

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

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GLADWYNE, PA: By the time you receive this there will be just four short weeks and we'll be in Colorado Springs joining our big friend and fellow Kriegie Bill Korber for a memorable time. As you will see there is more about the Reunion at the end of this Item.

It will be the last thing to read about but please don't put it away.

ACT on it because the information is very pertinent for those that are going to see Bill Korber. Don't let him down! SEND him the information he requests for a better time when you get there. More later.

See you in Colorado Springs!

COLOMBIA, SC: Thanks much Bill Harrell for your contribution to the P.F. Bill also wants to know who up to 13 persons were in Volstein Hospital when the Russians came thru in 1994 or 1945. If you know any of them, send the info to:

William R. Harrell
6326 Oakfield Rd.
Colombia, SC 29206

He'll be in Colorado to see Bill Korber so you can talk to him about it anyway. See you Bill.

SANFORD, NC: Received one Obituary of Bill Makepeace who passed away in February this year. (See Obituaries). Thanks to W.R. "Buddy" Makepeace III. for sending this info. to me. It will be a pleasure to keep your name on our mailing list. Feel free to join us at our Reunions any time you can make them. Look forward to meeting you sometime. We will be in Louisville, KY in 1993

MONUMENT, CO: Although many did not know him the enclosed material on Lt. Col. Leo Victor Thieme was so unusual and interesting I felt you all would enjoy it. I hope so anyway. Thanks Mrs. Mary Thieme for sharing this with us.

CAMP HILL, PA: Herb Johnson, believe it or not, I am still trying to locate your copies of the Oflag 64 Items. One final search is in order and am going to try to do it this month so that you may fulfil your promise to the Army War College at Carlisle. Best to you.

BATON ROUGE, LA: Hi, Gordon Smith. Hope you enjoyed the Las Vegas Reunion Booklet. We were even lucky to get them. I have no idea where they ever found them. Sorry to miss you at Colorado Springs. Maybe you'll have a nice windfall by then anyway. Hope Hurricane Andrew missed you. Best to you.

WALTHAM, MA: Haven't heard from Frank Callahan for quite a while. Thanks much for the note and very nice contribution to the Postage Fund.

I "threatened" the last time I went to the Post Office to strap on a six-shooter to protect myself when I buy postage for my business. Thanks also for the kudos and interest in the Post Oflag Items. Sure would be good to see you again.

Maybe some day!

AKRON, OH: Sure nice to hear from Sam Gwosden. Sure hope you have enjoyed the Items and I assure you that I thank you indeed for

your nice contribution to the P.F. I enjoyed your brief note. Looks as if you still have a steady hand.

Would love to see you in C.S. Yes!

MUSKEGEE, OK: Just received word in June that Oscar Thomas has passed away in January 1992. Sorry to learn of this. All of our sympathies go to the family and his wife Dorothy. Thank you Dorothy for sending the Obituary (see Obituaries).

CHARLOTTE, NC: That is really nice of Herb Garris to stop by and say hello to Chaplain Eugene Daniel. It was nice to hear from you and thanks much for your contribution to the P.F. Sure wish you could make it to C.S. Always a pleasure to hear from you.

This paragraph is from one of our group whom I like very much but who rightfully so is opposed to the ownership of guns.

I have no quarrel with that and is one of the reasons I have over the years generally refrained from imposing on a captive audience my personal opinions.

As Billy Bingham wrote to me, "What are your thoughts on Bush-Clinto Race" -- It will be a Muddy Track. Nuff said.

CARLSBAD, CA: Margie Cool sent me the Obituary of Bill Cool who died in April 1992. He certainly was a person who didn't let moss grow over him. Thanks much Margie for this info. Feel free to join us in Colorado Springs if at all possible. Our sympathies are with you and your family.

VALLINGBY, SWEDEN: Henry writes that he and Claire are fairly well settled in new apartment near Stockholm. Much of their "surplus" wound up in their summer home where I guess they will eventually move when they have to.

