

Prisoner's drawing of Oflag 64, reproduced from The Item of Interest 1, 1945 BY JAMES BICKERS

GLADWYNE, PA. This letter is definitely on the late side. Bill has had a problem arise which he did not anticipate and I hope to receive the hotel reservation cards. Be assured that if I have them before I get this letter mailed they will be included. If not, I will make a separate mailing so that each of you may make plans to go to Colorado Springs. Make plans anyway, we all want to see each other.

The dates are October 7,8,9,10, 1992. The hotel is in Colorado Springs. Sheraton (South). See enclosed Reservation form. Use it!

FALLON, NV. This is the new home town for Carroll Higgenbotham. I guess he decided he had enough of California.
1020 Tiffany Dr.
Fallon, NV 89496

VALLINGBY, SWEDEN. Just in case I didn't give it to you before, as of May 1st, Henry's and Claire's new address is:
Brackegatan 2, 10th Floor
16225 Vallingby
Sweden

Also, Henry sent me about a month or two ago a 14 page write-up on his experiences as he promised at our Reunion in Norfolk.

It appears that the whole thing can be reproduced and mailed to you for \$7.50/set. Those of you who would like a copy of Henry's Reminiscences, send your check to:
Post Oflag Item
P.O. Box 170
Gladwyne, PA 19035

The profits, if any, will go to the Postage Fund.... Editor.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. From time to time I've come to expect an envelope with a variety of stamps from Hyman Goodman. Thanks much for the contribution this time to the P.F. I add them to my stamp supply and use them for various purposes such as sending copies of various requested articles or letters in reply to questions. It all helps and many thanks. Be nice to see you in Colorado Springs.

GLADWYNE, PA. Miracles always happen and I hope by now that all of you who ordered the 1990 Las Vegas reunion Booklet have received it by now. I still don't know the full story but at last we finally received our brochures.

PINEHURST, NC. Another great epistle from Herb Garris. Bob Levin and he have struck it off real well so we should see both of them in the "Springs" in October. Should be a great one at the Sheraton "South". (Let me explain the "South". There are two Sheratons in Colorado Springs. Don't get confused. One is at the North end of town and we will be at the South end of town. Keep this in mind if you have to contact the hotel for any reason).

Herb wants to know if anyone has heard from Kermit Hansen lately. Anyone want to volunteer latest information on Kermit. If so just send it to Herbert Harris:
P.O. Box 1693
Pinehurst, NC 28374

You were right on the flowers. We had a great spring here and thoroughly enjoyed the

the great yellow of the Forsythea, variegated colors of the Azalea, and of course the pink and white of the dogwood, both domestic and wild.

Thanks much Herb, look forward to seeing you again in Colorado Springs.

A second letter from Herb was chastising my machines for making errors in the February issue of the Post Ollag Item. Well, Shucks, sometimes even this (me) "Incredible Machine" doesn't function correctly.

To correct the items noted by Herb: Whispering Pines should have read Cheyenne, WY for Jean Christiansen. Sorry Jean for relocating you.

Thanks also Herb for pointing out the intro on De Vos. It was indeed "great" of you to take a copy of the John Creech article to Fran De Vos' widow.

Don't forget to send me your book review on Durand's Stalag Luft III for reprinting in the Item.

HAMMOND, IN. Carl and Rita Casper wrote that they enjoyed the R. at Norfolk and they are looking forward to C.S. (Colorado Springs). Thanks much Carl for your contribution to the P.F. Sure hope you've received your photo and video by now. Pls. advise if you have not received them. See you in Colorado Springs.

DES MOINES, IA. Enclosed are copies of the Orlag 04 buildings done to scale. To the best of my knowledge, each has been made to scale by our own Robert Eckman. They are part of the P.O.W. Museum he has set up in a National Guard Armory in this fair city.

I'm sure Bob also took the original photo from which I made these copies. Thanks Bob for thinking of us. I'll bring these to C.S. in October if you would like. Could you send me the full story on the Museum.

See you in C.S.

COLWYN, PA. Harry, I sure hope you can join us in C.S. in October. You should treat yourself if you can.

Thanks, Harry E. Albertson for your nice contribution to the P.F. It was much appreciated.

I know that your comment on Wright Bryan, 'a terrible person' will be appreciated not only by his fine wife Ellen but by all of us.

He was a great guy!

Thanks for your wishes for '92 and it is doing better. Hope again we can see you in C.S. in October.

ORLAND PARK, IL: Ira Siagter sent me the address of his longtime "Kriegie" buddy Dick Becker of Brandenton, FL. (We have some others in Brandenton or nearby). They were both captured on the same day; marched out of Poland together and were released together at Luchenwalde. Nice to have you, Dick and hope you can join us in C.S. in October along with Ira. Thanks also Ira for your nice contribution to the P.F.

Join us!

HENDERSONVILLE, NC: What a fine Thank you note from Elaine Creech for the inclusion last issue of John's story sent in by "Boomer Holder".

For further info on John is copy of the citation that he received along with a medal. Nice going John.

The Royal Horticultural Society has 150,000 members worldwide so it is quite a prestigious Society with the Queen Mother as a Patroness.

Thanks much also Elaine for this additional intro as well as the nice contribution to the P.F.

See you in C.S.

NOVELTY, OH: A nice brief note from "Hank" Perry with a contribution for the PF as well as a comment on John Creech. "Hank" remembers how thrilled John was when the first seeds were received from Hank's Dad in their cubicle.

We'd like to see you in C.S., Hank! Yes!

COLOMBIA, SC: Thanks much Don Grant for the kudos. How's your hip doing. You must feel young again by now. I haven't seen Curtis Jones lately but I'm sure he's doing great also by now.

Thanks also for the contribution to the PF. Look forward to seeing you in C.S. in October.

HOUSTON, TX: Boy! That fabulous trip to Poland that went out to each of you last issue has been picked up by the Ted Roggen Travel Agency and a Deluxe Suite has been

reserved for Mr. Roggen on board the NSL/
Starward.

Just send your reservations to:
Mr. Ted Roggen
1800 Augusta Sue 224
Houston, TX 77057

Thanks Ted and happy sailing. Come join us
in C.S.

HARDWICK, MA: Thanks, Phil McIntyre for the
copy of the Theatre Program on Full Swing.
The cast and stage crew were all great people
many of whom are still around. Of course the
chorus was fabulous! The check went into the
PF and is being put to good use. Very nice!
I see you've still retained your knowledge of
the German language. Have noted the spelling
of your name. Thanks.

MT. CLEMENT'S, MI: Thanks Jean Barkovic for
the change of address. I've emptied all my
pockets but still seem to have lost your
previous note to me.

