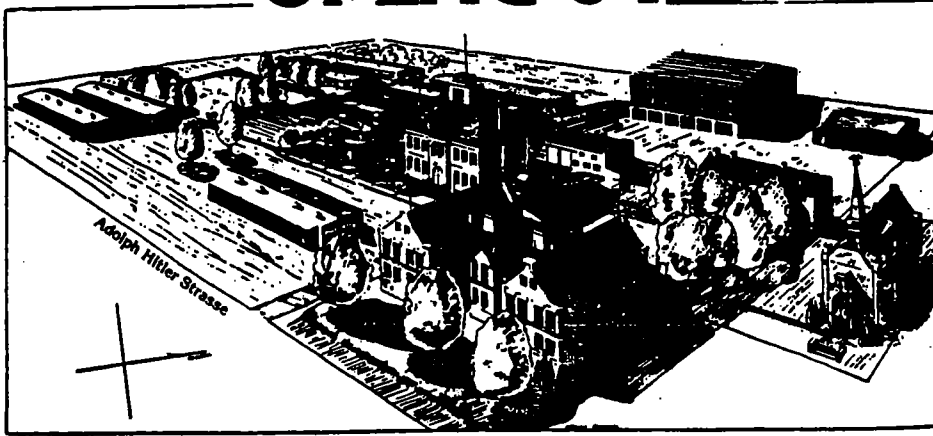


OFLAG 64



Prisoner's drawing of Oflag 64, reproduced from The Item of January 1, 1945

Drawing does not show the three, high, barbed wire fences surrounding the 900 feet by 1200 feet area of the P.O.W. Camp; nor are the eleven guard towers shown.

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POST OFLAG 64 ITEM

GLADWYNE, PA I'm glad it is so hot outside that I enjoy being inside working on this newsletter.

It's only 3 months 'till I see most of you guys & gals again. That's a real treat and this is the main reason for this ITEM.

REUNION

Enclosed is your Hotel reservation form and a brochure on the Dinner Cruise on Friday Night.

Make sure you get ALL your reservations in EARLY. We don't want to turn anyone away. You saw the list, last mailing.

Do it as soon as you receive it so you don't misplace it.

NOTE: Your Motel/Hotel reservations must be in by Sept. 15 1987

Just a further reminder that for those going on the White House Tour Saturday Morning the Committee must have your full name, Place of birth, and Social Security number to the Committee by the end of this month. July 31st 1987.

Please read the letter from the Committee and send your checks in as soon as possible.

The Hotel was entirely out of brochures. If they are able to supply us in the near future I will make a special mailing to you. It's a nice place. You know Wilbur Sharp wouldn't give you a "bum" steer.

CANTON, TX Many thanks to Lloyd A. Taylor who posted me again that Lt Eugene Castle passed away last year.

Sorry, I didn't follow thru and remove his name from both lists. Thanks, again Lloyd.

FAR HILLS, NJ Mrs. Angela Wade writes that her husband, Philip passed away on February 4, 1987. Thanks for advising us, Mrs Wade and also the very nice comment that Phil had about the newsletter. All of our group join me in extending our sympathy to you.

CLEMSON, S.C. A column in the oldest College Newspaper in South Carolina noted that one of the 5 editors that made the paper a really great one over the years was our own Wright Bryan, of course later served as a War correspondent, Editor of the "Atlanta Journal" and also was on the

Editorial Staff of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer." These are only a few of his many lifetime

accomplishments! Thanks for getting the news- clipping to me. Brad Tucker of Gladwyne.

LAGO VISTA, TX Roy Chappell & Helen have made a temporary move to this town so don't try to find them in El Paso.

This town is North of Austin and has some trees which is a change from El Paso.

Thanks for name & address on "Fritz" Mueller. We sure are glad you've gotten back in touch with us and look forward to seeing you in Arlington.

Helen writes that she is now walking around for which we all are grateful and looking forward to seeing both you & Roy at the Old Colony.

