

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

BY JAMES BICKERS

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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GLADWYNE, PA I Promise to make this brief. The response to Frank Diggs, book "The Welcome Swede" has been tremendous. I'm sure you all have enjoyed it and some have even arranged to send a copy to a brother, friend or some other close relative whom they think might enjoy it.

Even my 92 year old Aunt enjoyed it and lent it to a WAC from WW 11 who also was estatic about the book. Before we're finished this will add over \$100.00 to the Postage Fund also.

Thanks a lot and happy reading!

REUNION 1990 Just last week after much delay due to illness, plans have been firmed for this great year.

The dates for 1990 hold firm on October 11, 12, 13, 14 a hotel has been selected due to the efforts of Charlie Eberle, and Joe Friedman.

More details at a later date. We still have to get to San Diego, first.

LOUISVILLE, KY What a very lovely and nicely written letter from Beth Englehart, the late Dick Englehart's wife. She has moved to Louisville to be with her son who is a Doctor, in this town.

By now you have received mailing on the Texas Reunion and what a fine time it was to honor Father Brach.

It was indeed very nice to hear from you and all about your travels to Mexico, Washington and Florida. Pls keep me advised of your current address so that we can always keep you posted on the latest Kriegie happenings

Look forward to seeing you again this year in San Diego Oct 12, 13, 14, 15 Hope you can make it.

BANGOR, ME. Brief note from Milt Jellison ordering two more of Diggs books. Thanks Milt and hope you have received them by now.

GILMANTON, NH Thanks much, Homer Hammond for your nice contribution to Postage Fund. We do not have a regular dues structure but depend on our group to make contributions as it may occur to do so or their hearts move them.

This also goes for our organization which has no officers. The editor, yours truly, gets out the newsletter when he can and sees to it, at our now annual Reunions, that somebody offers to hold the next reunion someplace.

We now have almost 500 names on the mailing list and with this many it looks as if we may last for quite a few years.

Thanks much for your very interesting letter and I'm sure that most all of us from time to time remember the bleak times of 1945 going from farmhouse to church to school house to barracks with potatoes as the only staple. Try to make San Diego; You'll enjoy it immensely.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX How thoughtful of that great Army Officer Len Vaden to send me a copy of the tele type message sent to all Army activities. World wide, on General Waters death.

I thought it was significant to all of us that I am reproducing it and enclosing a copy with this mailing. Thanks much, Len for this memo. Good Job!

GLADWYNE, PA Just to let you all know that I received several other newspaper clippings of the General's obituary carried in newspapers from around the country which were the same as the one as I distributed to everyone. (I have extra copies if any one would like to have one.) I also am going to print one more with this newsletter which I felt was a real good one and conveyed more of the General that we all knew than any of the others.

I know I express the feelings of most of you when I say he will be with us for a long time. This clipping was from the N.Y. Times and sent to me by Joe Friedman. Thanks Joe.

WEST SENECA, NY Mrs Dorothy Dervay wrote me last August about my dereliction of duty is not removing her husband's name John Dervay from the list as he passed away on July 7, 1985.

Sometimes a letter gets buried in my pile and never seems to surface when it should. Anyway this is to let you all know that I have now caught up to this letter and I look forward to seeing Mrs. Dorothy Dervay in San Diego. Thanks also for your contribution to the Postage Fund. It is much appreciated.

WILMETTE, IL. How interesting to read a different version of Task Force Baum "Raid" as published in Nov. Dec. 1987 issue of Armor Magazine. This was sent to me by Jim Bickers some time ago which I promptly put in my reading pile but it didn't surface until recently. Any one wants a copy, send me a S A S E with 25@postage and I'll make a copy and send it to you. Thanks Jim for this article and sorry for the delay.

ALGARNIE, PORTUGAL Received a nice brief letter from Mrs. Eileen Phelan wife of the late Larry Phelan who lived and worked in the North Jersey, New York City area.

Mrs Phelan expressed her sympathy to us on his passing away. She only knew him briefly, but Larry of course always mentioned him. Thanks for your note.

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PIQUA, OH ***** Thanks Ace for sending me your book. It was great and I tho roughly enjoyed it. If, you have some to sell I could probably send out a flyer on it the same as I did with Frank Diggs' Book.
Lester Edsall, also sent me the names of

Two other Kriegies that I had already on my mailing list. Thanks for sending me the names It never hurts to try. Now, get them to come to San Diego.
See you, there!

CORYDON, IA What a nice surprise to hear from Meacham. Also to receive a nice contribution for which I thank you very much. I hope you have received your book by now and have enjoyed reading it. Lt. Col. Mecham (RET USA) writes that he is keeping busy as a court bailiff for a district Court of Iowa.

So fellows don't get into trouble in Iowa!

Thanks for writing.

SAN ANTONIO, TX A note from Col. Henry McKee wanting to know about the General's death with the following comment;
'He was a great man and will be remembered by many of us who were lucky enough to be associated with him! I agree!

FOREST ACRES, SC My best provider of new additions to our mailing list, Bill Shular came thru again with George Themes of Everett, Pa and Herman Littman of Spokane, WA.
It's nice to know that you were noticed by Bill and sure hope both will join us in San Diego!

VIENNA, VA Thanks George for sending me Richard B. Parker's name. He has been on our mailing list since shortly after you sent me the letter but I don't recall ever having acknowledged his presence.
Welcome. Rich and it would appear you are into a great work in Washington Area. Send me a brochure about your Association.
Improvement in our Diplomatic Corps is surely needed.