I have your address on my list and look
forward to seeing you at the Reunion.

We're doing our best to stay healthy
and working hard at having fun.

CAMP HILL, PA: Those of us who live nearby
this community know that it is not a camp-
site but a thriving residential place where
Herb Johnson resides.

I haven't very often heard from Herb but
he is on me right now because I've mislaid
his copies of the Oflag 64 Item. I'm still
looking Herb and hope that they turn up.

Sure would like to see you in Colorado
Springs. In October it should be a beautiful
spot.

ARLINGTON, TX: From Ernest Schulbach came
a postcard to send the Post Oflag Item to:
Donald Lussenden
16415 Alpine Dr.
Livonia, MI 48154

If you'd like to find out how a guy from
Texas teamed up with another one from Michigan
come out to the Reunion in Colorado Springs
and ask them. I'm sure they'll both be there.

Welcome to our Group Don and thanks for
your call. I personally am looking forward to
meeting you.

See you in C.S.

HOUSTON, TX: Received a nice note from John
Jones. Had sent him an article on his uncle
Jesse Jones who many of you may recall was
the head of RFC in the late thirties. Does
this ring a bell?

John said he is feeling quite well and
hopes to join us in C.S. Sure hope so John.

VIDALIA, GA: William (Bill) Warthen included
in his letter the brief newstory on a National
Park Services P.O.W. Museum.

**New POW museum
planned.** The National Park
Service plans to build a new
prisoner-of-war museum near
Andersonville, site of the Civil
War's worst POW camp, where
nearly 13,000 Union soldiers
died in 14 months. President
Bush signed a bill last week
appropriating \$573,000 to design
exhibits and plan the interior of
the 10,000-square-foot museum,
which is expected to cost \$10.9
million. The new museum will
tell the story of prisoners of war
from the American Revolution to
the Persian Gulf War, said Fred
Boyles, superintendent of the
Andersonville National Historic
Square will replace a 4,000-
square-foot museum that can
hold only about 1 percent of
the POW artifacts and
artifacts.

Complete

from our news service

He also raised again the question of anyone's
knowledge about a black officer of the Hammel-
burg Camp who chose to stay with Abrams group
and lost his leg in the subsequent fight. Pls
let Bill Warthen or Clarence Meltesen know
about the above individual if you have any
knowledge of him.

Bill, your mention of the KGB releasing
info on 8 American POW's dying in Russian
Prisons is only the very tip of the iceberg.

Thanks Bill for an interesting newsy letter
and also your contribution to the PF.

ARLINGTON, TX: Finally got a note off to
Elaine & Ernie Schulbach with information they
asked for in April. Will just have to do
better and send info requested off on receipt
rather than when I get to read it again while
writing up the newsletter.

Hope you're still perking Ernie and look

forward to seeing you in the middle of the Rockies.

D&S MOINES, IA: Only one person that I know that would have the sense of humor to write me on Income Tax Day. He knows how much I love to write to the IKS. His name is Verris Hubbell. What a Guy!

He is quite well ^{IN SPITE} ~~of~~ of the extra large hand doctors continue to poke at him. They don't care if they hurt or not.

Hub reported on the status of members of the Iowa group.

Lew Wilcox in and out of the hospital in good shape. You read about Bob Eckman previously in this letter and he also talked to Carl Coffey and his wife. Glad to hear Carl at 84½ is still going strong but on oxygen just about 100% of the time.

There are others in Iowa that I expect to hear about but that's all for now.

Sure looking forward to talking with "Hub" at Colorado Springs.

October 8,9,10,11, 1992.

MONTGOMERY, AL: Donna C. Moore, a daughter, advised me in April that:

Donald C. Clark
3712 Morris Cook Dr.
Montgomery, AL 36109

passed away on April 3, 1992. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge.

We thank Ms. Moore for sending this information to us and extend our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

GILMANTON, NH: Received the obituary (see enclosed) of Lt. Col. Homer Hammond from someone, and have reprinted it herewith.

Thanks to someone.Ed.

SYRACUSE, NY: Mrs. Jane Cole recently sent me the obituary of her husband, Douglas Cole. We thank her for this and have reprinted it herewith.

Also was included a contribution to the PF and thanks to you Mrs. Cole. It was really appreciated.

Our sympathy is extended to you and yours at this time.

CLIFTON PARK, NY: Thanks N, n and Jim for your nice note and also your nice contribution to the PF.

Sure glad you had such a nice time in Florida as well as at the Norfolk Reunion. It was great to see you both also.

Thanks also for the comment about the Newsletter but its folks like thee that help make this a real pleasure to do.

Bill Korber is working hard in Cheyenne, WY, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, CO to get everything set for us.

His original choice of Hotels quit on him a few weeks ago and he had to get the new one which I explained earlier in this newsletter.

See you in C.S. soon.

WEST BOYLSTON, MA: Two short notes from Ormond Roberts down regarding a contribution made but not cleared at the bank. Nice to converse with Ormond who says he is trying to grow old gracefully. Just do it Ormond, don't worry about the aches and pains they just go with the territory.

Stay healthy! Join us in Colorado.

SPOKANE, WA: Nice to receive an invitation to attend Herm and Lucille Littman's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration which will be held this month. Congratulations. Sorry we won't be able to attend but its nice to know about it.

We celebrated ours last year. Great time! Thanks for the PF contribution. Will

look forward to seeing you in C.S. in October.

FAIRTOWN, NJ: Believe a short note from Joe Friedman also contained a contribution for the PF for which we thank you. Says he may be moving. Let us know where you go, Joe.

See you in C.S.

SALEM, OR: Lloyd Shoemaker called and then wrote me the following regarding, Code Users in Orlag 04.

In many calls to the Pentagon he found there are four offices for the handling of Awards. Requests for Awards should be addressed and sent to:

Army Awards (inactive) Commander
Attn: DAP-PAS-EAW
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132

Lloyd adds that, any living code users should have received a commendation letter from DOD. A photocopy of this letter along with a photocopy (both sides) of their discharge papers for the Bronze Star Award. Next of kin may

apply for deceased.

Thanks Lloyd for this pertinent information. You may get some referrals from me, if any questions come this way.

Join us in C.S. in October.

SPOKANE, WA: Thanks Ed Rooney for your nice contribution to the PF. Every bit helps. hope you can make it to C.S.

GLADWYNE, PA. I rarely let my personal views come to the fore and impose them on you in these papers.

The enclosed flyer from APRA is one of those occasions. I think this is perhaps the best antigun-control group.

It is also a great America First Group.

Let's make COLORADO SPRINGS
a great big BASH week-end.

See you there!

