

TI I THE 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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JULY 1989 PAGE 1

Boy is it a beautiful day as GLADWYNE, PA I start this letter late on a Sunday afternoon. This is long overdue but, I, II try to bring you all up to date on current happenings clear your bank promity.

First of course I want to mention the San Diego Reunion. It's going to be a great one.

Tom Drake has come thru his by pass surgery in great shape. Thanks much to a call from Quincey who advised me that he had come thru surgery nicely and making good progress of recuperation. That's the way to go Tom!

Jim Sherman from whom you have received a mailing by now, has picked up beings nicely and is pulling the loose ends to gether to assist Tom.

I'm planning to go early to spend more time and throughly enjoyed it. in San Diego and get to see as many of the world re-nemadasights that I can.

See as many as can make it, in San Diego anytime after October 9th, 1989. See you at the Holiday Inn! It'll be a fun time!

GROVE CITY, OH Ole Khaki Hæt! Sorry to hear that we won't be able to chat with you in San Diego. We're planning on Atlantic City in 1990 so the trip will be much shorter and sincerely hope by that time that Jean will be much improved and able to maneuver better.

Hope you received your Welcome Swede and enjoyed reading it. Keep in touch!

autographed copy of the hardbound book for no extra charge. Enjoy it! It's a great book.

I deposited your check on Saturday, so I hope it

Thanks for the very nice contribution to th P.F. and hope your health improves.

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CENTERVILLE, VA A great, fully typed page of many items from George Juskalian from his new home in the above named town in VA.

Thanks much for your nice contribution to the P.F. as well as being sorry in the foul-up of your Welcom Swede book. Hope you have received your copy by now

I had removed Charles Free from my mailing list but neglected to remove it from my need new address list. Thanks for the reminder.

Have corrected the address and may Mrs. Free will stop to see us at San Diego.

Glad you mentioned Pete Mirakian. I'm sure that our P.O.W'S are few & far between in Kansas.

Anyone desiring to contact Pete, here's his number Sure looking forward to seeing you in San Diego. plumbing or no plumbing.

Have you tried eating pumpkin seeds daily. They have special qualities for plumbing problems. Try'em. No charge for this medical advice. Hope to see you in S.D. PETE'S No. 913-651-2822

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PITTSBURGH, PA Boy its not many times I write about my home state, but John "Slick" Cramer changed that. Thanks 'Slick'!

Vestal, NY Bob Comant sent me a nice note and No.I did not have Jerry Alexis, D.D. on my mailin ordered several items which I was able to supply list but I do now. Thanks for sending in his name However, I am now completely sold out of "Sage" Sure hope he can make it to San Diego. Thanks but have arranded to have Jerry send you an also for the contribution to the P.F. as well as you book order. Will look forward to seeing you & your wife in San Diego.

VIDALIA, GA Bill Warthen sends me a letter at least once a year. This town is the original one for great onions.

Bill knows all about them so ask him about them

the next time you see him. ("Jock").

I'm quite sure that Jack Sutherland's article has been seen by Clarence Meltesen and the contents included in his "Roads to Liberation" book.

Bill, I must have over looked the item regarding our being so outstandingly befriended by the citizens of a town LOBSON? in Poland.

I will put it on my agenda for the possibility of a presentation of a plaque for this courtesy, at the meeting in S.D.

Thanks for the contribution to the P.F.

Bills final comment was a memory of San Antonio where after breakfast several sat around chatting with General Waters who related the details of what he remembered in the aftermath of the Hammelberg. (1860).

This is what our reunions are made of, Great!

See you in S.D. Bill.

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GLENMONT, NY Thanks much Alex Bloom for your kudos. Thanks Alex for your book order as well as the addition to the P.F.

Fortunately, I don't dream very much. My head hits the pillow and I'm out for at least five hours. I get my fill of paper work but survive somehow.

Any time you are in the area stop in, I can always use extra help!

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VISALIA, CA | I should have run this comment right after Bill Warthen's so as to confuse every one as to whe ther I was confused.

