

GLADWYNE, PA This will be the most important item to be included in this newsletter. This is to let you know that your Editor really goofed.

The Best Western Old Colony Inn is located in ALEXANDRIA, VA. I placed it in the wrong town in the previous newsletter. Please note this correction mentally as well as any memoranda you may have written. My most humble apologies and thanks to Wilbur Sharp for bringing this to my attention.

SAN ANTONIO, TX Thanks much to the persistent efforts of Frank Aten we were able to obtain the obituary of Colonel Oakes.

It's always nice to be able to contact a local individual to check on things that take place away from my local area of operations. Thanks again Frank.

We also want to thank Mrs. Augustina Oakes for taking time to get the information to Frank.

DETROIT, MI Although we had lost track of him many of you will remember Carlos Burrows whose obituary was kindly sent to me by Jim Bancker. It is reprinted in this newsletter.

DARLINGTON, S.C. Lynn "Hotsocky" Hunsaker sent me Bob Watt's address and we welcome him to our list and group. See list for address.

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. Gardner Simes makes a move and although not a far one and is still located in the Long Island N.Y. area.

MATTYDALE, NY Very sorry to learn from Mrs. Bernadine Doran that John Doran passed away on February 25. For detailed information see his obituary elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks for this information, Mrs. Doran.

FOREST ACRES, S.C. Thanks very, very, much Bill Shular. Keeping me posted on the latest changes of address by Ex. P.O.W.'s of Oflag 64 is a big asset in reaching more & more of our group but also in maintaining the contact. I review each letter you send. Thanks again for your diligent work.

It was indeed nice to meet you in Orlando. Look forward to seeing you again in Alexandria.

CUPERTINO, CA When I get a chance and am near my atlas John Cannon I'm going to look this one up on the map. Am not familiar with it.

Anyway, thanks for the latest update on the POW medal. I will try to reproduce the whole copy of the V F W article you sent, may omit photograph depending on what it looks like to print. Thanks much.

MC CLURE, OH Lloyd E. Kane writes, saying he was in a camp at SCHUMEN BULGARIA NOT OFLAG 64. If any of you know anything about this camp, just write him at P.O. Box 156 Mc Clure, OH 43534. He would be glad to hear from someone about it.

MESQUITE, TX Couple of nice long notes from Jo Kamps plus a nice contribution to the Postage Fund. Thanks much for the information and glad to be helped.

Sure hope you can get to Alexandria in Oct. Let's see you!

CIRCLEVILLE, OH Have indeed added your name & also James Henderson's name to our mailing list. A hearty welcome to you both and hope you can both meet with us in Alexandria (Washington D.C.) for our annual Reunion Oct 8, 9, 10 & 11. Enclosed list gives an idea of those planning to attend. See you then. FROM ERNEST ANKJOM

SAN FRANCISCO, CA From this fantastic city brief word from Clarence Meltesen. He has added his basic outline of the Route of March and b

Steve BARROVIC died very suddenly in February .
We are sorry to learn of this but are looking
forward to see Steve in Alexandria anyway.
He also included the obituary notice of Carlos
Burrows who was with Jim in his cubicle for
almost two years, Many of you will remember
Carlos.
Thanks for these items Jim and also the nice
contribution to the Postage Fund. See you at
Old Colony.

PUEBLO, CO John Miller writes a correction of
a misspelled name in the last newsletter. Your
right. Jim the name is Meachem and his address
is:

M. A. Meachem
Corydon, IA 50060

Hope you write to him. He is still active
physically having recently attended a P.O.W.
M I A Day celebration.

Thanks also for the nice check.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN The latest word is that
Henry is already thinking in terms of our 1990
Reunion. Many of his plans will involve certain
changes because our ~~2000~~ October date is not
conducive weather wise to cruise on the Baltic.
It is early enough to discuss some of these
things when we meet in the Fall in Alexandria.
Thanks Henry for letting us know about Col.
Per Arne Ringh being assigned here as Military
Attache. It will be nice to see him again if
he can make the Reunion.

ARLINGTON, VA A very sudden announcement from
Frank Diggs about the passing of his wife Tracy.
We all extend our sympathy to Frank who as you
know is the General Chairman of our Reunion in
Alexandria in October.
See Announcement and obituary elsewhere.

EL PASO, TX. What a lovely letter from Helen
Chapel after the Orlando reunion.
What a great time we all had ! Another one is
indeed coming up this October as you may have
gathered from the announcement/ questionnaire
you recently receive. The "rocking" on Potomac
will be much quieter than that on the S S
Royale.
Look forward to seeing you there.

SAN ANTONIO, TX "Chum" Williamson really has
an ear to the ground. It's a real job to come
up with the answers to his questions. I know
I don't know the answers to all your questions
but sure hope that those that read this sheet
are helping you with the answers. Rather than
try to restate "Chum's" questions.
I am reproducing his letter and you can get
answers to Chum's questions directly, his name
and address is in the letter. Don't let us
down, send the answers to him.
Thanks for your issues of Oflag 64. Very
interesting.
Thanks also for your very nice contribution to
the Postage Fund.

Elkhorn, NE Thanks much for the snapshots
of Orlando. It was very thoughtful of you to
send them. Sure look forward to seeing you in
Alexandria and the Old Colony Inn.
Am arranging to put all the shots in Plastic
folders and take them to Alexandria. Thanks
again Kermit Hansen.