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 11, 1992
Sheraton Hotel (South)

Editor - John F. Slack

UARIES

Survivors also include a son; four brothers; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

There are no calling hours.

Services and burial will be private.

Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels has charge of arrangements.

Col. Homer Hammond

GILMANTON ^{NH} Lt. Col. Homer H. Hammond, retired, 75, of Meadow Pond Road, died Wednesday at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Mr. Hammond was born May 30, 1916 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Clarence and Georgia (Lindenburger) Hammond. He had lived in this community for the past 10 years, coming from Tilton.

Mr. Hammond had served in the U.S. Army for over 20 years, retiring in 1962 as a lieutenant colonel. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association and of the Ex-POW Association. He was a holder of the Silver Star for heroism and also a Bronze Star, and had numerous campaign awards.

Mr. Hammond was a communicant of St. James Episcopal Church of Laconia.

He had also served as the first executive director of the New Hampshire Music Festival.

Survivors include his wife, Janet (Gordon) Hammond of Gilmanton; three sons, Warren Hammond of Bath, Maine, Anthony Hammond of Rutland, Vt., and Michael Hammond of Concord; four daughters, Elizabeth Warshaw of Brookline, Mass., Mary Davis of Madbury, Carolyn McConnell of Edzell, Scotland and Andrea Norris of Farmington; nine grandchildren.

There are no calling hours.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church, 876 North Main St., Laconia. The Rev. Robert Chrisman, rector of the church, will officiate.

Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home, Laconia, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. James Scholarship Foundation, care of St. James Episcopal Church, 876 North Main St., Laconia 03246; or the N.H. Humane Society, P.O. Box 572, Laconia 03247.



In Loving Memory
of
Douglas J. Cole

Died

September 9, 1991

Died 9-9-91

Douglas Cole, 72; decorated World War II veteran, POW

Douglas J. Cole, a prisoner of war in Germany and Poland during World War II, died Monday at his home after a long illness. He was 72 and lived at 126 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse.

Mr. Cole was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army in February 1942. He was serving in the European Theater near Scarbrucken, Germany, on Oct. 5, 1944, when he and his small unit were surrounded by German troops. They were captured and kept in a barn in the freezing cold before being forced to march to Lumburg, Germany, and on to Poland. Russian forces liberated them in April 1945. Mr. Cole was released from active duty in January 1946.

He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with three battle stars, the Bronze Star, Prisoner of War Medal and other decorations for service to his country.

Mr. Cole was a charter member of the General Pulaski Post of the American Legion which he visited

daily.

He was a life resident of Syracuse. He retired in 1981 from Onondaga County as a sealer of weights and measures. Before that he was a manufacturer's representative for Magnavox.

Mr. Cole was a member of Town Isle Golf Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former June Knapp; a daughter, Linda A. Slimack of Liverpool; a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann O'Shea of Liverpool; his mother-in-law, Carmella Scherr of Syracuse; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Edward J. Ryan & Son Funeral Home and 10 a.m. in Holy Family Church, Fairmount. Burial is in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Onondaga Hill.

Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 1628 W. Genesee St., Syracuse.