I'm not. Major Edwin Haggard is from this town but its not noted for onions as far as I

Thanks much for the very nice contribution to the P.F. Maybe you could still make it to San Diego, to get to know us better. Hope to see you and Ce Ce there!

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N. ROYALTON, OH Just to let you know Chuck (Snider) that Jerry Sage is still rough to play against in a game of football or whatever. He still has plenty of drive and I would still not want to block him.

I really don't know about your group from 2 D. However, if anyone would know about them it would be Clarence Meltesen 810 Gonzalez Dr. 4-D San Francisco, CA 94132

He wrote the book "Roads to Liberation" which covered many of the groups that were split off' from the main columns. I will make a copy of your letter and send it to him.

Maybe others of our group may have info on the six or eight guys that left Stag 2 D on the also of January 1945.

One of the group was Sgt. Ray Jones.

Anyone having an Am. Ex. P.O.W. roster could check & see if this name is listed. Any info on this group, Pls. send to

Charles Snider
y 12027 Sprague Rd
North Royalton, OH 44123
Thanks for asking, Chuck.

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ASHEBORO, N.C. Thanks "Cheerful" Charlie Cheatham for your request for the Abe Baur Raid article. Hope you received it by now Looking forward to seeing you in S.D.

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BRANDON, MS Thanks much for your brief note and I have corrected your address so that it now reads. MS., GARLAND VAJGHN Also thanks for the Kudos.

Sure hope you can make it to S.D. It will be a great party.

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COLWYN, PA Nice to hear from Harry Albertson who lives close by. Were going to have a mini-reunion one of these days. Did you get your copy of the "Baum Raid article. Hope so!

Look forward to seeing you soon San Diego?

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(ROBERT CHRISTIANSEN)

LOVELAND, CO Sure looking forward to seeing you in San Diego. Sounds like it will be a fun time for all. Thanks also for the contribution to the P.F. Read when they are planning another postage increas next year. Have your Zip code changed. Population must be increasing in Colorado. We'll all have a great time in S.D.

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SPOKANE, WA Your check Ed Rooney for the P.F. was deposited on 5 May 89 and should have been recorded against your account by now.

JULY 1989 PAGE 3

Thanks much for your very nice contribution and am sorry I was a little late getting back to you. Hope your plans in the Fall include San Diego. Your fairly close.

Look forward to seeing you.

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As our coordinator for the CORPUS CHRISTI, TX trips after our Reunion. Len Vaden called me the other day and said the trip from San Diego to San Francisco to Los Angeles had been completely cancelled due to no takers. Well, we can't win them all

With this change in plans I'm planning to come early so to see all the sights and sounds of San Diego that I can,as well as get acquainted with as many of you as I possibly can.

For it will indeed be a great reunion. Thanks Len for your efforts and look forward as usual to seeing you and Evelyn in S.D.

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CLEMSON, S.C. Always nice to hear how our favorite War Correspondent Wright Bryan is doing. Ellen is always keeping me up to date and as far as I know Wright is keeping comfortable in a nursing - No. then back'to Chicago and on to Honolulu. ■home watching his favorite sports events on TV. Don't look forward to seeing them in San Diego this year but it would be a nice surprise. They have ears. He becomes mobile by using a wheelchair. grandsen in the Peace Corps doing service in Swaziland He lives in Village Rose court which is in Southern Africa. Ellen.we<sup>†</sup>ll look to see you and Wright in Atlantic City in 1990. It's a shorter trip.

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HILO, HAWAII Hi, Fred Livingston. Hope by now you have gotten my request for Bill Pety's new address, Can do!

I knew you had re-married and hope you are doing, fine. I'm sure by now you've changed your mind about coming to San Diego and we'll see you there with Loni.

You really travel the country to see your family when you come to the Mainland. I guess you can't miss many of them when youcome over.

Will really miss seeing you if you don't make it. TRY!