It will be a real pleasure to see Claire and Henry in C.S. where I hope they will both be able to join us.

See you!

SUN CITY, FL: Nice to have you write me, John McDonald. Thanks much to you for your nice contribution to the P.F. You mentioned some names in your letter and just thought I had better

mention that Ray Marnien left us a couple of years ago. The other three to the best of my knowledge are still around and I hope to see them in C.S. Are you sure you can't make it? We would love to see you and I'm sure you would enjoy it. As "Mikey" would say "Try it, You'll like it."

FOREST ACRES, SC: What a great but very thankful surprise to hear from Bill Shular. He's the guy who over the years has along with George Juskalian kept me posted especially on new sign-ups with the Ex-P.O.W. Organization which I appreciate very much. This adds new names to our list even though many are also passing away. Thanks much George and Bill for all of your contributions to keeping the group going.

Sure glad you are feeling better Bill. It was our Bill Cool that passed away. (See Obituaries) Thanks much, Bill.

See you in C.S. I hope.

COLOMBIA, SC: You should be receiving Henry's War Experiences shortly Don Graul and thanks for the order. Looking forward to seeing you. Thanks for letting me know we forgot to take your name off the list with your old address. See you in C.S.

PINEHURST, NC: Hi Herb Garris. Your order for Henry's "War Experiences" will be filled shortly which I am sure you will enjoy. Thanks for the tip on Stalag Luft III. by Durand. I missed ordering this book. Sure hope to see you in C.S. Make sure we spend some time together.

KERRVILLE, TX: Always a pleasure to receive the Klarion thru the courtesy of Bob Weinberg, President & Treasurer of Stalag Luft III. Former Prisoners of War from Sagan, Poland.

This was a real surprise to receive because included was a nice check from this group for our postage fund. Thanks much for this contribution from not only a personal point of view but to you and your group from all of us here in the Oflag 64 group.

I sincerely hope we continue to enjoy mutual favorable relationship. As you know we will be in Air Force Territory for our Reunion this October 8,9,10,11, 1992. We are meeting at the Sheraton-South and Bill Korber who is a mutual member is our General Chairman of the

event. One of our scheduled activities is a visit to the Air Force Academy Library and take special P.O.W. exhibit.

Needless to say but any Stalag Luft III. members who would care to join us are invited. Bill Korber and I will be glad to personally greet you.

Thanks much again for the contribution to our Postage Fund.

ENGLAND, ARK: It's been quite a while since I received a note from this great town by Billy Bingham. Thanks for reminding me to send a note to Ed Moschel. It has been quite a while since I sent one so another one now is a great suggestion. Anyone else care to join me, I'm sure Ed will be glad to hear from you.

Hope you and Bob have a nice trip to Alaska and will look forward to seeing both of you in Colorado Springs along with Bill Korber on October 8,9,10,11.

VANCOUVER, WA: Thank you Gene Liggett for your very pleasant note and also your contribution to the P.F.

It was nice to hear from you and it will indeed be a pleasure to welcome you to C.S. in October. It will be nice if some of the other fellows from your area come to Colorado.

See you there!

CHEYENNE, WY: Now for the final word and instructions from Bill Korber to make your stay more pleasant and interesting.

Many of the enclosures are self-explanatory but please act on the following ones:

Put your SSN on the NORAD Continuation Sheet #1 and mail immediately to Bill Korber in envelope enclosed. Include \$100.00 Registration Fee.

Please indicate your choice of optional Tours in place of other scheduled events.

Note comments on bottom of optional Tour sheet.

See Sheet #3 for info and action by Literary Pundits.

It's up to you to help yourself and make Bill's life less hectic.

Thanks! See you in Colorado Springs!