SALEM, OR How Interesting ! The information
supplied by Lloyd Shoemaker about the Escape &
Evasion section of the U.S. Army WW 11

1. After the war was over all records of
this section were to be destroyed.
Do you wonder why as I do ?
2. As a consequence on the eve of the
Korean conflict no one had any idea of
this type of training and the Army had
to start from scratch. This info
contained in an intelligence report to
Ass't Chief of Staff G-2.
Thanks Lloyd for these tidbits to your
book once it is published.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. Brooks Kleber writes that he
and Mae are quite well, He is still active as
Ass't. Chief of Military History, Department of
the Army.
He has contacted Henry Soderberg to try to obtain
the balance of Henry's papers for inclusion in
the U. S. Military Institute at Carlisle Barracks
Sure will look forward to seeing you and Mae in
Alexandria.

TO: John Slack

5/1/87
~~4/20/87~~

FROM: Wilbur Sharpe

Much progress has been made in preparation for our Oflag 64 Reunion scheduled for 8, 9, 10, and 11 October 1987. The initial response through the post cards has been overwhelming. There may be some misunderstanding about the requirements for the White House tour and briefing on Saturday morning. The White House requires NAMES, ADDRESSES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH of anyone entering the White House grounds. If this information was not supplied on the post card returned to me, we assumed you did not want to take the tour.

The following is the list of all positive responses we have received to date. This list is included in Oflag 64 Item, WE HOPE IT WILL encourage more to join us in the Nations Capital.

RUSH

FROM DER FADDERLAND

BACKGROUND: A firm in Germany ordered coffee from an American firm, and while the coffee was enroute a few bags split open, making it possible for rats to nest in them. The German firm sent the following letter to the United States:

Schentlemens:

Der last two pecketches ve got from you of coffee vas mit rattschidt gemixt. Der coffee may be gute enuff, but der ratt durds schboils der trade. Ve did not see der rattschidt in der zamples vich you sent us.

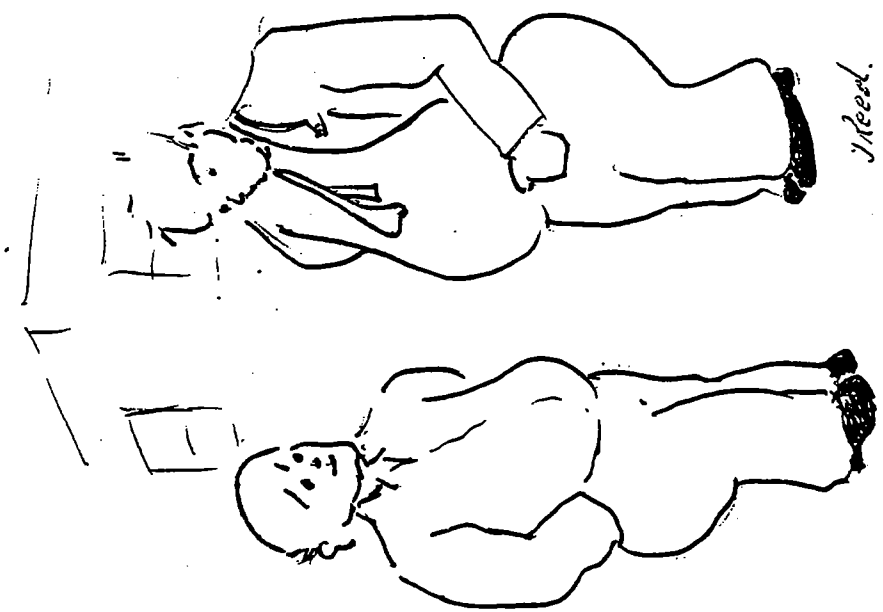
It takes so much time to pik der ratt durds from der coffee dat it's hardly wurt it. Ve ordered der coffee clean und you schipt schidt mixt mit it. It vas mistake ja? Ve like you to schip us der coffee in vun zack und der rattschidt in annudder—den ve mix it to suit der customer.

Write please if ve shouldt schip der coffee bek und keep der schidt, or if ve shouldt keep the coffee und schip der schidt bek, or schip der whole schidden vorks bek.

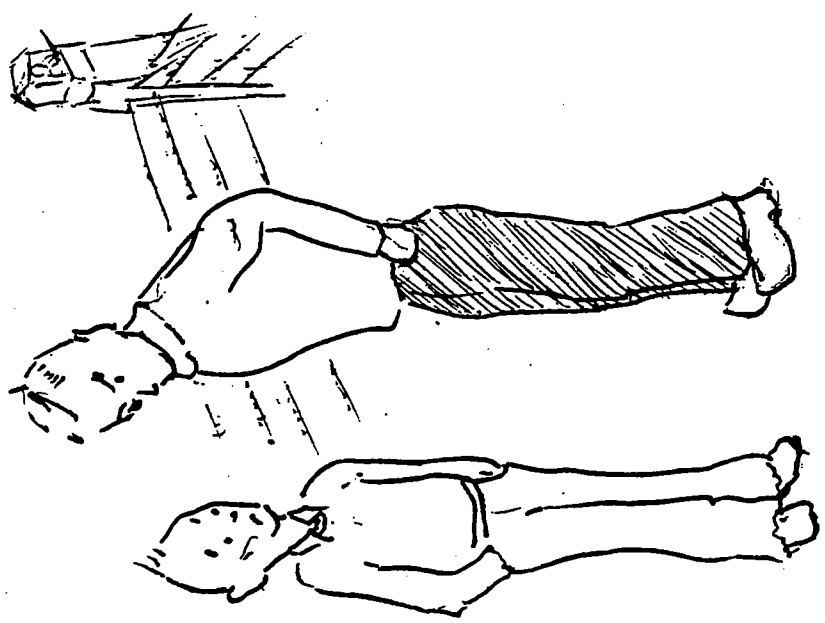
Ve vant to do right in dis madder, but ve don't like all dis rattschidt bizness.

