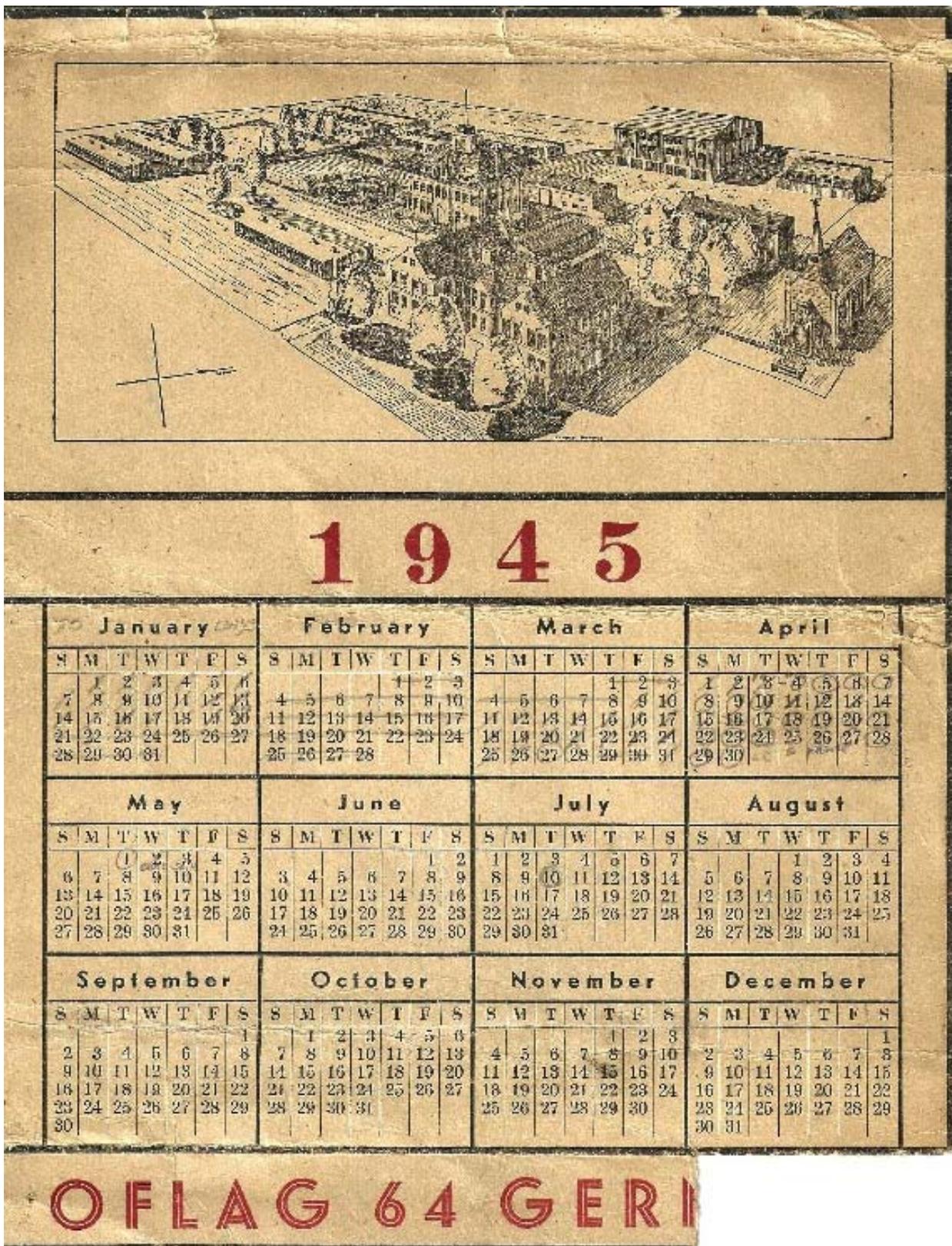


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You may remember the question posed in the last ITEM by Eric Kosalko regarding a calendar such as the one below. Since he obtained his copy at a flea market, he asked if we could find information about the calendar in general. This one is a scanned copy of Jimmie Kanaya's calendar. When asked where it came from, he said he thought that everyone in the camp got one early in January.



ITEM COMMENTS

Let us know how we are doing. Constructive comments and criticisms are welcomed and appreciated. Here are some nice comments from some nice folks.

THANK
YOU!

You are doing a great job with the ITEM. Keep up the good work. ~ *Eileen Baum, San Diego CA*

OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

Thank you so much for keeping up the wonderful website and communications. ~ *Christine Taft, Washington D.C.*

New Visitors to Our Website –

David M. Baum – son of the late Kriegy Abe Baum
Barb Loos Becker – daughter of the late Kriegy John C. Loos
John Creech – son of the late Kriegy John Creech
Susan Danylik – daughter of the late Kriegy Victor Danylik
Debby Hunkins – daughter of the late Kriegy Robert McBride
John F. Marks – son of the late Frederic S. Marks
Bill Moore – nephew of the late Kriegy Louis E. Moore
Pam Waters – daughter of the late Kriegy Bertrum Wheeler
Tom Williamson – son of the late Kriegy Carmen A. Williamson



If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie at the contact address on the front page of this publication. If you send photos, digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg format is great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can be sent in .pdf format. If you are unable to convert them to .pdf format, I would be glad to do so and then send you back the original. Thank you very much. Elodie



PUBLICATIONS

The following publications might be of interest to you. Many of them were written by our men. Your local library is a good place to check for availability. If you can't find what you're looking for there, write to the author or publisher or click on the links below. New and used copies are often available from online sites. If you become aware that any of these publications are no longer available, please let us know.