ENTERPRISE, AL Nice to hear from you Jerry Sage, who still keeps more than busy selling and autographing his book "Sage". I think Jerry has done a good job telling the P.O.W. story as it was. I still have a few copies of the paperback left and will ship them out for \$8.50 including postage.

For many years I carried Jerry's name on my roster as USAF retired. I think I can sleep better now because I finally changed it to USA. This makes Jerry and me very happy!
Come be with us in San Diego, Jerry.

CORPUS CHRISTI You may recall the list I printed in the last newsletter signed by James D. Sanders of persons unaccounted for out of Oflag 64. One of them "Fritz" W Mueller dropped a note telling Sanders that he was the Mueller listed.

He also thanked me for bringing him back to life. It was a real pleasure, and just to make it authentic hope you can see us in San Diego.

STOCKHOLM WALLINGBY SWEDEN: Henry Soderberg took time out on New Year's Day to type me a long letter and then attached a photo copy of 26 pages 8 1/2 x 14 of the index of the materials in the collection of his papers which he presented to the Air Force Academy Library.

It was amazing how much material was included which pertained to Oflag 64.

Each heading listed which contained material on Oflag 64 was so noted by Henry.

Anyone of our group visiting there and interested in the material on 64 let me know ahead of time and I can list the Carton's Boxes and Items that refer to 64, Thanks Henry. Maybe we could have a reunion there one of these years. Look forward to it.

Thanks Henry for this terrific information.

OAKLAND, CA Jim Sherman noted that even his little daily paper, the 'Hayward CA. Daily Review carried the obituary of General Waters. Must be an old Army man on the staff, Jim but we're proud of this any way. See you in San Diego, Thank.

ROCKFORD, IL Gee, what a nice letter from two fine people, Bob & Glad Aschim, you indeed were missed at San Antonio and will be welcomed at San Diego.

Sure glad to get the name of Rocco P. Providica to add to our mailing list and he'll get his first mailing with this issue.

Bring him with you to San Diego. I'm sure he'll get a warm welcome from his many friends, at San Diego. As i recall he was well known on the '64 campus. Thanks much Bob also for your welcome contribution. Look forward to seeing you both in San Diego 12, 13, 14, 15

EVERETT, PA A very short note from George Thomas who has been looking for his '64 buddy Jack Poutlitz. Finally, found out that he had passed away in October 1988. Thanks for letting me know George.

Rough news, but at least you know. How important it becomes to each of us to keep in touch as well as to attend reunions no matter how horrible we might feel.

See you in San Diego.

UPPER ARLINGTON, OH As time goes on we'll learn more about our fine General that we recently lost from our midst. Col. Joseph T. Brown writes. 'He was a great man we shall miss him: He was tactical officer to the Col. for his last three years at West Point. He also writes that as a 1st Lt. he gave his entire pay to Army Emergency Relief. Thanks Col. for the contribution to the P.F. We also appreciate these many contributions. See you in San Diego, I hope.

DES MONIES, IA Thanks much goes to Ed Moschel. He remembered to send the obituary of General Waters where it appeared in Des Moines Register and Tribune. As you fellows may remember Ed is largely confined to his apartment with parkinson's disease His phone number is: 515-255-9200

He'd love to hear from all of you even though you don't know him.

Always good to talk to Ed and thanks for the clipping.

SAN ANTONIO, TX Mrs. Frank Aten is continuing Frank's footsteps an Frank did, sends me clippings of Oflag personnel that she finds in the newspapers, this one on Gen, Waters, thanks Frances. I sincerely appreciate your continued interest and hope you can come to San Diego. Great to hear from you.

LAS VEGAS, NV Alan Dunbar is another one that keeps me posted on happenings to members of our '64 Group, Thanks Alan for the clipping This is much the same as I used to mail to each Kriegie. Sorry I couldn't use them all It would have been too much duplication for no reason but I appreciate each one's effort. Looking forward to seeing you and Lila in San Diego.

HUEY TOWN, AL A late kudos to the San Antonio Reunion from Jim Denman an Thanks for the nice contribution Jim, it js always welcome. Glad you enjoyed the reunion. Hope you are planning to join us in San Diego. Should be another experience See you Oct 12, 13, 14, 15

VALLINGBY, SWEDEN How nice of Henry to write and tell of his visit with David Westheimer when he was on the West Coast recently. David's column was about Frank Digg's book "Welcome Swede." A copy of the column was included with Henry's letter and David included much kudos of Henry. A very nice tribute to Henry and his International Y M C A work. I'm sure we'll see you in San Diego, Henry as well as David.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX Len Vaden wrote in late December that after our trip to West Texas & the "raft-ride" down the Rio Grande, which was October '88, a shooting incident occured which caused inquiry to raft rickers at the time. Glad we missed it and the Mexican police caught the culprits who were doing "just for fun! Weir.d! Hope you find a trip to take place in the San Diego area. Thanks for this report.

FAIRHAVEN, MA Mrs. Rose wrote me in December advising me of the passing away of her husband on December 13, 1988. We're indeed sorry to hear of this and I have included his obituary in this letter. He was certainly an active individual and many of us I'm sure are the losers for not having known Tony. All of our sympathies go out to the Rose family. Thanks, Mrs. Rose for sending me this information.