SALEM, OR. We'll be hearing more from this far Western point as Lloyd Shoemaker's book goes to press in the near future. He spoke at Stalag Luft III Reunion in Seattle and had an excellent reception.

LEXINGTON, VA Thanks much for several things to Morris Jones.

A year or so ago he wrote me advising that Lt. Eugene A. Castle had passed away and I even published his obituary. However, I still carried his name showing I needed a new address for him.

Well, thanks for noting this again to me. It is now corrected.

Thanks also for your nice contribution to the Postage Fund. Also for the name of Eugene M. Mc Donough. Great to have you aboard. Sure hope your health holds up.

We'll try to keep you enlightened on P.O.W. news and hope that it keeps you in good health. Thanks for everything Morris Jones.

SAN ANTONIO, TX With the good news, some sad news must also go along. Frances Aten called me on June 28 and informing me of Frank's passing. We will all miss Frank who kept us sharp in the Oflag with his many escapades. Thanks for this information Frances and all of our sympathy are with you in your loss.

MATTYDALE, N.Y. I also received an obituary notice from Mrs. John Moran earlier in the year which is published here. Those of you who knew John may send notes of sympathy to Mrs. Doran at 330 n. Molloy Rd Mattydale, N.Y. 13211 I'm sorry that I don't recall John but our sympathy are no less extended to Mrs. Doran than to Mrs. Aten. Here are two reasons we changed to an annual reunion.

LEXINGTON, S.C. John Culler dropped me a brief note advising me that the picture on page 17 June 1987 American P.O.W. Bulletin was one that was taken shortly after the German guard abandoned Oflag 64 and before the Russians arrived in Camp. He also believes that all those in the picture were part of Oflag 64. Right? (I think your name is now correctly spelled on our Oflag 64 mailing list maybe not on the American Ex P.O.W. list.)

I'll close out this Newsletter now as I want get the Reunion information to you as soon as possible. More in the near future.

Editor
John Slack

OBITUARIES

Aten wrote book on time as POW

Capt. Frank N. Aten was a prisoner of war during World War II and wrote a book on his experiences.

Aten was captured in northern Africa by the Germans on Valentine's Day 1942. He spent more than two years in POW camp in northern Poland.



ATEN

"He was allowed to correspond with us," said his wife, Frances Riggs Aten of San Antonio. "He could write a card a month, but it was censored."

Frank Aten died Friday at age 73 in a local hospital.

Aten and his wife were married just four months before his capture.

"It was devastating," said his wife. "Still, I was thankful he was a prisoner instead of being killed. I was worried to death, of course."

Aten tried to escape five times, but was always caught. He was finally liberated by the Russians after being incarcerated for 26 months.

"I met him at the San Antonio railroad station," said his wife. "He was very thin, they almost starved him to death."

Aten was awarded the Silver Star while he was still a POW. His experience prompted him to write a book, "The Name on the Wall."

"Every time he was placed in a different cell, following the escapes, he would write his name on the wall," explained his wife.

He recently finished writing his book.

"We had just gotten it back to be proofread when he got ill," said his wife. "I am still hoping to get it published."

A native of Tyler, Aten moved to San Antonio when he was 17 to join the Army. He has lived here since, except for a few years when he lived in Kerrville following his retirement in 1953. For a while he worked at the Schreiner College Bookstore.

At home, Aten kept himself busy with his workshop. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing and playing dominoes.

"He was a wonderful person," said his wife. "He had a wonderful personality. He was very unselfish and very giving of himself. Everybody loved him."

A patriotic man, Aten received numerous medals including a Victory Medal, an American Defense Service Medal and a Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars.

Other survivors include a daughter, Sharron Pacheco of Eagle Pass; two stepchildren, Bobbie Semlinger of San Antonio and Michael Kelly of Ingleside; three sisters, Anna Belle Funderburgh, Alice Nell Parnell and Bertie Gene Steel, all of Tyler, Tx.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 9:15 a.m. Monday at the Sunset Memorial Home Chapel. The Revs. Charles Etheridge and Rob Grimes will officiate. Burial will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with U.S. Army honors.