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POTOMAC, MD Just a brief note from Anne Waters which resulted in getting one of Franks Diggs' Dooksshipped to her. It would be great to have er with us in Saft Diego. Time will tell. Thanks, Anne.

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Those of you who do not know MONTSERRAT, WI this little island in the Carribbean better get your maps out.

This is where Frank Diggs goes when things get too cold in Arlington. He sent me a postcard of part of the jungle area. Henry Soderberg with Claire were visiting. Must have been a 5 great time when the author and the subject got to-gether. Hope they both will be in San Diego.

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CHEYENNE, WY Bill Korber and Jack Rathbone met Henry at Air Force Academy. Another nice meeting, I'm sure.

Thanks, Bill for the book order and balance to P.F. Always nice to hear from you.. Look forward to seeing you and yours in S.D. Were in for a great time.

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A report of the year's GAINESVILLE, FL travel by Kenny Johnson at Christmas time shows that he still gets around. In the Mid summer of last year he went from Gainsville to Chicago then Rockford IL. then back to Rockford from thence to Florida. He is now 80 years old and has had rheumatoid arthritis for 28 a seperate section of the Village Retirement Community in Gainesville. He extendes an

stop and visit. Thanks, Ken for the very informative letter. We would love to see you in San Diego if you can make it.

invitation to all who get in the vicinty to

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Some time ago I received a CINNCINATI, OH P.F. check David Mc Connaughey which I don't think I ever acknowledged. Thanks much Dave and hope you are in good health with thoughts of making San Diego in October. Look forward to seeing you.

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LANCASTER, PA Gee, this is great! Three notes from Pennsylvanious. Incredible! George Herr wrote a brief note with a very great check for the P.F. Thanks much George and also will be looking forward to seeing in October in S.D. you

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CLIFTON, CO Thomas Lawson sent a very well written and exciting story of his escape from Oflag 6.4.

The lateness of it doesn't matter Tom, as long as you finally got it to us is fine. Thanks also for the contribution to the P.F.

No, you just received the first mailing on the reunion in San Diego, CA October 12, 13, 14, 15 at the Holiday Inn.

Embarcadero. Tom Drake, the son of the late Colonel Drake is General Chairman and Jim Sherman is his Assistant Chairman.

We're looking for a great crowd and a great time and sure hope you can make it. See you!

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VALLINGBY, SWEDEN Henry saw the name of Dwayne Reed in my no address and reminded me that he is the Cheif archivist at the Air Force Academy and can be contacted if any of you need any information a bout the records at the AFA he is the man to contact.

Here is his complete name and address:Mr Duanne Reed
Cheif Archivist
The Academy Libraries

United States Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5721 Thanks Henry for this valuable information, October is creeping up on as and we're looking forward with great anticipation to seeing you.

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Roy Chappell and Helen, THEY ief letter back in April y, Jr's obituary, which the this newsletter, Thanks,

reunion in Houston was mrock with Johnny Jones o-chairman. Great time. es for late arrivals. our help and cooperation San Diego.

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bul ... a god send on getting to-gether all the odds and c... of the evacuation of Oflag 64 beginning with January 21, 1945. It was certainly a work of interest and love.

If any one knows of a publisher that will do a 1000 run or less job please advise Clarence of your knowledge.

We are trying to get a 2nd edition printed with revisions.

Call him at 514-485-0389

He'll be all too pleased to check it out. I have never requested nor do I have a complete list of those who were kept in Oflag 64. I will see if I can get one. Brooks Kleber is still actively working in the US Army's Historian's Office as U.S. Army Deputy Historian, Washington D.C. His Home address is:-Dr. Brooks Kleber 440 Summer Dr Newport News, VA 23606 Have noted the subject of Oflag 64 MIA'S after release from 64 and will include •n agenda at San Diego. Thanks for the great letter and will look forward to getting to-gether with you in S.D.

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PROVIDENCE, RI Thanks much indeed Hyman Goodman your short note accompanied by a nice contribution. Glad you enjoy the newsletter and hope to hear from you more often. We don't hear from the Ocean State very often.