Mitt Much Respects,

Karl Grummenschidt
Karl Grummenschidt



And I Never Did -



I Will Never Miss Another Meal
When I get out of here. I Swear!

DATE OF ARRIVAL		CRUISE	WHITE HOUSE TOUR
9	33) Cramer, John - Dorothy	YES-3	YES-2
7	34) Cupit, James - Mary	YES-2	YES
7	35) Davis, Richard - Lillian	YES-2	YES
7	36) Denman, James - Elizabeth	YES-2	YES
8	37) Di Francesco, Vincent - Maria	YES-2	YES
LIVES IN AREA	38) Diggs, Frank	YES-1	NO
9	39) Eberle, A. Charlie - Emma	YES-2	YES
9	39) Edsall, Lester - Edith	YES-2	YES
9	40) Englehart, Richard - Elizabeth	YES-2	YES
9	41) Fowler, Charles - Helen	YES-2	YES
7	42) Frazer, James - Anne	YES-2	YES
5	43) Friedman, Joseph - Sylvia	YES-2	NO
?	(119) FELDMAN, EDWARD	YES-1	YES-1
9	(120) FREYLINGHOYSEN, JOSEPH - EMILY	YES-2	YES-2
?	44) Kershenow, Louise	NO	NO
8	45) Kever, Gabriel - Jean (Mrs. John)	YES-2	NO
9	46) Klendinning, Lorraine (SON) DAVID	YES-2	YES
8	47) Kray, William - Jean	YES-2	YES
STAYING WITH FRIENDS 5	48) Hancock, Frank - Clara	?	YES
STAYING WITH FRIENDS 5	49) Hatch, Jerome	YES-1	YES
8	50) Herr, George - Mary	YES-2	YES
8	51) Higginbotham, Carroll - Mabel	YES-2	YES
8	52) Halder, Randolph - Clemente	YES-2	YES
8	53) Holt, Thomas - FORRESTINE	YES-3	NO
LIVES IN AREA	54) Hoskot, Nathaniel	YES-?	NO
9	55) Ikie, LeRoy - Elizabeth	YES-2	YES
8	56) Jellison, Milton - Dorothy	YES-2	YES
7	57) Jones, William - Kathleen	YES-2	YES
8	58) Jones, Curtis - Norma	YES-2	NO
7	59) Jones, John T. - Winifred	YES-2	NO
LIVES IN AREA	60) Quakellan, George - Lucia	YES-2 ?	NO

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9	33) Cramer, John - Dorothy	YES-3	YES-2
7	34) Cupit, James - Mary	YES-2	YES
7	35) Davis, Richard - Lillian	YES-2	YES
7	36) Denman, James - Elizabeth	YES-2	YES
8	37) Di Francesco, Vincent - Maria	YES-2	YES
8	38) Diggs, Frank	YES-1	NO
9	39) Eberle, Charlie - Emma	YES-2	YES
9	39) Edsall, Lester - Edith	YES-2	YES
9	40) Englehart, Richard - Elizabeth	YES-2	YES
9	41) Fowler, Charles - Helen	YES-2	YES
7	42) Fraser, James - Anne	YES-2	YES
5	43) Friedman, Joseph - Sylvia	YES-2	NO
7	(119) FELDMAN, EDWARD	YES-1	YES-1
9	(120) FREYLINGHUYSEN, JOSEPH - EMILY	YES-2	YES-2
?	44) Hershenow, Louise	NO	NO
8	45) Hewes, Gabriel - Jean (Mrs. John)	YES-2	NO
4	46) Hlendenning, Lorraine (SON) DAVID	YES-2	YES
8	47) Gray, William - Jean	YES-2	YES
5	48) Hancock, Frank - Clara	?	YES
8	49) Hatch, Jerome	YES-1	YES
8	50) Herr, George - Mary	YES-2	YES
8	51) Higginbotham, Carroll - Mabel	YES-2	YES
8	52) Holder, Randolph - Clemente	YES-2	YES
8	53) Holt, Thomas - FORRESTINE	YES-3	NO
?	54) Hoskot, Nathaniel	YES-?	NO
9	55) Ikie, LeRoy - Elizabeth	YES-2	YES
8	56) Jellison, Milton - Dorothy	YES-2	YES
7	57) Jones, William - Kathleen	YES-2	YES
8	58) Jones, Curtis - Norma	YES-2	NO
7	59) Jones, John T. - Winifred	YES-2	NO
8	60) Quiskellan, George - Lucia	YES-2?	NO