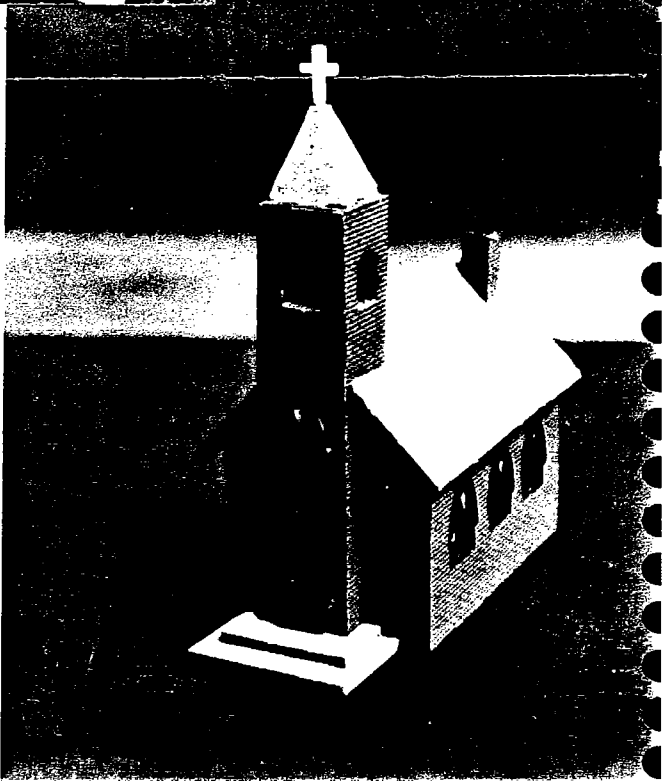
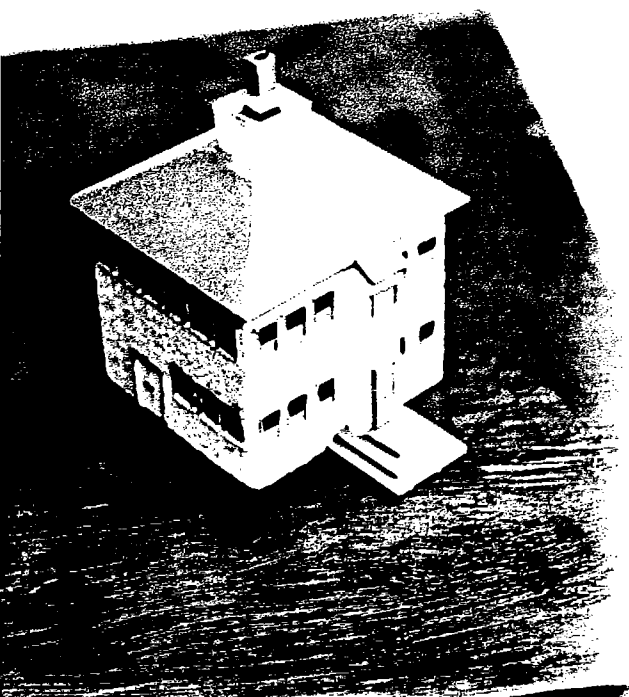
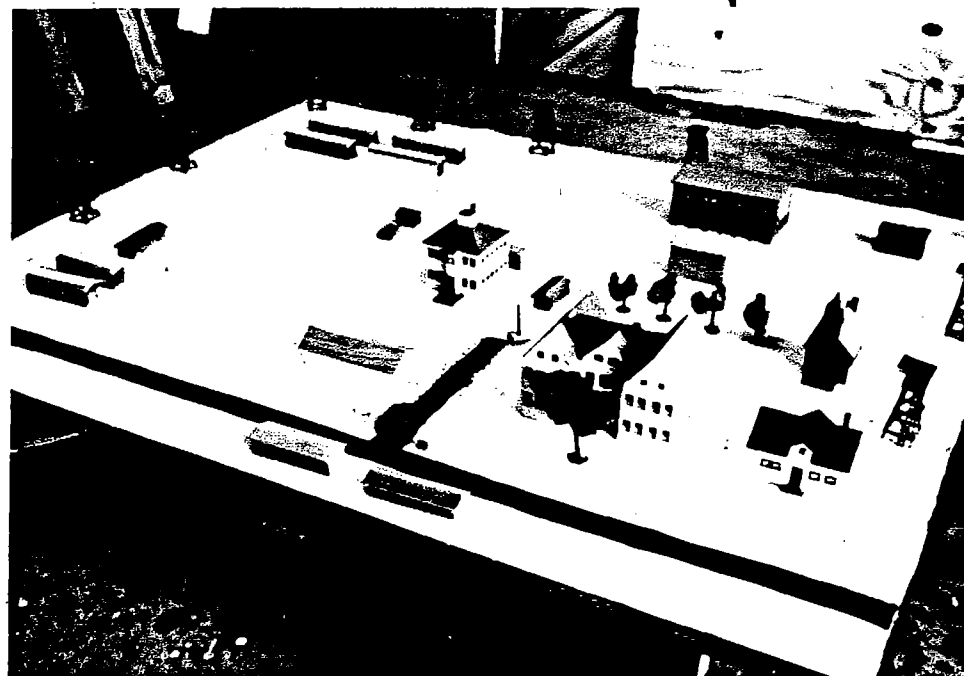
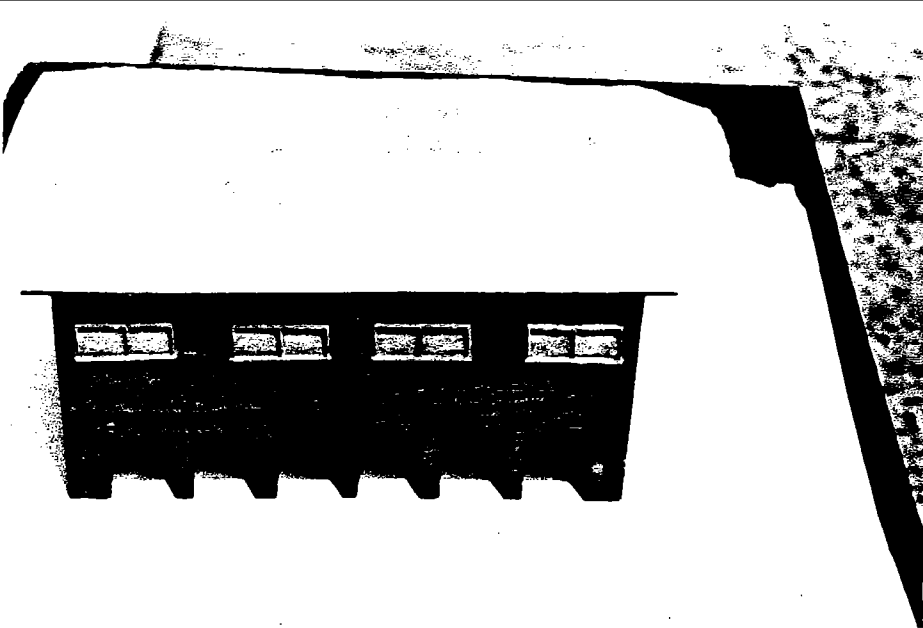
Contributions may be made to Central New York Hospice or Ronald McDonald House.



THE ROYAL
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

DR JOHN CREECH - GOLD VEITCH MEMORIAL MEDAL

We are fortunate to have with us today one of the greatest American plant collectors of this century. During the course of a career spanning forty-four years spent working for the US Department of Agriculture and as Director of the US National Arboretum, you led nine major plant hunting expeditions. Among the hundreds of plants introduced by you from Asia, particularly Japan and the Soviet Union, have been many notable additions to our gardens. Some we grow at Wisley, but I hope that today's award will promote the importance of your achievements to a wider audience and thereby increase the knowledge in this country of your introductions. Your work has been recognised by many previous awards but never in this country and so it is a particular pleasure to present you with this Gold Veitch Memorial Medal.





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

USAF ACADEMY, COLORADO 80840-5000

Mr William Korber
1526 Newton Drive
Cheyenne WY 82001-1646

20 April 1992

Dear Mr Korber

This letter is to confirm your visit to the United States Air Force Academy on October 9, 1992, with the Wyoming Frontier Ex-Prisoners of War group. Your tour itinerary is as follows: (OFFLAG 64)

Group 1

- 1330 -- Meet your escort. Tour the Visitor Center.
- 1415 -- Tour of the Cadet Chapel.
- 1445 -- Tour of the Cadet Field House.
- 1500 -- Tour of the Cadet Library.

Group 2

- 1330 -- Meet your escort. Tour the Cadet Field House.
- 1345 -- Tour of the Cadet Library.
- 1445 -- Tour of the Cadet Chapel.
- 1515 -- Tour of the Visitor Center.

Both groups will depart from the Academy at 1600.

Enclosed is a map of the Academy and a High Altitude Fact Sheet. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Visitor Services office at (719) 472-2569.

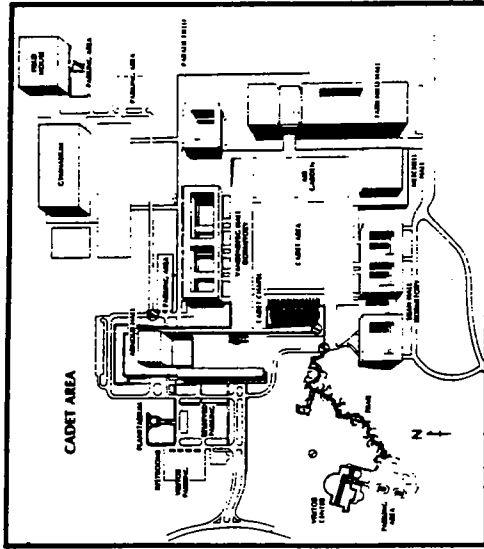
Sincerely

Marlo K. Gregg

MARLO K. GREGG, SrA, USAF
NCOIC, Visitor Services Division
Directorate of Public Affairs

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- 1. Academy Map
- 2. High Altitude Fact Sheet

Welcome to your United States Air Force Academy



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- The Air Force Academy is open to the general public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Please park only in designated areas. If you must stop where there is no parking, please pull completely off the road. Buses may discharge and pick up passengers at the fronts of the Chapel and Visitor Center but may not park there.
- Speed limits are posted and enforced with radar.
- Check your vehicle's gas supply before proceeding. There are no public service stations on the Academy.
- Altitude at the Visitor Center and Cadet Chapel is 7,280 feet. If you experience difficulty breathing, please take your time and rest often.
- The Academy has a large population of wild life. Watch for deer. . . . If oncoming cars flash their headlights, it probably means deer are on the road ahead.
- Areas open to the public include the Visitor Center, Arnold Hall, Field House, Cadet Chapel and all the stops along the self-guided route.
- The Visitor Center is 8 miles from the South Gate and 6 miles from the North Gate. Park at the Visitor Center and enjoy a short nature trail walk to the Chapel. Visitors unable to walk the partially-uphill one-third mile trail should park in designated areas near the Chapel.