Sure hope you could make San Diego but may be Atlantic City in 1990 will be better

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SEDONA, AZ Always nice to get a letter from Harold J. Carroll. I guess he has a ranch because his paper is printed with a screened picture of a cowboy on a horse observing a branding operation in the background, How nice! Harold, I think in my files I have lots of the things you probably have. However if sometime you want to clean out a corner in your home, I never refuse any memor il I still have every letter and other items sent over the 25 years of writing this newsletter. Quite a bit of data if it could ever be sorted and organized. Looks like San Diego will be one of the closest spots we will ever be to Sedona so I will definitely look forward to meeting you there, Oct, 12, 13, 14, 15 or before.

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BATON ROUGE, LA What a pleasant thoughts I get when I receive a letter from Gordon Smith. He makes the greatest cajun shrimp that really is tops. Nice memories, Gordon: Sure glad to hear we'll see you in San Diego. Do you have Bill Paty's current address.

My last mailing to him was returned, Advise, Please.

Thanks, for your comment about Henry. He is indeed a great guy!

Thanks much for your nice contribution to the Postage

Always welcome. See you in S.D.

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SPOKANE, WA Herm Littman wrote for a copy of the article that Jim Bickers sent me on the Hammelburg It's a big boost. Hope you received all the Raid. He wants to see if the article containes any new information as he stayed with the operation to the end and wants to compare notes.

I suppose Herm you have a copy of Baum's "Raid".

Thanks for the contribution to the P.F. and hope to see you at San Diego.

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MONTEZUMZ, IA A real nice note with a check and a picture of Carl Coffey and Col. Meachem. Carl looked pretty spry in the picture but that was taken in 1987. When breathing is a problem its hard to tell from a picture. Thanks much for the contribution to the P.F. and hope Carl that your health is holding up at your tender age of 81. The meeting at a P.O.W. day in '87 was the first time that Col Meachem and Coffey had seen each other in 40 years.

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CENTREVILLE, VA Thanks, George for the update on list's P.O.W'S. I already had Bill Moon on my list. You and Bill Schular have added a lot of names to our list. Thanks again.

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CLINTON, MS\_\_\_ Carey Ashecraft sent me a contribution to the P.F. as well as a new street address. Hope your enjoying your new home. Look forward to seeing you in San Diego. seeing you in San Diego.
Sorry about the conflict in dates we've been meeting a long time on the same week-end in October. Hope you can share a week-end with us some year.

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DENVER, CO Had a call from Jack Rathbone but never received any follow-up on the problem involved. See you in S.D. Jack

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WESTERN NEW YORK Carrie Denk Publicity Chairwoman of the Western New York Chapter of American Ex prisoners' War wanted me to let you all know that the National Convention is being held this year September, 17-22, 1989

OFLAG 64 PAGE 5 JULY 1989 in Niagra Falls New York. Have a great time!

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EAST MORICHES, NY Nice note,

comments about his traveling activities. He mentioned having raced sailboats as long ago as 1922. Great Going! as 1922. Great Going! SIMES
Thanks very much Gardner for the very great gift to the P.F. items you ordered in good condition. Sure glad we'll see you in San Diego. Should be a great time!

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WAUPAUCA, WI Hi Sidney Miller, Nice to receive your very chatty letter. Hope you received your "Welcome Swede" by now and I'm sure its a welcome addition to your . collection. As soon as I put this Newsletter to "bed". I'll start on trying to locate your pictures that you sent to me. I will advise you

further of the status or mail them to you.

I'm sure I have them but exactly where I'm

not sure. As to address on Thomas O. Rush, I'm not sure which is correct, the one I have or the one you sent me as I have had no returns by the Post Office of any mailing sent.

Your groups experience with the Russians was typical of all the accounts I have read where they were involved. Always glad to get away from them. Thanks much for the contribution to the P.F. Hope we can count on seeing you in San Diego

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HEMET, CA Mrs. Enid Johnston advised me that her husband Buford passed away in September 17th 1988. We are indeed sorry to learn of this and all of us extend our sympathies to you and your family.