LIVED IN AREA

TRAVELING WITH FRIENDS

LIVED IN AREA

DATE OF ARRIVAL		CRUISE	WHILE HOSE LAY
7	61) Kasper, Carl - Rita	YES-2	YES
8	62) Keiser, Martin	YES-1	YES
8	63) Kleptuber, William - Margaret	YES-2	NO
9	64) Kramer, Robert - Elizabeth	YES-2	NO
9	65) Korber, William - Evelyn	YES-2	YES
5	66) Kunkle, Paul - Ruth	YES-2	YES
?	121) KURGER HARRY - BERNIE HAROLD - BERNICE	?	YES-2
7	67) LaChance, Paul - Mary	YES-2	YES
8	68) Lee, Royal - Harriet	YES-2	NO
LIVES IN AREA	69) Long, Gerald ?	NO	NO
?	70) Lowe, Lewis - Janet	YES-2	YES
5	71) MacCreary, James - Nan	YES-2	YES
7	72) Marton, Richard - Lillian	YES-2	YES
8	73) Marnien, Raymond	YES-1	NO
9	74) Maxwell, (Mrs. Frank) Kay	YES-1	YES
7	75) Meskill, Richard - Stephanie	YES-2	YES
LIVES IN AREA	76) Moker, Jerry - Ken	YES-2	YES
LIVES IN AREA	77) Moss, Alfred - Ruth	?	YES
8	78) Munson, Nicholas - Helen	YES-2	NO
LIVES IN AREA	79) Miller, Paul - Marie	?	NO
9	122) MILLER, JR THOMAS - ELEANOR	YES-2	YES-2
5	80) O'Connor, John - Agnes	YES-2	YES
?	81) Osho, Robert - Evelyn	YES-2	NO
8	82) Pawloski, Theodore - Adele	YES-2	NO
8	83) Rensch, Eugene - Evelyn	YES-2	YES
LIVES IN AREA	84) Rankin, Robert - Hazel	YES-2	NO
5	86) Rinkart, Edmon - Barbara	YES-2	NO
?	Rivers, Robert		NO
7	87) Roberts, Ormond - Dorothy	YES-2	NO
9	88) Rosenthal, George - Janet	YES-2	NO
9	89) Rossbach, Richard - Susan	YES-2	NO
8	90) Rudel, William - Anne	YES-2	YES

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8	91) Russell, Chesley - Margaret (123) Roggen, Ted - Sydney	YES-2 YES-2	YES NO
9	92) Sager, Edward - Freida	NO	YES
7	93) Schulte, Henry - Joan	YES-2	YES
8	94) Secor, Annette	YES-1	YES
8	95) Seinger, Joseph - Rita	YES-2	YES
LIVED IN AREA	96) Sharpe, Wilbur - Mary	YES-2	YES
9	97) Sherman, James - Betty	YES-2	YES
7	98) Skular, Jr., William - Mary	YES-2	YES
8	99) Simms, Gardner	YES-1	YES
8	100) Slack, John - Mary	YES-2	YES
8	101) Smith, Francis "Frank"	YES-1	YES
8	102) Smith, Matthew - Isabelle	YES-2	YES
8	103) Soderberg, Henry	YES-1 ?	?
RAILER PAUSE	5 104) Stansell, John - Bettie	YES-2	YES
9	105) Sutcliff, John - Ethel	YES-2	YES
8	106) Swanson, William (and friend - Beverly Bryant)	YES-2	NO
8	(124) SMITH, ROY	?	NO
9	107) Tallman, Harold - Helen	YES-2	YES
5	108) Thal, Sidney - Daughter Debra	YES-2	YES
8	109) Thomas, Vinton	YES-1	YES
8	110) Vaden, Leonard - Faye	YES-2	YES
7	111) Van Vleet, Jr., - John	YES-1	YES
8	112) Waful, Donald - Olga	YES-2	YES
5	113) Warren, Lloyd - Margaret	YES-2	YES
LIVED IN AREA	114) Waters, John - Anne	YES-2	YES
9	115) Wilkinson, Donald	YES-1	NO
9	116) Yarock, Irving	YES-1	YES
9	117) Ziegler, Opha - Iris	YES-2	YES

DENVER, CO Well, Jack Rathbone, I hope you have enjoyed as well as run the gamut of your emotions listening to the tape that I forwarded to you. (Still have 4 tapes left.) See you in Alexandria.

HARRISON, ARK Thanks Garvin Fitton for the obituary on Col. Jake Simmins. Hope you and Clarence Ferguson have gotten to-gether by now. How 'bout making Alexandria. You'll love it!

LEESBURG, FL Thanks Col. Van Vliet for the address of Mrs. Stewart. It's nice to keep her on our mailing list and hope she can make our reunion in October.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA Boy! you sure are staying on top of the Route of March Write-up. Thanks for your info on this and also thanks to Ernest Ankrn (or ANKCOM) for his contribution to it. Ankrn and Metcalf both on my list. Metcalf one of my longest in time, correspondents. (Have read his book. Ed.) Sure glad to hear your recuperating so nicely. Can't think of a better place to relax than Hawaii, your nice contribution to the Postage Fund is also helpful.

COLWYN, PA From a nearby Kriegle Harvey Albertson who encloses a nice contribution for the Postage Fund. Harvey was one of the late comers to the Oflag but enjoys the newsletters. Sure hope you can make Alexandria. You'll really enjoy it. See you there!

CLEMSON, S.C. Well, not a note from Wright but one from Ellen. I'll take it and it contains the good news that Wright is slowly but steadily improving. Were all glad to hear this. The names & addresses you sent from an old notebook were not fruitful. Have added them to my Need NEW ADDRESS LIST. Thanks much for them and sure hope to see you both, in Alexandria (Washington)

GILMANTON, N.H. Sorry about not getting specific reply to you Col. Homer Hammond, but I did add your name to our mailing list. You will find we have a very democratic organization and operate on the graciousness of our readers with no set dues or fees. We have no officers except mostly retired ones. A few are still working. The Chairman of each site committee for the reunion is the Chairman of our meetings at each reunion and a much revered individual. Thanks much for your fine contribution which has been only added to Postage Fund. Your name is not recorded on the enclosed list but sure hope you sent in the reply card so as to be included the Festivities on Oct 8,9,10, 11 at the Old Colony Inn in Alexandria, VA. Hotel Reservation cards will be sent out sometime in June. Look forward to seeing you in the Old Colony INN.

COLUMBIA, S.C. Johnny "Shorty" Shinn writes that Feb. 17th was the 44th anniversary of the date of his capture. Says it doesn't seem that long ago. What a way to think! Great! "Shorty" was always great to be around in Camp. I mentioned before that "shorty" always calls the four others and Jim Barnes who lived with him in Zimmer #13, every week. Thanks much for your nice Postage Fund contribution and sure look forward to seeing you in Alexandria.