Follow the Falcon

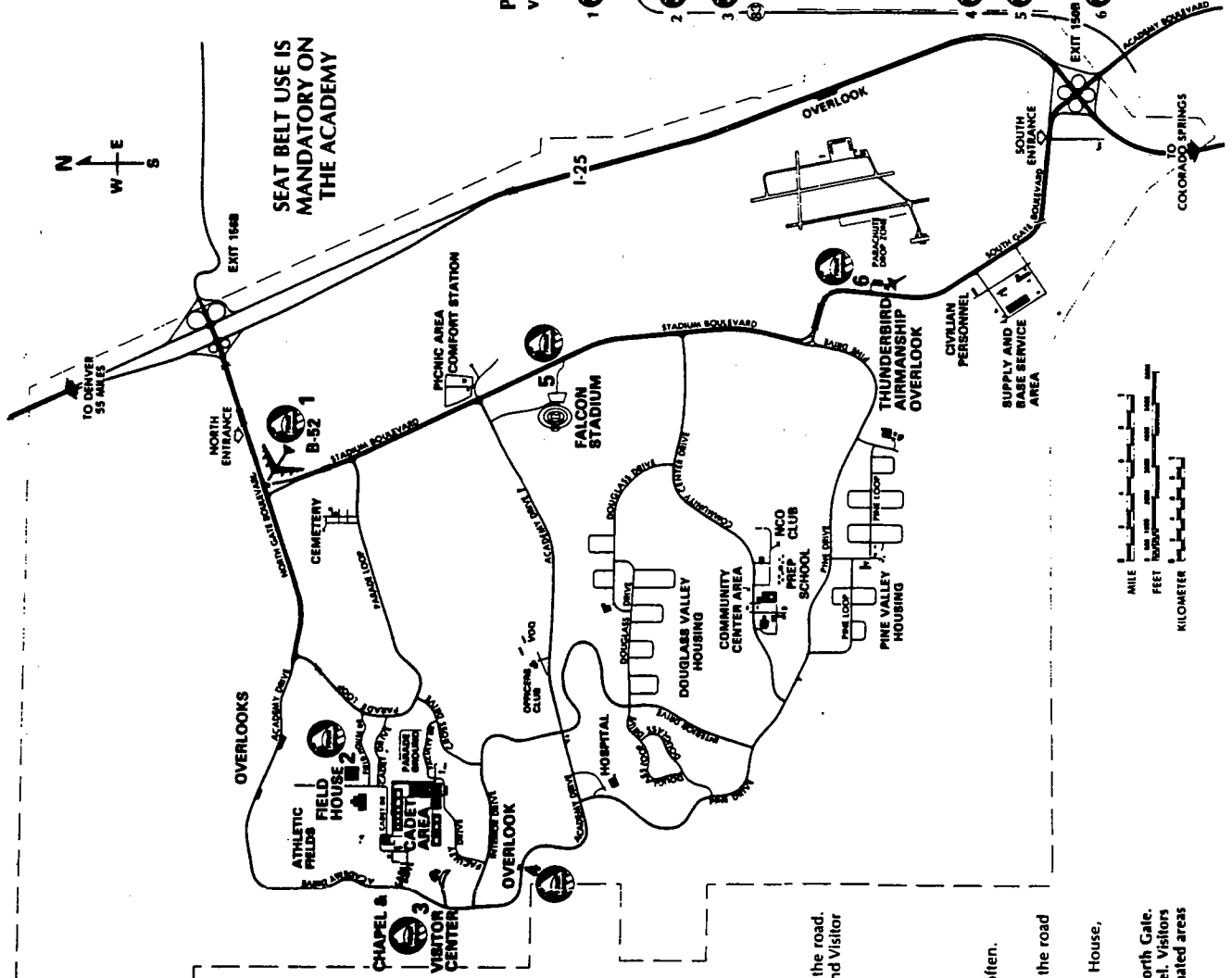


Self-guided Tour

Points of interest do not have to be visited in the order listed.

- 1 B-52 Display**
The B-52 has been the backbone of America's manned bomber force for more than a quarter of a century.
- 2 Field House**
Athletic building, open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 3 Visitor Center & Chapel**
Visitor Center contains Academy displays, theater, gift shop, restaurant, restroom, and public telephones. Open everyday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 4 Chapel**
Chapel is one of the most distinctive buildings in the country and offers excellent view of the cadet area. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. (except when closed for special events and for five days around graduation).
- 5 Environmental Overlook**
Excellent photo points with a nature trail.
- 6 Falcon Stadium**
Site of home football games and graduation.
- Thunderbird Airmanship Overlook**
Offers view of flying activities, displays on Academy airmanship programs and USAF Thunderbirds.

Cadet Locator, call 472-2918
Personnel Locator, call 472-4162





FACT SHEET

United States Air Force

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, USAF ACADEMY, CO 80840

(719)472-4050

EFFECTS OF HIGH ALTITUDE ON VISITORS (Courtesy of Colorado Heart Association)



Introduction

Recreational opportunities such as skiing, backpacking, hunting and fishing require physical demands from your body. These demands can be increased dramatically by the unique environment of high altitude. (Some visitors may experience problems simply by taking a long walk around the Cadet area of the Air Force Academy. The altitude at the Visitor Center and Cadet Chapel is 7,280 feet. If you experience difficulty breathing, please take your time and rest often.) This information is being presented to help you have a healthy and enjoyable trip in high altitude areas.

What Is High Altitude?

Broadly interpreted, high altitude could be anything above 5,280 feet (1.609 kilometers) in elevation. About three-quarters of the nation's land above 10,000 feet lies in Colorado. Colorado's average elevation is 6,800 feet. Estimates are that more than one-half of Colorado is over 5,280 feet in elevation. It seems reasonable to say, much of the time you spend in Colorado will be in high altitude areas.