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HOUSTON, TX Sure looking forward to seeing you in San Diego. John Jones, you were missed at San Antonio even though we had a huge crowd which Al Cecil and Roy Chappell handled excellently in their fine Texas manner.

Thanks much for your very fine contribution to the P.F. The Postage continues to . increase and all contributions are gratefully received even though at the present time we are not in what might be called dire straits.

Hope you have been well and are staying in good shape. San Diego Bound!

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Nice letter from Clifton Forman. FRANKLIN, NH Lt. Col. USA Retired. Had him listed among the missing for a while but he was receiving the Newsletter any way. Good! He finds that his memory is not as good as it u sed to be (So what else is new, we're with you Cliff.) He retired in 1966. He also noted that his sisterin-law lives in Enterprise, Al, home of Jerry Sage and Clayton Metcalf. (Small world.) I'm sure you enjoyed Jerry's Book. You are completely restored on the mailing list and the first chance ! get !'!! try to get an upto-date mailing list off to you to help you remember some names. Join us at a reunion and you'll remember more because many of the faces are still familiac. Look forward to meeting you in the not to distant future.

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Kaytn Forest Massacre and always get a response. He's hoping to get to San Diego. Sure hope you do. Keep in good health!

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BEAUFORT, SC Earl Smook ordered a Diggs book and noted on the bottom of same whether I needed the ddress of two persons. I do need the address of Arthur good days and suggests that we may now address Mallory Jr. Would appreciate very much receiving it. Thanks much. Did you get your books, OK? May we expect you in San Diego.

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KANNAPOLIS, N.C. Nice to hear from Tom Wingate. Sent him a book of Diggs's He commented that a local YMCA is interested in the work of the international YMCA and the book will wind up in Tom also suggested that the book was a good overview check for the book that was wrongly sent of the Nazi Concentration Camps as well as P.O.W. Camps the book around among your group. Sorry The fact that alook at the wartime civiliate life was an added plus. Tom., J. Frank Diggs is living and his address is:-5 090 37th St

N. Arlington, VA 22207

Sure hope to see you in San Diego.

MYSTIC, CT Mary Cupit in reply to your note about your check of 12/10/88 was deposited on 3 Jan 89 and I'm sure it has cleared your bank by now. Hope you and Jim will be in San Diego.

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What a nice token of understanding to send two of "Welcome Swede" to widows of P.O.W.'s. How they have enjoyed this book! Nice going, Cari. Looking forward to seeing you in San Diego.

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OAKLAND, CA A phone call from Jim Sherman indicates that there has been a misunderstandi as to the sum of money to be sent to Jim for pre-registration at San Diego. Her's the correct amount of money to send:-1 person \$ 115.00 2 persons\$ 230.00 Those who have not made out your checks in this manner, please get off of Jim's "BIG LIST" by sending the proper amount as soon as possible. Jim also ask that you send your registration LEESBURG, FL, Always nice to hear from Jack Van Vliet needed to make advance purchases of lalways send to him the latest news releases on the rides, events and etc. So get those fees into Jim as soon as possible so that he can make the necessary plans for all of us to have a great time. San Diego here we come!

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SAN ANTONIO, TX Surprise! Surprise! Had a very short note from Father Brach who has his him with cards & letters to Father Stanley Brach St. Francis Nursing Home 2717 N. Flores San Antonio, TX 78212 The Lord is indeed blessing him as he continue! to bless each of us in his daily prayers.

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HUEYTOWN, AL \_ Thanks Jim Demman for to you. Sounds like a good idea to share to hear we may not see you in San Diego. We'll miss you.

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OFLAG 64 PAGE 7, 1989

GRAND JUNCTION, CO Looking forward to seeing Tom Lawson in San Diego. His latest address is listed with the rest of the changes noted at end of Post Oflag Item. Hope your enjoying your new home Tom. Looking forward to S.D.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA How nice of Nathaniel Hoskot to write to me about his recent trip to Poland which ncluded Czubin. Instead of my trying to give you the details see attached sheet and read it for your self.