SAN PEDRO, CA Let it be known Robert Miller that we don't distinguish between old & new Oflag 64's. We just welcome each of you as being one of us. Nice to have you on our list and thanks for your nice long letter on your background. Twenty years service is a long time and you could add a lot to a reunion. Hope you are planning to join us in Alexandria. We know it's a long way but come anyway.

VISALIA, CA Glad to hear your still keeping active. You'll be around for a long time when you do that. Edwin Haggard also sent a fine contribution to the Postage Fund.

ALEXANDRIA, VA Well, it sure is nice to have someone on our mailing list who lives in the place that we plan to visit in October. Bob Reppa, was in Hammelburg and as such is reluctant to join in our festivities. No need to feel that way as you shared many of the same hardships we did from Hammelburg to Moosburg. Also you'll be interested to know that Richard Meskill who was Chairman at our Orlando reunion last year was from Hammelburg. Thanks for your contribution to our Postage Fund and feel free to join us in October along with your buddies. We have about 10 to 20 others, I believe, who are on our mailing list from Hammelburg. Hope to meet you in Alexandria.

SEATTLE, WA Stalag Luft III is having their appeal in Seattle, WA. May 21-24 at the Marriott Sec/TAC Airport facilities and the Red Lion Inn. Those in the Seattle area who may care to join in the Festivities there may contact.

Reunion Office
17105 Woodcrest Dr. NE
Bothell, WA 98011

HAVE FUN.....!!!!!!

NORTH ROYALTON, OH This is a town that is not heard about very often. Charles Snider lives there and thanks for replacing the check that was one of several that got fouled up in the Mail due to my inadvertently putting the deposit in the mail instead of the bank. Appreciate your fine contribution and hope you can get to see us in October. Nice to hear from you!

JACKSON, MS Mrs. Allen Karstens is seeking information on the duration of stay in Oflag 64 her husband who was a pilot in a B-26 and shot down over Africa March 1, 1943. Any one that knows any details of the late Allen Karstens stay in Oflag 64 please feel free to write.

Mrs. Allen Karstens
4531 Kings Highway
Jackson, MS 39206

Thanks!

NOXVILLE, TN How nice of Bill & Katy Jones to let me know:

- # 1 That I had them listed twice on my mailing list.
- # 2 Send me the address of "Manny" Robertson. The Col. is one I do remember and sure would like to see him.

Welcome back to the group Col. and hope you can join us in Alexandria in October at the Old Colony Inn.

It would bring back lots of memories and a real fun time for you.

Boody Warrick lives in Raleigh, N.C. at 308 Redbud Lan.

Raleigh, NC 27607

do not have any Robinson on my list but if you could give me more specifics I would be glad to advertise his name among the missing and may be others will know where he is located. I have several others in the state of Washington on our mailing list who I'm sure would be glad to hear from you.

I'll send their names on a special PC to you.

INDUCAH, KY Thanks much Col. Jim Dew for the much appreciated kudos. I enjoy doing this letter and everyone of them and try to make each one different and hopefully interesting. Thanks also go to you for one of the many fine contributions that I receive for the Postage Fund. Glad to hear your wife is much improved and we are look forward to seeing you in Washington (Alexandria) in October. It will be a great time, I know.

ALEM, OR Lloyd Shoemaker is going to have write a book on Mis-X. Sure looking forward to it. It is as exciting as M-19 our British Counter. It will be great. Hope you can make Washington (Alexandria). Thanks for all your correspondence.

ORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y. I guess that's an Indian name and probably one of the reasons the great Indians had a rough time developing this country. Looks like a tough name to spell & write but not really. So much for that and thanks to Richard Montan for writing to me. I'm glad you joined the Am-Ex-P.O.W.'s because that's from where your name was referred to me. Anyway, thanks for the nice contribution and now to see if I can reply to the bulk of your letter which is about people.

I don't recall ever having De. L. Hinckley on my list perhaps I did but in any event we're sorry to hear that he passed away.

James Lisenbe as you indicated did recently pass away and you have his obit.

We do have Carl Tschantz is on our mailing list. Thanks for the address anyway, and of course Lloyd Taylor is on our list. Thanks Lloyd for sending Richards name to me. You will be pleased to talk to others at the reunion about their "adventures" in returning to the USA via Russia. Milt Jellison, Kermit Hansen, Marvin Chevalier all had careers in banking. All Oflag 64'ers. Fred Sommers, I do not have on my list. Will try to locate.

Sam. for Clifford G. McKeon. We'll try to locate. Leonard Cheatle passed away a few years ago. His widow still resides in Harrisburg, PA. which is across from St. Marys on the Susquehanna River.

Do not have J.O'Neill on my list. Will try to locate.

Same for L. F. Bixby. Sol Levy Passed away after an illness of over two years, He indeed has been missed because from he and Dick Rossback many evenings of entertainment were enjoyed by all at our reunions.

Sorry I couldn't be of more help on the names. but we may hear about them in the near future. See you in Washington (Alexandria)

WHISPERING PINES, N.C. Thanks much for your new address Carl Christensen.

Sure glad you let me know because I need all of you guys out there.

Anyway even though your out of New England, I sure hope you don't get too many tough winters down in North Carolina. Keep watching them on the 18th Fairway. Do some yourself.

Look forward to seeing you in Washington. Much thanks also for the nice contribution to the Postage Fund.

CENTREVILLE, VA Thanks Jerry Long for your change of address. If you missed any newsletter let me know and I'll try to get a copy to you.

WALNUT, IL Thanks for writing Robert Shultz. Welcome back to the gang and make sure you come to Washington so you can talk to the boys and figure out what the "hell" really happened. You may just as well join us because if you don't come soon some of these stories will never get squared away. They get better every year.