GLADWYNE, PA I need your Help! I am getting a list to=gether of the places we have had our Reunions. So far I have from 1974 on with the names of the Chairmen but not the names of the Hotels or Motels just the names of the City. One question was 1978 Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and "Curly" Curtis Chairman.

This is what I lack YEARS, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972. How's your memory? Let me know Thanks. Your Editor

BEL AIR, MD. I recently received an epistle from a David Schneck an enlisted man who has spent his spare time "tracking" down his old, P.O.W. buddies.

He was in Stalag XITA and he has photos of this camp if anyone is interested.

If you have any buddies you have not been able to locate he may be able to help as he has lists of P.O.W.'s that were liberated from different Box Car trains at the towns of Burgovinis Gladenbach, Braunfels', Hottenrode, Wetzlar and Duenhofen and current addresses of same.

Anyone wishing to contact :

David Schneck
515 Courtland Place
Bel Air, MD 21014
He was a Rifleman PFC with Co. C. 290th Regiment 75th Division.

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AK As I explained to Mervin Danielson the list of attendees was not quite complete as it was compiled from partial lists of computer printouts and some how a couple of names were left off of the list. The Kommittee was very sorry this happened as lots of times other Kriegies find fellows they have been looking for from this list. We will all work towards hoping we can publish 100% attendee lists in the future. Hope to see you in San Diego, Merv.!

CLEARWATER, FL A real brief note from Janet & George Rosenthal our traveling, travel agent expressing regret and not being with us in San Antonio but really hoping to make San Diego. Thanks much for the contribution, George. Hope to see you.

CUPERTINO, CA Sorry, to learn of John Cannon's passing away on July 7, 1988. He was interned in Arlington Cemetary in Washington, D.C. Regrets may be sent to Mrs. Cannon'

11220 Terra Bella Dr.

Cupertino, CA 95014

We would be pleased to have you join with us in San Diego, Lillian.

CLARINDA, IA Well, Laurence Higgins, thanks much for your note. We're sorry you missed the tour of West Texas. The mountains were terrific and a most unusual sight was the beer-drinking goats. One holds the can in its mouth and lets

it drain right down its throat. The other one has to have the can held for it. Most unusual! But fun! Len Vaden is hoping to come up with one after San Diego so maybe you can join us for that

one. Hope you're feeling much better and look forward to seeing you in San Diego. Sorry you had your name left off the list at San Antonio.

ARLINGTON, TX Another change of address from Ike Franklin. Thanks Ike Franklin. Glad you made it to San Antonio. Sure look forward to seeing you in San Diego. Hope your up an about.

Raleigh, N.C. Nice to hear from Ed Batte along with a clipping about Leo Bustad our distinguished Veteranarian from Washington State University. We had quite of staff of Doctor Vets with, Ed Batte, Leo Bustad and Sammy Saxton's daughter, a practicing Vet in Martin TN. Nice going! Thanks Ed for the clipping on Leo. I know we'll see you in San Diego.

CHARLOTTE, NC Brief note an order for "Welcome Swede" from Ormond Hessler which included a contribution to the P.F. for which I thank you. Let's see you in San Diego, Arm.

UNKNOWN, USA The envelope and short note became separated. A Kriegie signed his note with a "K" and sent \$25.00 for the P.F. for which we thank you. Is looking for someone to go to San Diego with. Sincerely hope the shingles have cleared up for you by now. I'm sure you will find someone to travel with so I'll say, see you in San Diego!

WORCESTER, MA Thanks for your thoughtfulness Irving Yarock on giving the second book that I inadvertantly sent to you, to your local YMCA Library. I'm sure it will be widely read. Thanks for the New Year's greeting to Mary & me. Look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

SCOTIA, NY Thanks Newton Cole for not only advising me of your change of address but also enclosing a nice contribution for the P.F.

MEMPHIS, TN Nice Note from Charles R. Hughes or Raymond. In addition to asking about 3 of his buddies in Camp, he included a item from the Stars & Stripes dated May 18, 1945. The headline was 'Hitler wanted to kill all the POW'S! However, the Wehrmacht refused to carry out his order. Dr. Burckjardt then head of the International Red Cross Stated that Hitler had always wanted to renounce the Geneva Conventions. The Red Cross even obtained permission to enter Camps to prevent such a thing happening in the last days of the War.

DAVENPORT, IA A very fine note from Beth Englehart who has moved temporarily to be with her son in Louisville, KY. See her new address under change of a address list. Hopefully, she will be able to join with us in San Diego.

As to your friends:- To the best of my knowledge.
 1- Lawrence Thibadeau passed away about 3 or 4 years ago.
 2- I have had no record of a LT. R. W. Carrier 21 Stone St La Grange, IL
 3- I have a Bill Reid Rt 1 Box 66777 Kill Devil Hill, NC 27948
 He may be the one you are looking for. You may want to contact him directly. Thanks also for your contribution to the P.F. Hope you can make San Diego.

GLADWYNE, PA Took the liberty to send the Post Reunion "Item" to the other persons who travelled with us on the West Texas trip. Received some few replies as well as order for the Welcome Swede book and a contribution to the P.F. All replies were surprised that Robert Renfro our tour guide was a P.O.W. in Japan. Still looking forward to seeing you in San Diego Bob!

CAMARILLO, CA Vern Siebert sent me his change of address. Also indicated he was one of the missing men on James Sanders list that was shipped out to Stalag III B blow Berlin. His feet became frozen on the March. Not hard to understand why!