Nate took the trip on his own as you will gather from his comments.

ure hope you can join us in San Diego you'll be popular guy!

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WOOSTER, OH How nice of Joe Seringer to write nd let me know about the death of Rita. We know that ou will miss her more than we will. However we will miss her at the reunions which she ravely attended in spite of her limited ability to et around.

ure nice of the Gevers, Sharpes and Len Feldman to oin you at her final services.

we'll see you in S.D

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ERRVILLE, TX Newsletter of Stalag Luft III was full of interesting comments.

will have it at S.D. for those that might like to pok it over.

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DONELSON, TN

Just received word that Frank

Towlin Jr. passed away on May 31, 1987. Sorry, 1

An't learn of this before.

Thank you Mrs. Nowlin for advising us about 11:

hank you Mrs. Nowlin for advising us about this now. e didn't receive any info before now.

extend to your family and you our belated empathis.

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LEM, OR Lloyd Shoemaker the Author of .

misX", a new book due to be published the end of is year or the beginning of next year.

Tooking forward to this book to find out how those good maps and other escape material got to the P.O.W. Camps.

e went with Gen Clark (USAF) Ret. to a ski lodge Bod Hamberg West Germany to interview eight censors who were on duty at Stalag Luft III

Il goes well I willhave a copy at San Diego.

The censors were amazed at what General Clark and Lloyd Shoemaker told them what went on at the camp.

Lloyd had asked Gen, Waters to write the forward to his book.

However, he did not get a chance to finish it. Lloyd also said he spent many happy and interesting hours with General Waters in his home.

Thanks Lloyd for these interesting comments. P.S. Unable to locate your check of 12/19/88 #890

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WAQUOIT, MA Several month's ago an invitation arrived to attend memorial as service for Newton Cote, a "tate member of our group.

I contacted Bill Rudel and asked if he could attend which he readily agreed to do and was not sorry. The service was held in West Medway MA.

They had refreshments at the Red Gate Farm which is also the old Cole Family Farm. Bill said that out of about fifty persons there, he was the only non-family person present.

They all seemed to be pleased that a fellow P.O.W. came to the service.

Newt's two brothers, three sisters and his daughter were among those present. Bill arso said they were warm family group.

Bill arso said they were warm family group.
Thanks much for going Bill. I'm sure glad
you enjoyed yourself.

Thanks also for the very nice check to the P.F.

Hope to see you in S . Diego.

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LEXINGTON, KY

Mrs. Helen Watt regarding Bob who is

afflict with Parkinson's disease and in the same situation as Father Brach.

Many of you remember Bob from Alexandria

R.U.

Bob is now confined to a wheel chair and bed in a nursing home but his spirits remain high. Good going Bob. His wife writes that he traveled East thru Russia and finally Odessa and landed in Camp Miles Standish on April 9th 1945. (Beat me home) He receives contact from Major Lynn Hunsacker of Darlington, S.C. I'm sure there must be others that Bob knows that he would enjoy hearing from. In case you have mislaid his address here it is. Robert McWatt

1134C Turkey Foot Rd Lexington, KY 40502 Get a card and send it off. Hope this letter cheers you up a little bit, Bob. We'll get a report off to you on San Diego. Thanks Helen for a nice letter.

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LAS VEGAS, NV Alan Dunbar, Thank you very much for checking your book for the names of those whose addresses we were missing. Good job! We only had one on our list of the ones that you sent to me.

This will be there first Post Oflag Item, in y ears, anyway.

It will be great to see you in San Diego with Lila .
Mary & I are both looking forward to this Reunion.
Good Health!

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JACKSON, MS Just received a letter from Joe A insworth regarding a letter he received from Ron A rias.

You may recall that I noted Ron's interest in our group as his father was in our camp at some time. As he said in his letter he is attempting to write the memoirs of his father but is having a hard time because of the fact that his father was involved in quite a few undercover activities. So as to assist him to contact our group an address I ist was supplied to him by me. Sorry we won't see you in San Diego but will look forward to Atlantic City in 1990.