I was not in the 28th Div. I was assigned as a reserve officer to the 105 ~~auto~~-tank Bn, later the 805th T.D. which was an activated separate N.G. outfit made up of 4 companies, "A" Co from Bloomsburg, "B" Co from Tamaqua, "C" Co from Oil City, Headquarters Co. from Fleetwood and the Oley Valley.

Next time you write please let me know where Walnut is located.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Newt Cole writes that he finally found a familiar name to contact and I'll bet they have had a real "Mini" reunion by now. Great!..

Hope to see you in Alexandria. Newt

POTPORRI

As previously noted I still have 4 Audio cassette tapes which were made from a master that Henry Soderberg sent me of the Wire Tape recordings that he made in Oflag 64 in the summer of 1944. Some good music and some humorous items included. Send \$ 7.50

PLEASE REMEMBER!

OLD COLONY INN is in Alexandria, VA
Motel Reservation cards will be mailed with the next newsletter.

To make sure you don't miss a mailing when you move SEND me a change of address to:

JOHN F. SLACK
P.O. BOX 170
GLADWYNE, PA 19035

LAST MINUTE FLASH

WARSAW, POLAND I just received a letter from the most Rev Jerzy Dabrowski, Assoc. General Secretary Polish Bishops Conference. He informed me that the Chapel at Szubin no longer belongs to any church or religious congregation. On this basis neither the parish at Szubin nor archdiocese of Gniezno can undertake any restoration. This means that if we were to request to restore it we would have to go back to the State Dep't. and find out who owns it? Would it be used, if we restored it and would it be made available for religious purpose. Probably should discuss this further in Washington. Any comments prior to that date will be appreciated.

Carlos Burrows, 71, had owned title firm

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. today for Carlos W. Burrows, 71, a retired Detroit title company owner who died Monday at Travis Air Force Base Hospital, Calif.

Mr. Burrows, formerly of Detroit, was also president of National Land Title Co. in Detroit until he sold the company in 1972 and moved to California. Previously, he was vice-president of American Title Co. in Detroit.

During World War II, while serving in the Army, he was a prisoner of war in Poland. He retired from the army as a major in 1957.

He was a member of several realtor boards and mortgage banking associations.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; their children, Derek Schneidt and Diana Gilha; four children by his first marriage to Shirley Robinson; James Burrows, Betty Burrows, Claudia Grover, Katrinka Gentile, and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. today at St. Joseph Church, 715 Lapeer Road, Lake Orion.

Memorial donations may be sent to any cancer research organization.

John Simmons Sr., 67, of Arkadelphia

Col. Retired John Wesley Simmons Sr., 67, of Arkadelphia, died Friday at his home.

A native of Arkadelphia, he was a retired attorney and a Henderson State University professor.

Col. Simmons was retired from 20 years in the military and served in both World War II and the Korean War.

A prisoner of war in World War II, he was a member of the 101st Airborne Division.

During the Korean War he was a member of the Seventh Division, 17th Infantry, which was the first American unit to reach the Manchurian border.

He was the recipient of the Silver Star for valor during the Korean War.

He was also the first president of the Arkansas Jaycees and a member of the Arkadelphia First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Lou Pipkin Simmons of the home; one son, John Wesley Simmons Jr. of Little Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Sherry Simmons Bishop of Harrison and Mrs. Julie Simmons Temple of Lindale, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Dell Dalton of Amelia Island, Fla. and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Arkadelphia with Rev. Chappell Temple and Rev. Bob Scott officiating.

Burial was by Murry-Ruggles Funeral Home of Arkadelphia.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Arkansas Eye Bank and laboratories in Little Rock.

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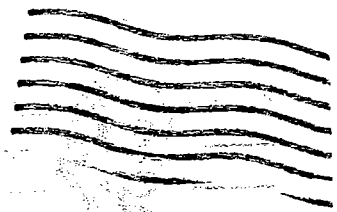
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13 SEP 1987

Richard Englehart, chairman of the board of Sieg Co. and its 12 subsidiaries, died Saturday at his home.

Mr. Englehart, 71, resided at 104 Highland Park Drive, Bettendorf.

Mr. Englehart married Frances Smith in 1945 in Rolla, Mo. He later married Elizabeth Hocker in 1973 in Davenport.



Visitation is 5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at Weerts Funeral Home.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Davenport. Private burial

will be in Gakdale Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, University of Chicago Chapter.

He was veteran of World War II and was a prisoner of war for four years in Warsaw, Poland.

He had been active in Republican party; member of the fraternity; Outing Club, Crow Valley Country Club, and Rotary Club, all of Davenport; Davenport Club; Union League Club, Chicago; and Automotive Service Industry Association; and former member of Board of Trustees at Marycrest College, Davenport.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Paula Sue Eoff, Encinitas, Calif.; two grandsons; sisters, Jane (Mrs. Otis) Sebolt, Bettendorf, and Katherine Andrews, South Norwalk, Conn.

Richard Englehart, 71

Kriege Konvention Kard

Dear Kriege:

Please complete the other side of this card on *receipt* and mail to Wilbur Sharp.

Question 1. This information is *required* in advance for a planned tour of the White House on Saturday morning October 10, 1987.

Question 2. Is to assist in this planned dinner cruise on the Potomac River. Great fun for all!

Question 3. This is to let the committee know what other events for which they may desire to make plans and also to advise the Hotel.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

OFLAG 64 - 1987 REUNION

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 11

PLACE: "Old Colony Inn" 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

- A. A Motel--Hotel complex close to Washington National Airport
- B. Convenient transportation to Metro and important historical sights
- C. Ideal accomodations and price (\$49 to \$65.00 Single or \$55 to \$70 Double per night) depending on whether Motel or Hotel is selected. Rates subject to 9½% tax.