1. **Americans Behind the Barbed Wire** by Frank Diggs, Story of Frank's trip across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Vandemere Press, P. O. Box 5243, Clearwater FL 22205 (New price is \$24.95/Hardcover) <http://www.vandamere.com/diggs.htm> or <http://www.amazon.ca/Americans-Behind-Barbed-Wire-Inside/dp/0743474821>
2. **Diary of A Kriegie** by Ed Beattie. Diary of Ed Beattie, A UPI Correspondent captured near the Moselle River in Sept '44. Publisher: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York NY <http://www.amazon.com/Diary-kriegie-Edward-W-Beattie/dp/B0007E4AUA>
3. **Escape to Russia** by Howard "BOOMER" Holder. Story of Boomer Holder as he went across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1
4. **Home Was Never Like This.** Diary of Col Yardley. Publisher: Yardley Enterprises. Evergreen, CO. http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this&x=0&y=0
5. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005 http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Justifiable+Pride&x=13&y=17
6. **Katyn Forest Video** (Beta or VHS). Ray Towers, Jr., 25105 Vista Greens Court, Hayward CA 94541, 415-582-4871
7. **Kriegie** by Kenneth Simmons. Diary of an Air Force Pilot. Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons. New York NY. http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0
8. **Kriegsgefangener 3074 (Prisoner of War)** by Clarence Ferguson. Publisher: Texan Press, Waco TX http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17 or occasionally available at: <http://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?an=Clarence+Ferguson&sts=t&tn=Kriegsgefangener&x=43&y=14>
9. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book.** Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL. http://www.amazon.com/Oflag-64-fiftieth-anniversary-book/dp/1879260239/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1226550698&sr=1-1
10. **Passages to Freedom**, Joseph Frelinghuysen, 1990, Publisher: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan KS 66502-4228, 800-258-1232 (\$17.95, includes S & H) http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1
11. **Oflag 64: A P.O.W. Odyssey**, DVD, Robert Galloway, Osprey HD, 192 E Bay St, Ste 300A, Charleston SC 29401-2701, (\$29.95 plus \$5 S&H - Please make checks payable to Robert Galloway, Osprey HD)
12. **Raid! The Untold Story of Patton's Secret Mission** by Richard Baron, Major Abe Baum, and Richard Goldhurst (paperback) http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1

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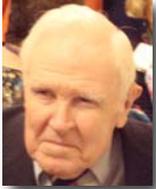
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Edmon "Ted" L. Rinehart
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Mr. Edmon Loftin Rinehart, 93, a noted Montgomery lawyer, descendant of an early Alabama family, and former prisoner of war, died Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in a local hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Rinehart was born in New York City in 1920 and spent his boyhood in Indianapolis, Ind. He completed his secondary education at Andover Academy in Massachusetts before graduating from Princeton in 1942. He then became a field artillery officer in the 10th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, fighting in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. In January 1944, assigned to the Rangers as part of a night assault mission to break out of the Anzio beachhead, he was captured and spent the rest of the war in a German POW camp, Oflag 64, in Szubin, Poland. After the war, Mr. Rinehart attended and graduated from Harvard Law School. During the Korean War, he returned to Army active duty, serving in Germany with the first U.S. Army units to be dispatched under NATO to protect from Warsaw Pact aggression, and he remained in the Army Reserve for 30 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.



He moved to Montgomery in 1955 to become an assistant attorney general working with his friend and former Army colleague, newly elected Alabama Attorney General John Patterson. In 1958 he represented Alabama before the U.S. Supreme Court in the very important First Amendment case, *NAACP v. Alabama*. He went on to serve as Gov. Patterson's Commissioner of Insurance for three years before joining the Birmingham law firm Deramus & Johnson. Several years later he and Gov. Patterson formed a law partnership and practiced together for over 20 years. In retirement Mr. Rinehart was active in the English-Speaking Union, serving as its president for several years.

His great-great grandfather, Thomas Bibb, of Amherst, Va., was one of the earliest settlers and landowners in the Huntsville area and a cousin of the first governor, William Wyatt Bibb. His great grandfather, Dr. William Durham Lyles, was the surgeon-general of the First Corps of the Army of Mississippi under Bishop General Leonidas Polk and senior medical officer at the Battle of Shiloh. Dr. Lyles also served in the Alabama and Mississippi legislatures and was briefly in the news business as

owner of the *Pickensville Register*, an early Alabama newspaper.

His wife of 60 years, Barbara Lutz Rinehart, and his brother, Robert Lyle Rinehart, also of Montgomery, predeceased him. He is survived by his children, Robert Bruce Rinehart (Fairlie) of Montgomery and Christine Rinehart Taft ((John) of Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren: Robert Loftin Rinehart and James Fairlie Rinehart of Montgomery, and Elizabeth Young Jordan and Stephen Alexander Rinehart Taft of Washington D.C.

Visitation will be at St. John's Episcopal Church at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, any donations be made to Saint John's Episcopal Church where Mr. Rinehart was a long time communicant.

Pallbearers will include former Governor John M. Patterson, David Pope of Atlanta, Colonel Albert L. Patterson, United States Army Retired of Huntsville, Major General Will Hill Tankersley, United States Army Retired of Montgomery, Arthur Nead of New Orleans, William H. McLemore of Montgomery, Richard Amberg of Montgomery, Edward Woodson of Montgomery and Judge Sibley Reynolds of Clanton.

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We have become aware that **LOUIS P. GENDRON** may have passed away earlier this year, but we have not been able to find any information on legacy.com or in any other obituary source. If you have information of his death, please let Elodie know.