EXPRESS NEWS DEB

101 - DEATHS

ATEN

Capt. Frank N. Aten (US Army, Ret.), age 73, of San Antonio, Texas entered into rest Friday, June 26, 1987. He was born on June 16, 1914 in Tyler, Tex. In WW II, Capt. Aten was a POW for 26 months in Poland at Oflag 64. He received the Silver Star, the Victory Medal, American Ribbon Army of G.C. Medal, American Def. SVC Medal, EAAME Medal for Humane Action, Berlin Airlift, Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, US Service Medal. Survivors include: wife, Frances Riggs Aten of San Antonio; daughter and son-in-law, Sharron and Jose A. Pacheco; 2 grandchildren, Anthony and Ashley Pacheco of Eagle Pass, Tx.; 2 step-children, Mrs. Bobbie Semlinger of San Antonio and Michael Kelly of Ingleside, Tx.; 4 step-grandchildren and 7 great-step-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Anna Belle Funderburgh, Alice Nell Parnell, and Bertie Gene Steel, all of Tyler, Tx., and numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be 9:15 A.M. Monday, June 29, 1987 in Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Etheridge and Rev. Rob Grimes officiating. Burial will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with U.S. Army Honors. Honorary pallbearers will be his nieces and nephews and members of POW Camp Oflag 64. Friends may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Visitation will be held Sunday, P.M. to 9 P.M. in Sunset Funeral Home.

SUNSET Funeral Home
1701 Austin Hwy. 828-2811

John H. Doran

John H. Doran, 69, of Moll Road, Mattydale, died Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

A native of Syracuse, Mr. Doran lived in Mattydale 35 years. He retired after 26 years with the U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Doran was a communicant of St. Margaret's Church, Mattydale, and a member of the Third Ward Men's Club and the Cavalary Club. He served in World War II and was a member of Mattydale Post 3149 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mattydale Post 1832, American Legion, the Syracuse Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Chapter 167, Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Bernadine; a daughter, Maureen Doran of Swampscott, Mass.; two sons, Michael J. and John H. Jr., both of Syracuse; a sister, Kathleen Burroughs of Seneca Falls; three brothers, Henry M. of Cicero, Mo., signor Thomas M. of Chadwick and the Rev. Matthew J. of Oswego; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Krueger Funeral Home, Mattydale, and 1 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church. Burial will be in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling hours are 7 to 9 p.m. today (Oct. 24) and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

THE KRIEGY KOMMITTEE

For the 1987 Reunion
In Washington, DC

1 July 1987

Dear Fellow-Kriegy,

Let the word go forth that the big 1987 Oflag 64 Reunion in Washington, D. C. will be the biggest and best yet. To date, 260 persons have signed up to be there on October 8, 9, 10, and 11. The Kommittee has lined up a program that is unbeatable, including a Friday evening dinner cruise down the Potomac and optional events to keep you busy from Thursday to Sunday. All we need now is your check, by 1 September, please.

Make it out payable to OFLAG 64 REUNION and send it in to: Jerry Moher, Treasurer, 1210 Priscilla Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308. The amount depends on which "package" you choose:

Package A includes everything except lodging. It provides for the Friday Evening dinner cruise, a Saturday White House tour, a photo album with photos of each couple attending the reunion, the continental breakfast on Saturday, the big Saturday night banquet, a Sunday brunch, entertainment, dancing and use of our own Hospitality Room throughout. Cost: \$100.00 per person.

Package B includes all of the above except the Friday evening dinner cruise. We've held this down to \$65.00 per person.