NEWPORT BEACH, CA Thanks much C. F. Clawson for the contribution to the P.F. Sure we'll see you in San Diego.

ALEXANDRIA, VA Nice to hear from Nathaniel Hoskot. Mentioned what good work George Juskaian has been doing legislatively for all POW's as a member of the V.A. POW Advisory Council, Nice going George. Hope you all moved with most all the art work hung by now in your new home. Thanks also "Nate" for your contribution to the P.F. Look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Colwyn, PA Thanks Harry Albertson for the book order and the nice contribution to the P.F. Nice to hear from you. I guess you and I ought to see each once in a while when we live so close to each other. Let's try.

KINNELON, NJ What a nice surprise! Doctor Louis Salerno who was well known in 64 dropped me a note as well as a very excellent contribution to the P.F. Thanks Doc very much. Hope you enjoyed your 3 week tour of Eastern Europe and the Scandinavian Countries. Maybe you can go back with us in 1990. It would be great to have you in the group. We're a fabulous group of travelers. In any event we would all like to meet with you again. Try San Diego.

ANYWHERE, U.S.A. An article from the YMCA magazine on the Fort Worth, YMCA Downtown which was built with contributions from the Carter Family. It states also that Amon Carter, Sr. located Amon Jr. thru the YMCA. maybe Henry had a hand in that. Very nice to see Amon mentioned in the article. Don't know who sent it to me but thanks much.

PIQUA, OHIO Another note from Lester Edsall and you'll be pleased to know that I have added Clifton Farnum's name to my mailing list. Thanks also Les for your contribution to the P.F. and hope you have enjoyed "The Welcome Swede". See you in San Diego. I also enjoyed your book and have loaned it to a friend of mine.

OWEGO, NY Thanks much Hugh Hogan for sending me John Martins address. I'm glad I had a chance to visit with you especially at the bar. Great place to talk! Glad you also enjoyed being with Ted Roggen, and his wife. I didn't spend much time with her. Look forward to seeing you again in San Diego.

ELLWOOD CITY, PA One of the men from 805th T.D. BN (my unit) way back in 1985 had a front page story written about him in the Ellwood City Ledger. Quite an accurate write up, and a very long one. Thanks Charles Cole for this belated news. He was captured at Fareana Airport in Tunisia, Feb 17 1943.

LONDON, ENGLAND A real nice long letter from Ken Finlayson who with his sister joined us in San Antonio. Ken was an English Medical orderly who worked with Doc Burgeson and of course got to know Father Brach & Kane rather well as they all lived on the top floor of the hospital. He writes that he still has a rug at home that he wove in the Camp and was able to have it shipped home. The following is excerpted directly from his letter and reads as follows: "Gentlemen, (and ladies) of oflag 64. I would like to thank you all for making us most welcome, a special thanks to James Cupit and Mary his wife, also the Bill Shulars for always inviting us to join them at their table, it was greatly appreciated, many thanks." Ken also said he enjoyed chatting with Quincy Drake, Col. Williamson, the camp tailor, (Veris Hubbell) as well as who ever was in charge of the kitchen. He also wished to thank Dan Marshall who took time to write to him about the reunion in San Antonio. Ken, I haven't forgotten about the poems. They are on the "back burner" for future use. I don't think Roy sleeps in his Stetson but my guess is you're not far wrong. Thanks much for your very gracious letter and I hope this finds you in good health, as well as your sister. Glad to hear you're planning on coming to San Diego. Look forward to it.

NORTH TONAWANDA, NY Nice to hear from Richard Manton. He and Reid Ellsworth were captured in Italy in 1944. They were interned in Spoleto and then on to 64. When Reid returned from Italy he visited his daughter who lives in Nichols, N.Y. near Richard. So a mini-reunion was in the works. Richard sent me a picture of the reunion and it must have been a good one. It took place in Palmyra, N.Y. which is the location of the establishment of the Mormon Church. It was a good one, better yet, it was a grand reunion as Richard put it. Great!

Now let's have one at San Diego. Don't put
it off

Richard also said he attended, (and received I assume)
on Dec. 10th 1988 a P.O.W. medals presentation at Niagra
Falls Air Base. About 75 medals were presented by
B. G. Walker and B. G. Hall. They also presented
the New York State Distinguished Service Cross to the
same group. Very nice! Thanks Richard for this fine
letter and also for the nice contribution to the P.F.

STAMFORD, CT For a long time I had the name of
Armando ~~Arias~~ on my 'Need new address list.' Well,
I can now take it off because I just heard from his
son, Ron Arias who is with People Magazine of Time-
Life Publications in New York. He is writing a story
of his father and is trying to write the story he
learned that his father left very few notes and
didn't talk to his son about his War experiences.
However he did learn that his father left Oflag 64 on
the "March" with a Cap't David Palmer who was an
avid volley ball player and a practicing dentist.
They both escaped to-gether thru Poland and Russia
to Odessa.

If anyone of you knows something about the where
abouts of Cap't David Palmer, D.D.S. please drop me
a line or direct to:

Ron Arias
283 Weed Ave
Stamford, CT 06902
Tel. daytime
212-522-2711

Joe Ainsworth had also been contacted by Ron Arias
and dropped me a note about him. Thanks Joe and also
thanks for the nice addition to the P.F. Every bit
helps in these days of high printing and postage
costs. Very nice to have you advise me about Ron
Arias.