18125 Red Rocks Dr.
Red Rock Ranch
Monument, Co. 80132

March 28, 1992

Dear Mr. Slack;

Sorry I am so tardy about writing to you, but I do want you to know how much Leo enjoyed your OFLAG 64 publications. He truly digested and reminisced over each volume.

For the last five years Leo fought several brave battles with cancer -- and won. But, in October 1991 cancer won the war.

We had an unusually interesting and happy life. We retired to this beautiful mountain area, near Colorado Springs, and until a year

before his death, we enjoyed riding our horses and hiking the numerous mountain trails,

I am enclosing copies of the obituary and other tributes offered at Leo's funeral. I feel these summarize his life better than I could express it.

When you are in Colorado Springs this fall, please feel free to call me and visit me at our home.

My telephone number is 707-481-3469.

Just fifteen minutes north of the Air Force Academy.

Sincerely,

Mary Thierne

FOR THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

RETIRED LT. COL. LEO VICTOR THIEME, 75, of Monument died Oct. 18, 1991, in Monument. He was retired from the Army.

A rosary will be said at 6 p.m. today at Swan-Law Funeral Home, 501 N. Cascade Ave. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Peters Catholic Church, 55 N. Jefferson Ave., Monument, with the Rev. Dean Kumba officiating. Burial will be at Monument Cemetery. Swan-Law is handling arrangements.

Mr. Thieme was born June 23, 1916, in St. Leo, Kan., to Alfred L. and Anna (Kerschen) Thieme. He lived in Monument since 1983 and formerly lived in Aurora.

He graduated from New Mexico State University and had served in the Army from 1943 to 1964. His last rank was lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and St. Peters Catholic Parish.

Mr. Thieme was married July 17, 1945, in Las Cruces, N.M., to Mary Vada Hyatt, who survives.

He also is survived by two sons, Col. Thomas N. of Topeka, Kan., and James A. of Colorado Springs; two daughters, Victoria L. Spate of Columbia, Mo., and Pat A. Graham of Colorado Springs; three brothers, John of Kingman, Kan., Joe of Zenda, Kan., and Alfred of Falls Church, Va.; three sisters, Bertha Schaffer of Pratt, Kan., Sister Alfreda Thieme of Great Bend, Kan., and Eleanor Fogg of Wichita, Kan.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He had two sisters who are deceased.



*Don't ever seek me at my grave
Expecting you will find me there.*

*Nor yet go there to weep or pray
And hope that I will hear your prayer.*

*But seek instead some windswept hill
Where prairie showers rendezvous.*

*And where the blazing sun is wont
To pause, before it slips from view.*

*And go you there at eventide
When meadow larks their raptures trill*

*And there..if you should speak my name..
Then I will hear you, on the hill.*

*Or walk some lonesome prairie path
Where pheasant cockerels greet the day.*

*Where timid quail their "Bob Whites" cry
And wild eyed rabbits hop and play.*

*And if you feel a phantom breeze
Caress your cheek or touch your hair*

*Bet yet you know there is no breeze
Then know 'tis I beside you there.*

*Or if a rustle in the grass
Betokens footsteps not your own*

*Then know that I, too, walk the plains
And then you do not walk alone.*



The house that we built....he was my toughest supervisor
But he and Mom made a house into a home that we all felt
warm and comfortable in.....

If you had any spare ground that you were not using, he
would plant a garden for you.....He would water, and weed
and pick the crops and give them to you.

He really never left the farm, as he had the gift of growth
within his hands.....

He raised four children.....but had eight, as he treated
his daughter and son in laws like we were his own...never
giving advice unless we ask.....but if you ask he did
have answers.

He and Mom never missed an event of any importance, they
have sat on more benches, bleachers or just on grass
watching their grandchildren catching balls, throwing
passes, or serving at church, or raising steers for 4H.
He was proud of every one of his family and loved all of his
friends.....through Leo we kept track of each others
lives.....

My Friend has moved on today.....

but I still have my memories.....