What Are The Effects Of High Altitude?

In high altitudes, everyone is affected to some degree. The effects vary among individuals and cover a variety of symptoms. The two main differences between the high altitude environment and sea level are: decreased oxygen density and decreased humidity, or moisture content, in the surrounding air. At an elevation of 8,000-10,000 feet the oxygen is approximately 45-50 percent less dense (creating the feeling of "less oxygen"), and the humidity is 50-80 percent lower than at sea level. A sudden change in environment from sea level to high altitude can produce symptoms of nausea, insomnia, diarrhea, restlessness, shortness of breath and air hunger. Palpitations or fast heart beat, headache, nasal congestion, coughing, increased flatulence or "gas," easy fatigue and intolerance to exertion also may be experienced. If the high altitude experience progresses, more shortness of breath and increased coughing and edema (fluid retention in the lungs) may occur requiring medical attention and possible hospitalization.

HIGH ALTITUDE FACT SHEET

What Can Be Done To Adapt To High Altitude?

The initial complaints should disappear as your body adjusts to the lowered oxygen content and dryness. This may take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Upon arrival to high altitude, do not overdo. Eat lightly. For the first 48-72 hours, avoid alcohol. Alcohol aggravates the high altitude syndrome. Most of all, keep physical exertion to a minimum the first day.

Over-exertion before your body can adapt to the lower oxygen and dryness can result in more severe and persistent systems. If you are over 35 and plan strenuous exercise while in high altitude, it would be best to check with your doctor first. If you have a history of heart, circulatory or lung disease, it is mandatory to check with your doctor before coming to high altitude. Respiratory infections or pneumonia should be completely resolved before coming to high altitude, since they can be dramatically worsened by the extra strain placed on your body. Pregnant women should seek the advice of their physicians before exerting themselves at high altitude.

Some Final Suggestions

Rest appropriately and do not overdo the first two days. Take a nap when sleepy and get a good night's sleep after an exertive day of skiing or backpacking. Eat lightly and drink plenty of fluids, but avoid alcohol for the first 48 hours. If you experience any symptoms that were mentioned, you may be suffering from an oxygen deficit. The symptoms are a caution light to decrease your activity and protect yourself. A day of rest at this time is strongly suggested. If your symptoms are not improved or symptoms develop that worry you, do not hesitate to contact a local physician in the area. It is very easy to call a doctor's office or an Emergency Room at the local hospital to talk to the nurse or doctor on duty if you have any questions about your arrival to a higher altitude. You are in a high altitude area to enjoy your vacation. It is tempting to do as much as possible. But vigorous skiing the first day followed by a big meal with alcohol and more skiing early the following day can lead to high altitude symptoms and spoil a vacation which was looked forward to and possibly expensive.

Written by: Barry D. Mink, M.D.
for the Pitkin County
Friends of Heart



The right to be armed is a natural, absolute, individual right given us by our Creator so that we may defend our lives, our loved ones, our property and our inalienable rights; and when necessary, preserve the freedom and independence of our country.

The continuous, massive, obviously coordinated attack on our right to be armed is a major and essential part of the ongoing conspiracy to undermine the freedom of the American people, subvert the United States and the free nations of the West, destroy Christianity, pervert Western thought and culture, and enslave all men under a one world totalitarian government brought about through the merger of communism and monopoly capitalism into the New World Order.

The United States of America, with her immeasurable might, natural resources and heritage of freedom; and with 70 million freedom loving gun owners possessing 300 millions firearms . . . stands as the greatest single obstacle to this diabolical conquest. That is why gun control and eventual gun confiscation is so important to the plan. Remember the man who wants to register and confiscate your firearms is **YOUR ENEMY!!**

PRESERVE YOUR FREEDOM . . .

Never Surrender Your Guns!

Join the American Pistol and Rifle Association, Box USA, Benton, Tennessee 37307

AMERICAN PISTOL & RIFLE ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS APRA?

APRA is a nationwide association of concerned citizens united in the defense of freedom, especially the inalienable right to keep and bear arms.

APRA is a highly organized, grass-roots movement of effective, influential local units with national coordination and direction.

APRA is the fastest growing, totally dedicated, pro-gun organization in America.

APRA members are an elite group — men and women who possess a pioneering spirit and those character traits of our Founding Fathers — independence, individuality, self-confidence, and the courage to stand firm in defense of our rights.

APRA=Alert - Proud - Ready - American



APRA BOX USA
BENTON, TENNESSEE 37307

WHAT DOES APRA DO?

Fights to preserve your right to keep and bear arms.

Provides instruction in practical shooting and self-defense for both men and women.

Builds ranges for rifle, pistol, skeet, trap, black powder shooting and archery, staffed by qualified instructors.

Involves the entire family in wholesome and educational shooting recreation and physical fitness programs.

Keeps close watch on Federal, State, County and City Governments to detect and prevent attempts to pass laws restrictive of the individual right to own and use personal firearms.

Instills in its members a sense of personal confidence, high ideals, patriotism and dedication to the Constitution.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND DUES

Annual Dues:	Individual \$20	Family \$30	Patron \$50	Business \$50
Lifetime Dues:	Life \$200	Sponsor \$350	Endowment \$500	Benefactor \$1000

With Family Membership, the head of household is considered an Individual Member, and all other members of the family over 12 are considered Associate Members with full privileges.

Patron Members may become Life Members by paying Patron dues for five consecutive years.

Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 inclusive, and residents of foreign countries may join APRA as Associate Members for annual dues of \$10.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 COUNTY _____ AGE _____ OCCUPATION _____
 MEMBERSHIP DUES _____ MILITARY SERVICE _____
 SPONSOR _____
 TOTAL _____ PAYMENT ATTACHED \$ _____ BILL ME \$ _____
 CHARGE TO MASTER CHARGE VISA CREDIT CARD _____ EXPIRATION _____
 ACCOUNT NO. _____ DATE _____

Please enroll me as a Member of the American Pistol and Rifle Association. I declare that I am a law abiding citizen of sound mind, and I subscribe to the Principles, Platform and Objectives of the American Pistol and Rifle Association and to the Constitution of the United States of America.