As a Matter of fact I don't remember coming across
his name before.

See you in San Diego, Joe. Thanks

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX "Cruise Director" has come thru
again, Len Vaden found this one a tough one to pin
down. Here is a 7 Day California Experience Coastal
Tour. You can see the cost.

The details of the day to day experience and enjoy the
Coast of California. Learn a lot and see a lot.

All you have to do to learn more and sign up for the
tour is call, Pat Burnell

USAA Travel
1-800-531-7245

Join the great fun we always have on these Post
Reunion Trips.

I've included an order blank for those of you who may
have missed ordering "The Welcome Swede"

A great reading experience by one of our own.

That's all for now folks more on the way!

Editor
John F. Slack

I have enclosed the obituary of
Milton M. Moore, who was National
Commander of the American EX Prisoners
of War.

He was also a member of our group and
I know that many of you knew him.
I thank his wife Eva Moore for sending
me this obituary notice.

Mrs. Moore noted that Milt had recently
testified before the 1st ever meeting
of the joint (Both Houses of Congress)
session of the Veterans Affairs
Committee. As a result of this, was
commended by Rep. "Sonny" Montgomery
in a personal letter. He noted that
Milt had presented his facts so
concisely that he (Montgomery) would
always look at former P.O.W.'s in a
different light. This was conveyed
by Milt's statement that to be a
former P.O.W. one had to be a Veteran
first.

Thank you again Mrs. Moore and I know I
express the feelings of all who knew
him in extending to you and your
family our profound sympathies.

A friend of mine is a member of the
US Horse Calvary Association.
General Waters also was a member of
this group, thus the second obituary
taken from this organizations news
letter.

The purpose of this list is to try to LOCATE members of our group who have been on our LIST or may have been mentioned in correspondence. LOOK IT OVER carefully and then try to locate someone you remembered or lives nearby. Do it by phone or town records or any other neat way that you may know. The list is getting longer please help to reduce it. Thanks

Your editor

<u>NEED NEW ADDRESS</u>	<u>NEED NEW ADDRESS</u>	<u>NEW NAMES</u>	<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS NEW ADDRESS</u>
George Malbach 49 Melrose St Unit 2D Melrose, MA 02176	Mr. Charles A. Free 3330 Orange St #19 Coronada, CA 92118	Robert M. Watt 1134 C Turkeyfoot Rd Lexington, KY 40502	Col. J. Tuck Brown 4880 Mannboro Dr Upper Arlington, OH 43220
Tom McHale 13612 Midway Ste 520 Dallas, TX 75240	Patrick Ward Bruce Nunnally Gus Ferris	Charles R. Hughes 505 S. Perkins #412 Memphis, TN 38117	Mrs. Richard M. Rossbach 830 Park Ave New York, NY 10021
Joseph R. Green 2406 S. Kapoo Springfield, MI 6850	Bob Wernette Al Bonney	Rocco P. Providesca 3306 Darwood Dr Rockford, IL 61103	Gordon Berg 1706 August Lane Menomonie, WI 54751-1743
James M. Gillersie Wilmatic, CT 06226	Paul W. Johnston 3304 148th SW H-10 Lynnwood, WA 98036	Richard B. Parker 1400 Key Blvd. Arlington, VA 22209	John P. Horn 3800 Sam Poney Dr #718 Nashville, TN 37211-37215
Lt. Edward Baker 549 Hellman St Phila, PA	Arthur Mallory, Jr. 29 LaFayette Sq. LaGrange, GA 30204	Clifton R. Farnom Box 144 Franklin, N.H. 03235	Vernor E. Siebert 691 Canuno Des Rios Thousand Oak, CA 93160
Thomas Rush Red Welgang	Mason Helmer R. H. Wise Vernon Burlingame CA.		H. J. Morris Jones Rt 5 Box 108 Lexington, VA 24450
Ernest M. Gruenberg 722 W. 168th St New York, NY 10032	Paul Miller 1729 K. St Lincoln, Neb	<u>NEED NEW ADDRESS</u> 1st Lt. Robert E. Davis 810 Michigan Ave Urbano, IL 61801	Robert M. Lobb 813 Jefferson Way Hershey Mills West Chester, PA 19380
Lt. John C. Crown Lt. Edward B. Haney	Harvey A. Todd 1057 S 21st Decatur, IL	Capt Henry Crellin 640 East Grand Springfield, OH 45044	Garland F. Vaughn 401 Pelahatchie Shore Dr Brandon, MI 39042-6135
Lt. R. R. Anderson 1604 Parker St Amarillo, TX 79210	Ralph R. Gann Box 390 R1 Pearse Rd Schnectady, NY	Lt. Charles E. Burns 42 Superior Rd Bellerose, LI N.Y. 11426	Donald B. May General Delivery Kitty Hawk, N.C.
Edward Berlinski 47 Williamson Ave Bloomfield, NJ 0800	J. O'Neil 26044 Dundee Royal Oaks, MI	Louis H. Tankin, M.D. Park Tower East 711 Park Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21215	Lucy Shirk 5201 Vernon Rd Oklahoma City, OK 73121
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Clifford G. McKeon 7 Summer Rd Cambridge, MD	Lt. Paul C. Wiley 29 Federal St So. Portland, ME	Lt. J.M. Lloyd 934 W. Main St Norristown, PA	Otto C. Amerall 8 Garden St 208R TEquesta, FL 33469
Dwayne Reed Edor Nelson 544 26th Ave So. Minneapolis, MN 5541	RET Lt. Robert M. O'Neil 290 Washington Ave Santa Monica, CA		Capt. John R. Martin 3119 Manila St San Antonio, TX 78217
Capt John S. Rhoda 1526 N.E. 24th St Portland, OR 97232		Lt. T. Holland 737 Hall Ave Benton Harbor, MI 49022	