Please just for Leo.....Take the hand of the person next
to you.....Hold it for a minute.....and tap
lightly...Three times...I Love You

My Friend has moved on today but I still have my memories..

So When you are feeling blue....and sometimes alone.

Take a walk out side and look up to the blue sky

Find the whitest fluffy cloud who's silhouette is kissing
the ground as it passes by

For there is a field on that cloud, were horses love to
graze...

And a miraculous thing has happen to the crops and flowers
that are being raised.....

For in the corner of the field, is a silhouette of a big
tall man, wearing a straw cowboy hat and golden leather
gloves on his hands

No one is a stranger to this man....he speaks and waves
hello

That's the newest angel, St. Peter softly spoke, His name is
Leo.....

Next to the man there is a log with two black painted
tractor seats....., one for the man to sit at the end of
heaven's day.....

And the other for Mary.... to rest from journey she will
take someday.....

Leo is not in a hurry to have her there.....For she must be
with their friends and has eleven grandchildren that need
her care.....

So when you are feeling lonely or sometimes a little blue

Go outside and

Find a white fluffy cloud..... And GrandPa will always be
with you

Larry Graham

LEO THIEME OCTOBER 18, 1991

This is the
eulogy given
At Leo's funeral
by our son-in-law
Larry Abraham

Today is a total contradiction in life.....

Our church tells us to rejoice, for a soul has
heaven.....

But the loss of a human being has broken our hearts

Time will come when we shall rejoice.....the time
be spent mending the open wound that we all feel...

Today.....the Human Community has lost a man who was a
good son.....a tender brother.....a loving
husband.....caring father.....and a wonderful Grandpa

We have lost our residence gardner.....who saved every
peice of wood that he could find. We have lost our neighbor
who's yard was the pride of every community in which he
lived.

We have lost a man who never knew a stranger.....who's home
was open to all that came by.....

Our church community lost a man that loved God and his
fellow man just as much as his family.....a man that would
support and help any cause that was asked of him....

But most of all..... we have lost the most treasured gift
that God could give us.....A true friend.....

My Friend has moved on today.....but I have my
memories.....

The three pats on the hands of his grandchildren in
church.....One Two Three...I Love You! Leo's way of
talking in church and not getting into trouble..

The horse back rides with Mom and his children and then his
grandchildren.

The lush green plants that he would drop by and then pick up
months later to revive....

My Friend has moved on todaybut I have my
memories.....

A TRIBUTE READ TO LTC(R) LEO THIEME BY HIS SON
COL TOM THIEME

SOLDIER

I WAS THAT WHICH OTHERS DID NOT WANT TO BE.

I WENT WHERE OTHERS FEARED TO GO, AND DID WHAT
OTHERS FAILED TO DO.

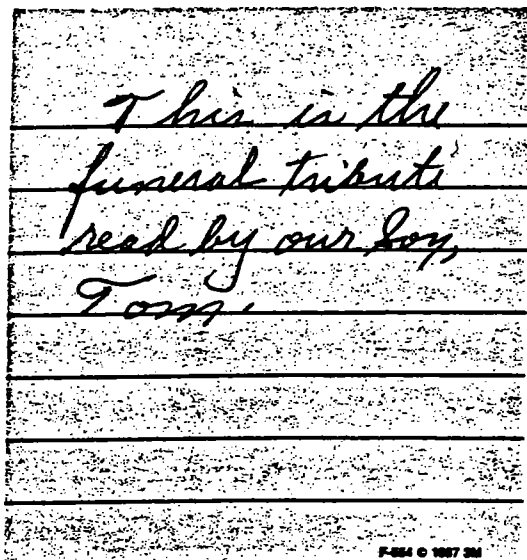
I ASKED NOTHING FROM THOSE WHO GAVE NOTHING,
AND RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED THE THOUGHT OF
ETERNAL LONELINESS...SHOULD I FAIL.