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The copy of the memo from Wilbur Sharpe makes a fitting conclusion to this issue of the Item. See all of you "guys" that are able in San Diego. Welcome also to Tom McHale, Patrick Ward, Paul Johnston and Robert Davis.

John F. Slack John J. Slack VEditor

NOTE: PLS. RETUNN TRIP QUESTIONNAIRE
TO HENRY. POSTAGE 45/12.02.

## **Deaths**



### Rita Seringer

Rita M. Seringer, 70, 910 Quinby Avenue, Wooster, died Sunday morning, June 4, at Wooster Community Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at McIntire, Davis & Greene Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Day School Scholarship Fund, in care of St. Mary Catholic Church.

She was born in Cleveland in 1919 to Thomas E. and Sadie O'Donnel Hagan and married Joseph E. Seringer Jr. on May 5, 1945. He survives.

She was a 1941 graduate of Ursuline College in Cleveland, where she received a home economics degree, and was a resident of Cleveland before moving to Wooster in 1957.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Mary Education Commission, Otelia Club, Wooster Womens Club and St. Francis Xavier Mission Circle.

She was past president of St. Mary P.T.U., Wooster High School P.T.A. and Wooster High School Band Boosters.

Surviving in addition to her husband are five children, Joseph E. Seringer III of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Donald (Patricia A.) Grove of Cincinnati, Mrs. Timothy (Kathleen J.) Stokes of Virginia Beach, Va., Carolyn S. Seringer (Mrs. Jeff Piotrowski) of Elkton, Md., and Thomas J. of Detroit, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

A brother, Thomas Hagan, died previously.

The purpose of this list is to try to LOCATE members of our group who have been on our IST or may have been mentioned in correspondence.

IOOK IT OVER carefully and then try to locate someone you remembered or lives nearby.

I this phone or town records or any other neat way that you may know. The list is getting the page of please help to reduce it THANKS.

Your Editor

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## **OBITUARIES**

# Robert T. Henry Jr., World War II POW

BY GEORGE SMITH Fort Worth Star-Telegram

In 1945, as Soviet troops were moving into eastern Germany, Robert Thompson Henry Jr. and another Fort Worth man. Amon Carter Jr., were prisoners of war at a prison camp south of the German capital.

They were snatched almost from the grasp of the advancing Soviets by another Fort Worth man, Bobby Haltom, at the behest of Amon Carter Sr., thenpublisher of the Star-Telegram, who had gone to Europe in search of his son.

On Tuesday, Mr. Henry died at a Fort Worth hospital. He was 69.3/21/59

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Harveson & Cole Funeral Home. Burial will be in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

After the war, Mr. Henry worked for Amon Carter Sr. in the Carter Oil office, and in 1951, was recalled to the Army during the Korean conflict.

He remained in the Army until 1961 and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Henry was born in Marshall and was raised in Fort Worth. He was a member of the first graduating class from Paschal High School in 1936 and attended North Texas Agricultural College, now the University of Texas at Arlington, and later was a student at the University of Texas for two years.

When World War II was becoming a certainty, he enlisted in the National Guard, and in November 1940, was called to active duty when the 36th Division was activated. He was a member of the division's 141st Infantry Regiment at the time.

He had been commissioned a second lieutenant when he was 21.

The 36th Division landed near Salerno. Italy, in September 1943, the first American troops to land on the European mainland.

In January 1944, Mr. Henry was captured "on the wrong side" of the Rapido River near Cassino. He had made it across the river, but the bridges were blown up and he couldn't get back to American lines. He hid all night but was captured by German troops the next morning.

He was taken by train to Germany, then to the Oflag 64 officers prison camp in Schuben, Poland.

That is where he met Amon Carter Jr., who had been captured in North Africa.