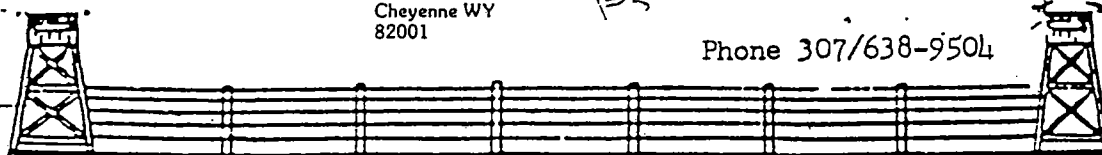
Signature _____

Mr. William B. Korber
1526 Newton Dr
Cheyenne WY
82001

Phone 307/638-9504



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WYO. FRONTIER EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

John Slack
Oflag 64 Item
1314 Youngsford Rd
Gladwyne, Pa 19035

Dear John,

Great news! Wednesday I received the "Oflag Items" in good shape. Couldn't put them down until I'd read all thru them. Noteworthy recollections and in some cases re-clarification--imaginings vs realities. Thanks again!

Per the enclosure, our visit to the Air Force Academy(AFA) has been setup for Friday, 9th Of October reporting thereat 130 PM via bus from the Sheraton South Hotel.

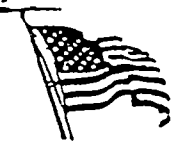
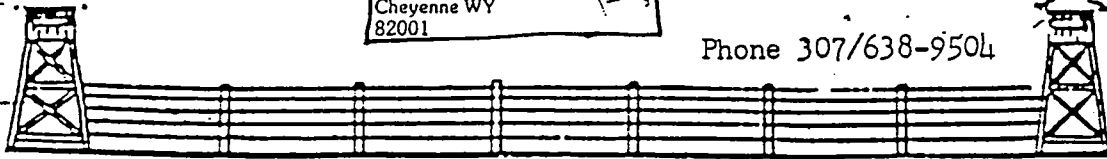
Also attached is proposed form for sojourn to NORAD at Petersen Field which momentarily needs some security validation such as SSN, etc. Suggest this form be included in the upcoming Oflag 64 Re-union distribution packet.

Likewise is included a form applicable to the reservations for tickets to the Air Force-Navy Football Game on Saturday, 10th of October 92. Tickets run about 12.00 dollars. The cadets put on a real show with parachutists descending on the field, B-1/B-2 or Stealth Bomber flyovers, the A-7's from Buckley and maybe even the Blue Angels of the Navy; possibly the Thunder-Birds of the Air Force. I've frequented the stadium a bit with Air Force being a fellow member of the Western Athletic Conference(WAC) as well as Uncle Willie being a former AF officer and maybe a gentleman!

I would urge the Kriegies attending drive or rent vehicles so they might take in the mansites and sounds of the Springs Area.--Pikes Peak, North Pole, Seven Falls, Manitou Springs, Garden of the Gods. Big Time gambling in Cripple Creek, Leadville(home of the 10th Mtn Div), and Central City. And, early October is tremendous with the fall color changes. Just about equals the New England Scene.

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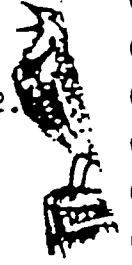
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Kindly submit NLT 6 July 92 to Bill Korber at above address;

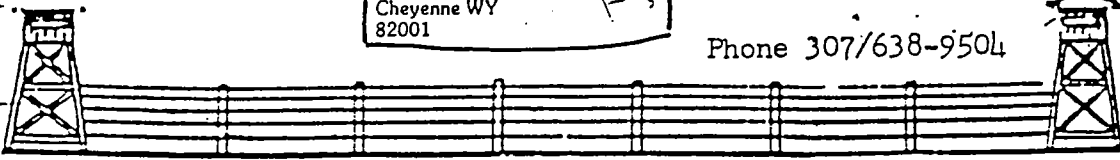
Request _____ tickets for the Air Force - Navy Football Game 10 Oct 92.

_____ (Namen Zie) _____



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Submit Not Later Than (NLT) 6 July 1992:

Request _____ reservations for the NORAD visit ICW Oflag 64 Reunion;

_____ (NAMEN ZIE) _____



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Survivors also include a son; four brothers; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

There are no calling hours.

Services and burial will be private.

Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels has charge of arrangements.

Col. Homer Hammond

GILMANTON^{NH} Lt. Col. Homer H. Hammond, retired, 75, of Meadow Pond Road, died Wednesday at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Mr. Hammond was born May 30, 1916 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Clarence and Georgia (Lindenburger) Hammond. He had lived in this community for the past 10 years, coming from Tilton.

Mr. Hammond had served in the U.S. Army for over 20 years, retiring in 1962 as a lieutenant colonel. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association and of the Ex-POW Association. He was a holder of the Silver Star for heroism and also a Bronze Star, and had numerous campaign awards.

Mr. Hammond was a communicant of St. James Episcopal Church of Laconia.

He had also served as the first executive director of the New Hampshire Music Festival.

Survivors include his wife, Janet (Gordon) Hammond of Gilmanton; three sons, Warren Hammond of Bath, Maine, Anthony Hammond of Rutland, Vt., and Michael Hammond of Concord; four daughters, Elizabeth Warshaw of Brookline, Mass., Mary Davis of Madbury, Carolyn McConnell of Edzell, Scotland and Andrea Norris of Farmington; nine grandchildren.

There are no calling hours.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church, 876 North Main St., Laconia. The Rev. Robert Chrisman, rector of the church, will officiate.

Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home, Laconia, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. James Scholarship Foundation, care of St. James Episcopal Church, 876 North Main St., Laconia 03246; or the N.H. Humane Society, P.O. Box 572, Laconia 03247.



In Loving Memory
of

Douglas J. Cole

Died

September 9, 1991

Died 9-9-91

Douglas Cole, 72; decorated World War II veteran, POW

Douglas J. Cole, a prisoner of war in Germany and Poland during World War II, died Monday at his home after a long illness. He was 72 and lived at 126 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse.

Mr. Cole was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army in February 1942. He was serving in the European Theater near Scarbrucken, Germany, on Oct. 5, 1944, when he and his small unit were surrounded by German troops. They were captured and kept in a barn in the freezing cold before being forced to march to Lumburg, Germany, and on to Poland. Russian forces liberated them in April 1945. Mr. Cole was released from active duty in January 1946.

He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with three battle stars, the Bronze Star, Prisoner of War Medal and other decorations for service to his country.

Mr. Cole was a charter member of the General Pulaski Post of the American Legion which he visited

daily.

He was a life resident of Syracuse. He retired in 1981 from Onondaga County as a sealer of weights and measures. Before that he was a manufacturer's representative for Magnavox.

Mr. Cole was a member of Town Isle Golf Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former June Knapp; a daughter, Linda A. Slimack of Liverpool; a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann O'Shea of Liverpool; his mother-in-law, Carmella Scherr of Syracuse; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Edward J. Ryan & Son Funeral Home and 10 a.m. in Holy Family Church, Fairmount. Burial is in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Onondaga Hill.