Al Cecil and his Texas bunch lived up to their Texas brag. With Roger Cannon, and others of his caliber on the committee, it was bound to go over with a bang. The Hilton del Rio was the site, and these people, as well as most people you ran into in town seemed to go out of their way to be helpful and cordial. You bumped into Kriegies all over town, the Alamo Ft. Sam Houston, Sea World. the river walk (or ride) and numerous other tours and attractions. Mexican food was certainly different (very hot and spicy), also delicious.

The Saturday AM meeting was brief. Tom Drake, who will host next years spectacular at San Diego, showed slides, with commentary, of the attractions we will be in for and around this city, Oct. 10-14 1989. In 1990 it's Atlantic City, then back to Las Vegas in 1991.

The book "Roads To Liberation" by Kriegy Melteson, concerning the various ways Oflagites made it back, ~~is~~, is out of print, but if enough interest is shown, it could well be revised and back in print.

The big bash on Saturday evening was indeed a memorable oneⁱⁿ that it paid tribute to our Father Brach and his 50th year of Ordination. Father looked good, was keenly alert and people were amazed that he remembered most of us by name. Brother Cecil and Chappel conducted a fine program. Tess Valles, the daughter of close friend of ~~the~~ Padre held a concert, composed by her and dedicated to Father Brach and all Kriegies, Jim Ball, Mayor of Calif. on, N.J. presented Father with a framed message from Pope John, with the latters picture imprinted on it.

A letter from Jersey City Mayor Cucci was also read by Jim. It stated the reason Father abandoned his native Jersey, to spend the rest of his life in Texas, was because the Texans needed salvation much more. It makes sense!

In Henry Soderbergs usual lucid manner, he expounded on his early meetings with Padre Brach, and how his sincere involvement and accomplishments, engendered great respect and admiration from everyone in camp. Henry also lavished considerable praise on our Frank Diggs who authored a book "The Welcome Swede". This well written book is a compilation of Henry's many, and often unusual experience with Kriegies, the Wehrmacht, and German officials. It was written from diaries and notes Henry made at the time. It's available now, and obtaining a copy will be explained in the Oflag Item.

Father's good friend Mary Ellen Valles, whose husband and she have had a considerable influence over ^{his} San Antonio years, concluded the tribute with further accolades. A silver Dollar offered, and auctioned off by Lee Clignan, brought seventy-five dollars for the postal fund.

Sunday morning was followed by our usual conventional service and conducted entirely by Father Brach. Everyone joined in the singing of 'America The Beautiful', which in reality signaled the conclusion of another Oflag 64 Reunion, Firm hand shakes, warm embraces, and suppressed emotions soon followed as early departures began.

The committee and workers were:

ALBERT N. CECIL - CHAIRMAN
ROY D. CHAPPELL, JR. REGISTRAR
JOHN T. JONES
TED ROGGAN
ROGER CANNON
KEN VADEN
FRITZ MUELLER
AND WIVES

In Memorium

Ronald E. Schulz

Services for Ronald E. Schulz, 68, of Santa Fe, N.M., were Wednesday, May 4, at the Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe.

The body was cremated and the ashes inurned at the columbarium of the Church of the Holy Faith.

He died Sunday, May 1, at his home in Santa Fe after a lengthy illness.

Schulz was born in Montevideo, Minn. He taught at Texas Tech University from 1952 to 1982 in the departments of speech and theater. He previously taught at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

He was the director for more than 100 theater productions. His other theater experience included designing scenes, lighting and costumes and acting as a critic judge. He was a consultant for the design of the Texas Tech University Theater and was college and university theater editor for *Players Magazine*.

He previously served as president of the Southwest Theater Conference and the Texas Educational Theater Association.

Honors presented to Schulz during his time at Texas Tech include the Sigma Delta Chi faculty award, an award for 25 years of outstanding contributions to theater and the AMOCO Award for Distinguished Teaching. He also was presented the Founders Award by the Texas Educational Theater Association.

He served on several community and public service committees while he lived in Lubbock. He is included in several biographical listings such as the Directory of American Scholars and Outstanding Educators of America.

The family requests that contributions be made to the Ronald E. Schulz Award in Theater Arts Endowment at Texas Tech university or to other charities in lieu of flowers.

ROBERT L. RENFRO
4755 WINESANKER
FT WORTH, TX 76133

ENTERED AIR FORCE: August 1939
TO CLARK FIELD: August 15, 1940

Served on both Corregidor and Bataan.

War started: Dec 8, 1941

Captured by Japanese: May 10, 1942

Interned as a POW in Bilibid Prison in Manila.

Transported to Japan - arrived in Japan on Nov 11, 1942

Worked at many jobs in steel mills in Japan (slave labor).

War ended: August 1945

Returned to US in September 1945 after 42 months as POW.

Overseas for over 5 years during WWII.

Retired from Civil Service: 1975

Tour Manager: From 1976 to present.