Near the end of the European war, the Germans realized they were losing and-marched-the-prisoners-from-thePolish camp to the outskirts of Berlin. It was in January and was a three-week trek. Many of the prisoners suffered severe frostbite — Mr. Henry was awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries. In Berlin, they were loaded into railroad boxcars in a marshaling yard, where they endured the heaviest bombing raid ever by the British. The boxcars were bounced around but the prisoners survived.

Then they were taken to a small town south of Berlin to another prison camp.

That's where they were when Amon Carter Sr. located them.

He had gone to Europe in search of his son, and after learning of young Carter's location, he asked Haltom, a family friend who knew young Carter and also was in the Army, to go after him. The Soviets were closing in on the camp and Haltom managed to get him out ahead of their troops, also bringing out Mr. Henry and Johnny Jones, nephew of Houston oilman Jessie Jones.

Mr. Henry's wife, Marian, said Amon Carter Sr. had remarked that they were among three of the worstlooking young men he had ever seen. Mr. Henry had dropped from a usual 155-160 pounds to 110 pounds, she said.

Mr. Henry was recalled to active duty in January 1951 during the Korean War and after going through the Army School at Fort Knox, Ky., he was assigned from 1953-1954 as an Army adviser to Chiang Kai-shek's forces on Formosa, now Taiwan. Following that assignment, Mr. Henry returned to the United States and was an Army adviser to an Army Reserve unit in Longview. He next was sent to Europe with the 4th Armored Division in West Germany.

He returned to Fort Worth in 1961, and after his retirement, joined Employers Casualty Co. of Texas. He retired from the company in 1981 after 20 years.

Mr. Henry wasn't a gardener, but he enjoyed flowers and for a time was a docent at the Botanic Garden. "He loved taking the kids through and showing them the flowers," Marian Henry said. He was a member of University United Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials to the Memorial Fund at University United Methodist Church or to a favorite charity.

Survivors: Wife for 40 years, Marian I. Henry of Fort Worth; two sons, David Henry of Fort Worth and Robert T. Henry III in Dallas; and one grandchild. TO: OFLAG 64 KRIEGIES FROM: WILBUR SHARPE

SUBJECT: FUNERAL OF GEN. JOHN K. WATERS

DATE: 17 MAY 1989

Nine members from Oflag 64 were in attendance at the graveside service for General John K. Waters on Saturday 14 January 1989 at Emmanuel Episcopalian Church and Cemetary in Glencoe, Maryland.

Two fresh roses were hand carried from Father Stanley Brach by General Water's former aid, and were placed on the casket by Wilbur Sharpe and Harold Tallman.

The message on the roses from Father Brach said "GOD SPEED, IOHN."

Those in attendance were (from left to right):
Harold Tallman, Thomas Miller, Vincent DiFrancesco, John Slack,
Alfred Moss, Jerry Moher, Henry Ackerman, Paul Miller,
and Wilbur Sharpe.

### KRIEGIE TOUR TO EUROPE—1990— STALAG LUFT III & OFLAG 64

Provided there is sufficient interest, Bennett Tours, Inc., is cooperation with SAS Airlines, will arrange a tour to Europe for former POWs in 1990. Henry Söderberg, our YMCA representative, will act as chief planner, to arrange a tour of interest that will also be open to members of kriegie families and friends.

Bennett is an experienced tour operator, and the tour will be especially tailored to fit the needs of our age group.	
The tour will include the for TIME FOR THE TOUR	ollowing features:  End of August, beginning of September, 1990.
LENGTH OF TOUR BASIC PRICE	
ROUTING	Poznan—choice of Szubin or Sagan—choice of Helinski or Leningrad—Stockholm—Oslo/Bergen—USA.  (Side trips can be built into the program in order to cater to "special interests".)
The organizers need to know by the middle of October, 1989, if there is an interest (approximately 50 persons), in order to justify booking of hotels and transportation. The Polish and Soviet portions of the tour would be arranged in cooperation with Orbis and Intourist travel organizations.	
If you are interested, please Henry Söderberg. (Postage	e fill in the form below, and send it to to Sweden is 45¢.)
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