8 OCTOBER

Registration, settling in, visiting in Hospitality Suite, meeting old friends, tours of Nations Capitol, etc.

9 OCTOBER

Continue Registration and free time until 4 PM.

4PM to 6PM schedule photographs of former POW's, with Spouses and Guests.

6PM -transportation provided to Pier 4 for boarding "the Spirit of Washington" for moonlight Dinner Cruise of Potomac River, concluding at 10 PM with transportation back to "Old Colony Inn".

Cruise cost is \$28.95 per Person (includes tax and Gratuities)

10 OCTOBER

9 AM gather in lobby of "Old Colony Inn" to meet transportation to White House for Special Group tour plus Classified Briefing. Social Security Numbers plus dates and places of birth are required for all taking this tour.

After briefing, transportation will be provided for those who wish to return to "Old Colony Inn"

ON YOUR OWN FOR LUNCH.

1PM - 2PM VCR Video "Katyn Massacre" (Optional)

2PM - 4PM Special tea and entertainment for the ladies.

2PM - 4PM Meeting of all former POW's

5PM - 6PM Continue photographs of POW's and Guests

6:30 PM Cash Bar and socializing

7:30 PM Assemble in Dining Room to accept Color Presentaiton

7:45 PM Dinner and Evening Program

11 OCTOBER

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Brunch

10AM - Non-Denominational Memorial Service

11AM - Conclusion of Reunion

All scheduled activities, except the White House tour and Cruise, will take place at the "Old Colony Inn" which will minimize transportation activity.

ON OR ABOUT

You will be provided by 1 July, complete details and brochures on Hotel accomodations plus package arrangements including and excluding the Cruise.

By post card, we have received in excess of 200 positive responses. Elsewhere in this ITEM, you will see an alphabetical listing of those of your friends who are coming.

Won't you join us and make the 1987 Bash in Washington, DC the greatest ever!!!!

We guarantee a good time!

Wilbur

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OFLAG 64 REUNION

1987

ALEXANDRIA, VA

I have attended other type conventions in the past, but none can hold a candle to those put on by Oflag 64 Kriegies, and Wilbur Sharpe and his conscientious grupen produced another winner for 252 of us including our Fraus.

An outsider might think it was a gathering of Oflag 64 Kriegies and their auxillary. There were many of our wives and wives of our deceased comrades on the scene, which, of course, made it so much more enjoyable and meaningful. Phil Wade's widow Angela, who never attended one of ours in the past, said it very well. In other organizations Phil and I belonged to, I have never seen this kind of camaraderie, such sincere affection and concern for each other.

Early arrivals spent Thursday and Friday at historical sights such as the Washington Monument, National Archives, several notable museums, and many other Washington attractions. It was made easy by the committee who furnished essential information such as how, when, where to get there.

Friday evenings dinner cruise up the Potomac River was certainly worth writing home about. They provided a fine buffet dinner, open bar, and furnished a musical ensemble that played "our kind of music", and featured a young, talented singing and entertaining waiters group. To those seated by the sight seeing windows, or out on the top deck, the view of the Metropolitan area was something to behold.

After Saturday early buffet breakfast, our usual business meeting was held and the topic and outcome was our future reunions.

1988	Las Vegas, Nevada	Allan Dunbar
1989	San Diego, Cal.	Tom Drake, Jr.
1990	New York City & Sweden	Charlie Eberle

Henry Soderberg gave us more complete electives on a reunion in the Scandinavian countries in 1990. Possibilities include, using Scandinavian's largest Ferry boat, trip to Leningrad & Finland. He will develop things also in more detail as we get nearer the date. It will also be in September, 1990. Also, there will be a reunion at the same time, for those not electing to go to Scandinavia in New York area chaired by Charles Eberle. More later as info is received.

After the meeting, most Kriegies und Fraus viewed the Katyn Massacre film showed by Col. Jack Van Vliet, who along with the late Capt. Donald Stewart, were ordered by the Germans along with other allied officer POW's--to view this atrocity. At this site more than 3,000 Polish officers were executed and their bodies piled on top of each other in deep trenches, then covered with dirt. Though not admitted to the Germans at that time, it was the unanimous conclusion of the allied officers there, that it was at the hands of the Russians.

Former POW Korber Knows Flag Worth Fighting For

By KERRY DRAKE

Sunday Editor
William R. Korber doesn't mind being called a "flag waver." In fact, it's a name he wears proudly, and not just on Flag Day.

The Cheyenne man was a German prisoner for two years during World War II. He's not ashamed to admit that when he saw his first glimpse of the American flag after being liberated, he wept.

What he experienced as a POW, Korber said, gave him an even greater appreciation for his nation. When he talks about the flag, it's with a reverent tone.

"Let's love it, let's respect it, let's perpetuate it," he said, "and let's live up to its standards."

Korber flies his flag at his home from June 6 (D-Day) through Flag Day, and at many other times throughout the year. He's visited several local schools, trying to show youngsters why he's so proud of his country and why they should treat the flag with respect.

"The men who've died in combat bequeathed to their children a country with so many great things," said Korber, who later served as a captain in Korea. "You can't beat it. It's worth fighting for and it's worth improving. It's not perfect, but

in my opinion it's the closest thing to perfection."

Korber, who grew up in southern Colorado, was one of three boys in his family to serve in WWII. He enlisted in the cavalry 15 months prior to Pearl Harbor, and then transferred to the Army Air Corps to begin his training as a pilot.