NUMEROUS MEDALS & RIBBONS:

Soldiers Medal (Army/Air Corps)

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Army Commendation Medal (Army/Air Corps)

Good Conduct Medal

Prisoner of War Medal

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

WWII Victory Medal

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HE DIED ON 9 JANUARY AT 2300 HOURS OF MULTIPLE ORGAN FAILURE.

2. GENERAL WATERS WAS BORN IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ON 20 DECEMBER
1906. HE GRADUATED FROM THE MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1931 AND WAS
COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT OF CAVALRY. HIS ASSIGNMENTS FROM
THAT TIME UNTIL THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II ALTERNATED BETWEEN
DUTY WITH TROOPS AND SERVICE AS A STUDENT AND INSTRUCTOR AT ARMY
SCHOOLS. HIS ARMY SERVICE INCLUDED EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE 1ST
ARMORED REGIMENT; BATTALION COMMANDER OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 1ST
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" THE WELCOME SWEDE "

Six years in the making, Frank Diggs' book based on Henry Soederberg's wartime diaries is coming out this fall. In it, you get Henry's revealing reports as the Swedish YMCA rep and only outsider to regularly visit the camp, on life in Oflag 64, plus his vivid accounts of how German prisoners were treated in other PW camps, and some harrowing tales of life in civilian Germany. There's a dramatic report from his viewpoint on the final march of the PWs across wartime Germany, and even a look at sex under the Nazis. The publisher is giving us a sizeable discount, as Oflag 64 alumni, before the publication date.

Just send \$11, which includes postage and handling, to John Slack, P.O. Box 170, Gladwyne, PA, 19035, with your name and address printed on this sheet. Make checks payable to :
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Good Morning:

I have reserved a bus with California Holidays for their October 16th 7 Day California Experience Coastal Tour from San Francisco to Los Angeles and a 1 night accomodation per tour at the Chancellor Hotel on Powell Street (this is the hotel used with the tour)...

The price is as follows:

Tour per person based on 2 in a room	\$499.00
Tour per person based on 1 in a room	747.00
Tour per person based on 3 in a room	451.00
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1 night accomodation October 15th:	
per person double	49.00
per person single	98.00
per person triple	36.00
Transfers from San Fran Airport to hotel and Los Angeles hotel to airport, per person, including tip	21.00/PERSON

Not included - air from San Diego to San Francisco - about \$49.00/PERSON and transfer to airport in San Diego - about \$10.00.....

To make a reservation, send a check for \$100.00 per person to USAA travel as soon as possible, ATT: Patricia Barnell. See address below

All reservations must be made by June 1st.Payment must be made by check - they will not accept credit cards (and it's faster to refund if payment is made by check)..

1-800-531-7245

I trust this is clear - please call if you have any questions and we are delighted to once again help OFLAG 64 with your travel plans!!

Sincerely,

USAA TRAVEL

Pat
Patricia A. Barnell

encl USAA Building San Antonio, Texas 78288

NOTE: It's a good trip - most food must be paid by the participant; only 1 dinner and 1 breakfast is included.

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DAY 2 — TUESDAY — SAN FRANCISCO: CHOICE OF CITY TOUR — or — MUIR WOODS TOUR. The CITY TOUR is the perfect introduction to this beautiful city, featuring many of the highlights: TWIN PEAKS, MISSION DOLORES, GOLDEN GATE PARK, CLIFF HOUSE and SEAL ROCKS, CIVIC CENTER and FEDERAL BUILDINGS, before returning to your hotel (3½ hours). MUIR WOODS/SAUSALITO TOUR: Cross the beautiful GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE to Marin County. Then on through wooded hills to MUIR WOODS for a leisurely stroll through this beautiful 550-acre National Monument. Here are the fabled California Redwoods with 800-year old trees which rise 250 feet or more. Return through the Mediterranean-like village of SAUSALITO to your hotel. You might want to stay in Sausalito longer and return via the FERRY BOAT to San Francisco. Chinatown Dinner. (D)

DAY 3 — WEDNESDAY — MONTEREY/CARMEL BY THE SEA: You may be reluctant to leave San Francisco but wait till you get a look at the fabulous California coastline that you will be following for the next three days. A stop will be made at a winery for tour and tasting. You are taking the ocean-side ROUTE 1 today to the lovely port city of MONTEREY, an early capitol of California and immortalized by John Steinbeck. Cannery Row and Fisherman's Wharf are absolute musts for sightseeing while the old part of town that's been restored gives you a hint of early California life. You will also stop enroute for a winery tour and tasting ritual. Then on to CARMEL BY THE SEA and the WORLD FAMOUS 17-MILE DRIVE. With its multi-million dollar homes, Cypress Point, Pebble Beach Lodge and Spyglass Hill. Still time for browsing in Carmel (you just might rub shoulders with its former Mayor) before checking in at the CARMEL MISSION INN for the night. Evening at leisure.

DAY 4 — THURSDAY — BIG SUR/HEARST CASTLE/SOLVANG: Leaving lovely Carmel's quiet street, the Big Sur coastal highway provides a dramatic setting for our drive to ENCHANTED HILL, and tycoon William Randolph Hearst's extravagant castle. Reflect on the eccentricities of the remarkable millionaire as we tour the

house and estate, with its broad selection of art treasures brought from all over the world. Continue on to SOLVANG, the setting for a Danish Village established in the 1880's to preserve Danish folklore, crafts and costumes. Time is available to shop for handicrafts and sample a Danish Pastry, before arriving at our hotel, DANISH COUNTRY INN for the night. Evening at leisure.