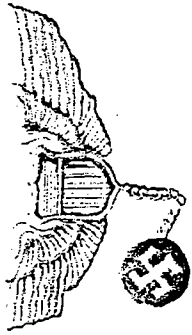
Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 1628 W. Genesee St., Syracuse.

Contributions may be made to Central New York Hospice or Ronald McDonald House.

American escape policy of one of the camps. Of great importance are the end-of-war reports written by the respective camp Senior American Officers, as well as reports of incidents and shootings that occurred in the camps as reported to the Protecting Power. A number of individual scrapbooks and works of art done by prisoners also survived the war and are included in the collection.

The Air Force Academy Library values this collection highly. It constitutes a rich source of unique original historical documents and is widely studied by the Academy's cadets who thus learn the importance of using primary source materials for their research papers. A growing number of scholars use the collection. In 1984, it was heavily utilized by Life/Time Books in the production of their illustrated *Prisoners of War World War II*. The collection has also been the subject of a documentary video tape which depicts the scope and content of the material and its use in support of cadet studies.

In the collection will be found a number of published works on the POW experience and, with the passage of time, source material relating to other German camps as well as the Japanese POW experience has been added. Hopefully material on the Korean and Southeast Asia POW experience will eventually find its way into the collection.



THE

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

of the

STALAG LUFT III
FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

Air Force Academy Library

Colorado

HOW TO HELP

During the past five years the existence of this collection has become more widely known and offers of relevant material continue to be received by the Stalag Luft III Former POW Association. The Association would be pleased to be advised of holdings of significant historical items available for possible accession. Individuals considering an offer of gift of materials are invited to write to:

Lt. General A. P. Clark, USAF (Ret)
17255 Fairplay Drive
Monument, CO 80132

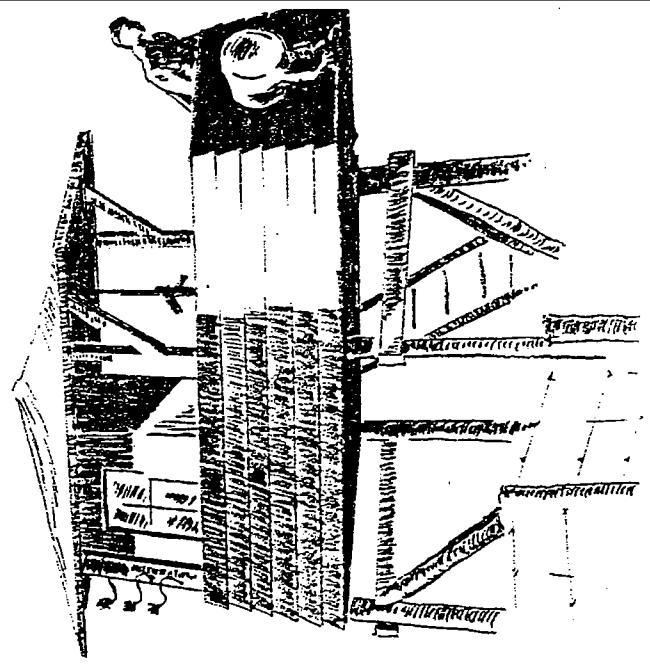
Persons interested in acquiring a copy of the 20-minute video tape, "A Quiet Excellence," that describes in greater detail this collection and its significance may order it by sending \$8.95 postage paid to:

Alexander Film & Video Services
967 Elkton Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
(Please specify VHF or BETA.)

Also, former POWs from Stalag Luft III who may not have had an opportunity to become a member of the Stalag Luft III Former POW Association, a non-profit Fellowship association, may join by applying to:

E. F. Schrupp, Treasurer
Route 2, Box 340
Lake Sara
Effingham, IL 62401

Annual dues are \$10 and members will be on a mailing list to receive newsletters and Reunion Plans.



ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The Air Force Academy Library in Colorado Springs, Colorado holds an interesting and historically significant collection of documents, photographs, diaries and memoirs. This collection tells the story of the Allied airmen who, having been shot down in combat over Europe in World War II, were prisoners of war in Stalag Luft III, the German camp located in Silesia (now Poland). This was the camp that became famous for its escape activity including the so-called "Great Escape."

This collection, assembled through the efforts of the Stalag Luft III Former POW Association, has become the centerpiece of the Special Collections Branch of the Academy Library. It includes hundreds of photographs, many taken in the camp during the war by clandestine cameras in the possession of the POWs. There are official photographs taken by the Germans and acquired after the war. Among the many research documents are the memoirs of Colonel Friedrich-Wilhelm Von Lindener and Major Gustav Simoleit, both of whom served as commandants of this notorious camp. Also available is the oral history of Hermann Glemnitz, a senior German non-commissioned officer in charge of preventing escapes. There also is the account of the adventures of General Arthur Vanaman and Colonel Delmar Spivey. These officers, near the end of the war, were taken to Berlin on Hitler's orders. They were briefed by the German High Command and then sent into Switzerland armed with peace proposals to be delivered to the British and American governments.

Another highlight of this remarkable collection is the assembled work of Henry Soderberg, the Swedish volunteer with the International Y.M.C.A. He spent much of the war servicing the Allied camps in Eastern Europe and kept copious diaries, photographs and official reports of his life in wartime Germany. Soderberg's remarkable freedom of movement within

Germany enabled him to record a rare picture of the prisoner's life and that of the German people themselves. He visited the Russian prisoners in their camps and recorded their desperate conditions. Soderberg was also an eyewitness to the bombing of Dresden and he served as a volunteer among the ruins helping to save lives.

This collection commenced with a scrapbook compiled by General A. P. Clark after he retired as Superintendent of the Academy in 1974. He was a POW in this camp himself and donated his extensive collection of photographs and important documents to the Library. Gradually the collection grew in size and significance after officials of the Air Force Academy Library graciously agreed to accept custody of the collection.

Many of the rare documents, such as diaries and official reports, were carried out of Germany by former prisoners. On Hitler's direct orders, Stalag Luft III was evacuated on the bitter cold night of 27 January 1945. On very short notice some 11,000 British and American officers were force-marched westward to avoid their liberation by the advancing Russian armies. The fact that any of this historically significant material survived the war is most unusual and reflects a deep sense of history among many of these men. For example, one officer carried on his back several large ledgers filled with the names and brief accounts of how each of 2000 prisoners was shot down and captured. Another prisoner brought out a file of weekly camp newspapers.

As early as October of 1944, the prisoners of this camp learned of the atrocities occurring in the concentration camps and carefully documented the facts. One of these documents was carried, at great personal risk, through the German searches and brought home after the war. Another paper outlines the official