For those Kriegies who want to bring additional guests to attend the dinner cruise, this can be arranged by adding \$35.00, or they may attend the Saturday banquet for an additional \$21.00

As for lodging, a colorful brochure and rate card is enclosed for the "OLD COLONY INN", where all of the indoor events of the reunion will be held. This is the handiest place we could find, on the main drag in Alexandria, not far from National Airport, on the road to Mount Vernon, with easy access to the new subway to Washington. It's also new and reasonable, with a degree of privacy for a couple of hundred Kriegies assembled.

Please don't forget to mail your check to be received no later than 1 September. Jerry needs the money to pay our bills.

See you in October--

J. Frank Diggs
and
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for the Kommittee

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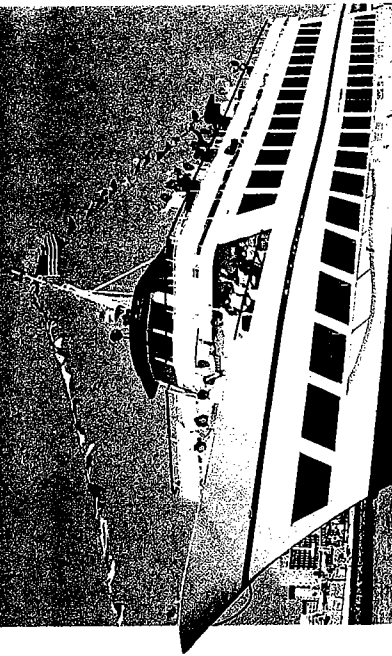
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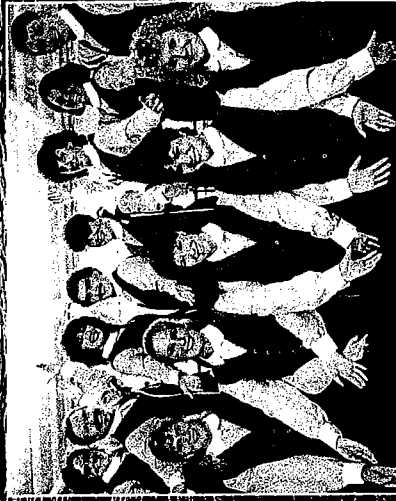
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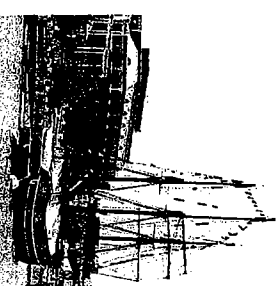
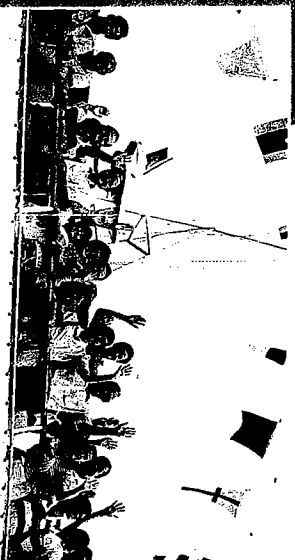
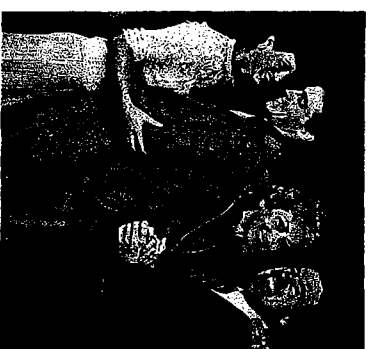
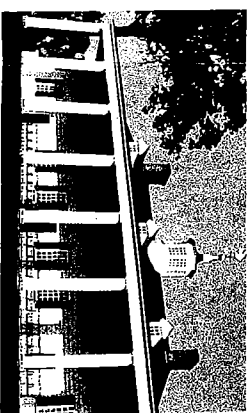
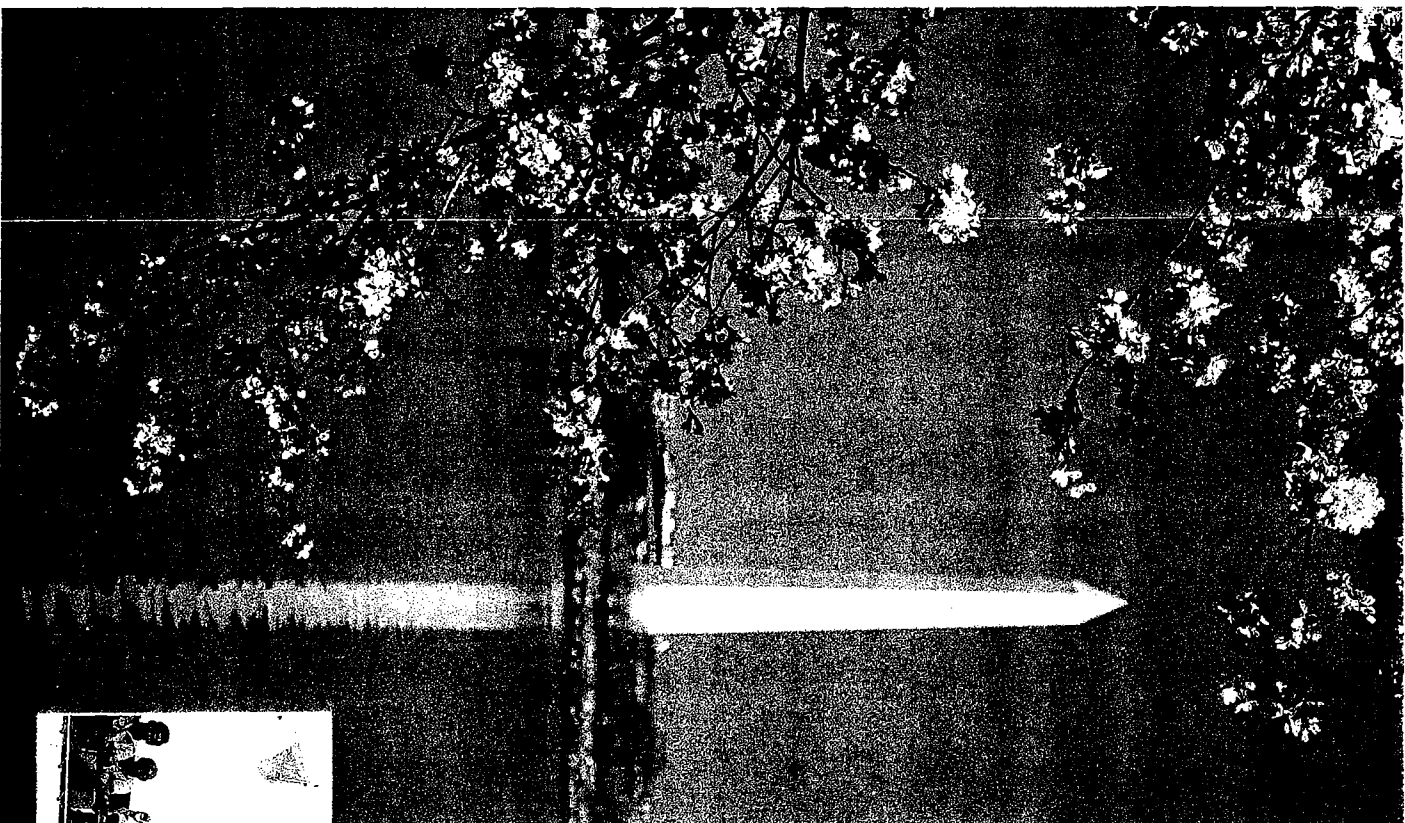
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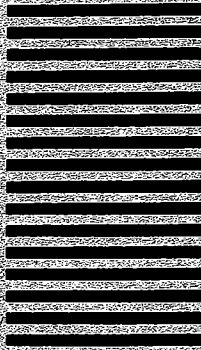
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