DAY 5, FRIDAY — SANTA BARBARA/LOS ANGELES: After breakfast, continue to SANTA BARBARA, a charming town still showing evidence of its Spanish heritage. Visit the Santa Barbara Mission founded in 1786. Southern California gradually merges as we drive towards our destination, arriving at the SHERATON TOWN HOUSE for the next two nights. Evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 — SATURDAY — LOS ANGELES: A day of leisure to enjoy a variety of optional sightseeing — UNIVERSAL STUDIO'S TOUR, DISNEYLAND, QUEEN MARY and the SPRUCE GOOSE — to name a few. Hobnob with the stars on RODEO DRIVE, or just lounge around the pool and soak up that famous California sunshine. Evening at leisure.

DAY 7 — SUNDAY — HOME/FAREWELL TO CALIFORNIA: After a most pleasurable tour with the friends you have made along the way, arrange with your bell captain for convenient transportation to the airport for your flight . . . or add to the excitement of your vacation by travelling on a City Package or the Azure Seas Cruise.

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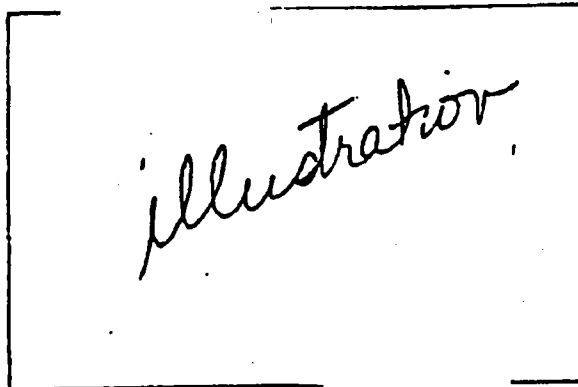
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Gen. John Knight Waters, 82; War Figure and Academy Head

By ALFONSO A. NARVAEZ

Gen. John Knight Waters of the Army, retired, a highly decorated veteran of World War II, died of heart failure Monday at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. He was 82 years old and lived in Potomac, Md.

General Waters, a 1931 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, was a son-in-law of Gen. George S. Patton Jr. In 1943, as a lieutenant colonel commanding a tank unit in combat in Tunisia, he was captured and taken prisoner by the Germans.

In the closing days of the war in Europe, Colonel Waters, still a prisoner of war, was one of several hundred Americans at a prison camp near Hammelburg, Germany.

As the Allies advanced, he was sent out with other officers to negotiate with an oncoming American tank unit; German soldiers shot and severely wounded him.

Freed by Third Army Unit

The American force was routed, but a week later another American unit captured the camp. The liberators were part of the Third Army commanded by General Patton, who said he did not know his son-in-law was in the camp.

Colonel Waters spent a year recuperating from his wounds.

After returning to duty, he served as military aide to Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, commanded various armored division units in the United States and Korea, was chief of the Military Assistance Staff in Yugoslavia and was commanding general of the Continental Army Command, responsible for ground defenses across the nation.

Chief at West Point

In 1951 he was commandant of cadets at West Point. He retired from the Army, a full general, in 1966 as commander of the United States Army of the Pacific.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, with clusters, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, with clusters, the Knight Commander Order of the British Empire and the Croix de Guerre with palm.

His first wife, the former Beatrice Patton, died in 1952. He is survived by his second wife, Anne McKinley



U.S. Army, 1963

Gen. John Knight Waters

Waters, of Potomac, Md.; two sons, John, of Easton, Md., and George, of Baton Rouge, La.; three stepdaughters, Brandreth McKinley Cole of Alexandria, Va., Courtenay Griffin of Shepherdstown, W.Va., and Allison McKinley of Portland, Ore. and five grandchildren.

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TROOPER WATERS RIDES TO FIDDLER'S GREEN

TROOPER JOHN K. WATERS, General, USA (Ret), Charter Member, Life Member, and member of the Military Advisory Committee, USHCA, died in Potomac, MD on 9 January 1989. He was commissioned 2nd LT, Cavalry, upon graduation from West Point in 1931, and went to the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, TX for troop duty. In 1935, he attended the Troop Officer's Course at the Cavalry School, and the Advanced Equestration Course in 1937. He served in the Tactical Department at West Point, 1937-40, where he continued to excel as a polo player. In 1941, he joined the staff of the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning, and in 1942, was assigned to the 1st Armored Division for its move to North Ireland and invasion of North Africa. While in that division, he was captured and was a POW in Poland and Germany until late in the War.

After the War, Colonel Waters returned to the US, serving on the War Department General Staff, and as an aide to the Secretary of War. He graduated from the C&GSS and the Armed Forces Staff College, and then returned to West Point to become Commandant of Cadets. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1952, and served as Chief of Staff, I Corps during the Korean War. He returned to the US to become Deputy C/S, CONARC.

In 1961, Trooper Waters returned to Europe to command the 4th Armored Division and then V Corps in 1961-62. Returning to the US, he commanded Fifth Army and the CONARC in 1962-64. His final assignment on active duty was as CINC US Army Pacific, from which he retired in 1966.

His decorations included the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Silver Star and Distinguished Service Medal. He is survived by his wife Anne McKinley Waters of Potomac, Maryland.