His plane was hit over Sicily on his 13th dive-bombing mission in July, 1943. He bailed out of his A-36 and became a member of the Caterpillar Club, reserved for military personnel who parachute to safety. "It's the one time you thank God for the silk-worm," he quipped. Korber, then a second lieutenant, said he was burned slightly

when he popped open the canopy. "My sunglasses protected my eyes, thank God," he recalled.

He landed on the side of a rocky mountain, lacerating his knee, tearing his uniform and losing a boot in the process. Within a short time, German infantrymen captured him.

"The people who got me treated me okay, and they sent for a German doctor," the pilot said.

Korber was sent to Oflag 64 at Schubin, Poland, which mostly housed American infantry officers who had been captured. "I really gained an appreciation

around so we wouldn't get caught."

The only time the men saw an American flag came during funerals. When a captain died, they received permission to make a flag themselves.

"It wasn't real precise," Korber said, "but it did the job."

By January 1945, the Russians were successfully battling the Germans on the eastern front. At Oflag 64, meanwhile, "we had an unsuccessful tunnel that caved in on us, and we left 100 men there."

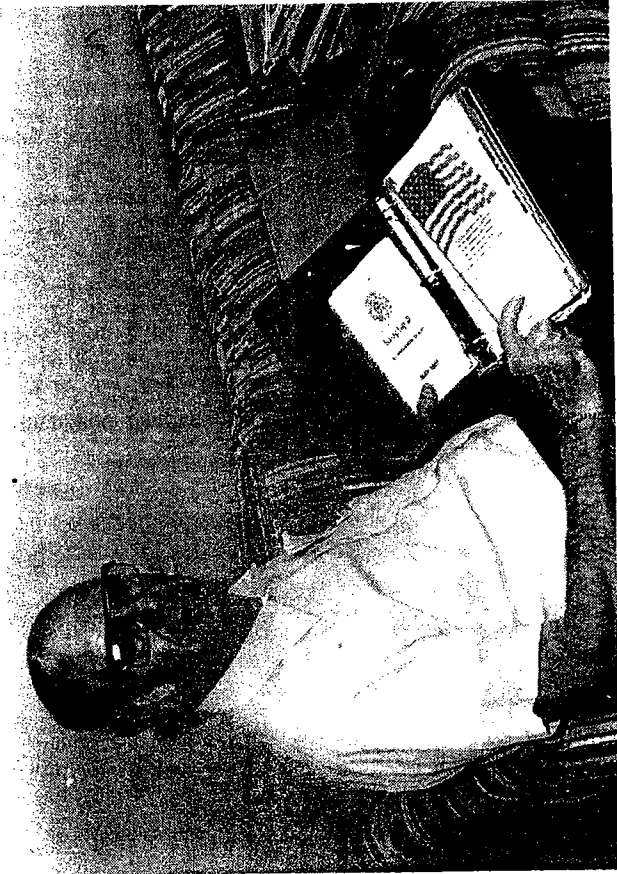
The remaining 1,400 were marched to Stalag XIII in Hamelburg, Germany. A few days after arriving, a task force stormed the German gates and freed the prisoners.

They were still 60 miles behind enemy lines, however, and the Allied forces were later overtaken. The prisoners were given the choice to try to make it on their own or stick together, and Korber stayed with the group. Their liberation was short-lived, because they were captured again and taken to Nurnberg. Near the railroad

for our ground forces," he noted. He spent 10 days in solitary confinement at Luckenwalde before being allowed to join in a communal setting. The prisoners had an unauthorized radio that had been smuggled into the camp, and they used it to listen to the BBC and keep abreast of the latest war news.

"Sometimes we kept (the radio) in a loaf of bread, and at other times it was in a bag-pipe," he said. "We rotated it

"The men who've died in combat bequeathed to their children a country with so many great things," says Korber



WILLIAM KORBER of Cheyenne, who was a German prisoner in WWII, looks over a scrapbook of his ordeal.

yards there the German forces were attacked by Allied bombers, and 27 POWs were killed in the action.

From there the prisoners were taken to Stalag VII at Moosburg, where they were eventually liberated by Gen. George Patton's forces. Korber said he was able to see Patton briefly for the first time since his cavalry days.

"He told us to 'get up and act like men, men,'" Korber recalled. "He had a very positive attitude that I greatly admired."

Korber said there was little time he wasn't active in prison because the American leaders at the prison camps made them exercise hard "to make the most of what little food they gave us."

"We didn't have a lot of time to sit around and think, because our officers had that 'get up and go' spirit," he said. "But we did learn to appreciate the American way of life, and it was helpful to know that we had people at home who were going to come and get us."

Korber has attended three reunions of German POWs from WWII, including one held last month in Washington. He still has many friends among both the air corps and infantry who were held prisoner.

"All I can say is, fly that flag every chance you get, because it's wonderful to see it fly," he said. "Ask any of these guys."

A poet once this sentence penned,
the one is rich who has a friend.
I read it and I thought, "How true",
He must have had a friend like you.

"Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful soul.
A beautiful soul makes a beautiful face.
Beautiful faces are those that wear
the light of a pleasant spirit there.
It matters little if dark or fair!"

JUST A SOLDIERS PRAYER

Dear God, watch over her for me
that she may safely guided be.
Help her each lonely hour to bear
as I would, Lord, if I were there.

When she is sleeping, watch her then
that fear may not her dreams offend.
Be ever near her through the day.
Let none but goodness come her way.

Sweet faithful girl that waits for me
Beyond a wide and spacious sea.
Be merciful, O God, I pray;
take care of her while I am away.

Our heritage has always been freedom;
we cannot afford to relinquish it.
Our armed forces will safeguard that heritage,
if we, too, do our share to preserve it.