I HAVE SEEN THE FACE OF TERROR; FELT THE STINGING
COLD OF FEAR; AND ENJOYED THE SWEET TASTE OF
A MOMENTS LOVE.

I HAVE CRIED, PAINED, AND HOPED...BUT MOST OF
ALL, I HAVE LIVED TIMES OTHERS WOULD SAY WERE
BEST FORGOTTEN.

AT LEAST SOMEDAY I WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I
WAS PROUD OF WHAT I WAS...A SOLDIER.

George L. Skypeck



Obituaries

U.S. Army

William C. Cool

CARLSBAD — Retired U.S. Army Col. William C. Cool, 72, died Thursday, April 16,

He was a resident of Carlsbad and had lived in San Diego County for 12 years. Col. Cool was born June 27, 1919, in Hammond, Ill., and was raised in Sullivan, Ill. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois, and a master's in business administration from the University of Alabama.

He served as a lieutenant with the 1st Ranger Battalion in the Army during World War II. He was captured in Italy and was a prisoner in OFLAG 64 in Poland. He served as a sergeant in the combat area during the Korean War in 1951. He earned two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star.

He retired from the Army in 1969 as commanding officer of the regional subsistence of the greater Los Angeles area.

He worked with leasing and land manage-

ment for United California Bank in Los Angeles from 1968-75, and he served on the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board from 1967-69. He was also county property manager of San Luis Obispo.

He came to Carlsbad in 1976 as a broker for Joe Parisi Realtors, then worked with Kinney Realty Co. and later with the Cool Realty Co.

He was president of Carlsbad Board of Realtors in 1984, a member of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. He was national president of the Western Chapter Association of the Ranger Battalions of World War II in 1985. He received the William O. Darby Membership Award in 1989. He belonged to the Retired Officers Association, The Military Order of World Wars and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Cool of Carlsbad; daughter, Beverly Chipps-Cool of San Jose; sons, Jack G. Cool of Fairbanks, Alaska, and William C. Cool II of Ketchikan, Alaska; sister, Alta Smith of Naples, Fla.; mother-in-law, Mary Godfrey of San Marcos; and niece, Alice Lang of Princeton, Ind.

Friends may call at Eternal Hills Mortuary on Monday, April 20, 1992, from 7 to 9 p.m., and are invited to attend services Tuesday, April 21, 1992, at 11 a.m. at Eternal Hills Chapel. Interment with full military honors will be at

Riverside National Cemetery. Navy chaplain the Rev. David Plank will officiate.

The family suggests memorial donations to Hospice of the North Coast, 2380 Camino Vida Roble, Carlsbad, CA; or to the Family Service Association of the North Coast, 6120 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA. Arrangements are under the direction of Eternal Hills Mortuary.

Resume of William Chipps Cool, Colonel US Army Ret.

Graduated Sullivan High School, Sullivan, Ill. 1937.

Graduated U of Illinois, BS degree in Business Management, 1942.

Commissioned 2d Lieutenant in Infantry & called to active duty 1942.

Married Margie N. Godfrey of Battle Creek, Mich. 1942 (over 45 yrs.)

Assigned to Africa in 1943 & then Italy with 1st Ranger Battalion.

Made initial landing at Anzio, Italy & later behind German lines at Cisterna de Lattoria and taken prisoner Jan. 1944.

Prisoner of War for 15 months in Poland and Germany.

Employed by IBM in Chicago 1946 and later recalled to Army active duty.

Commissioned as a Regular Officer in 1947.

Selected for graduate school and received Master Degree in Bus. Mgt. 1950

Assigned to Korea 1950-51 for the first year of the war.

Continued military career in Logistics at various posts & headquarters in US, Japan, Puerto Rico & Germany & retired in 1968 from the Army.

Served with United Cal. Bank 1968-75 as manager of development for branches and other real property through out California.

Relocated to Carlsbad located near the Pacific Ocean in San Diego County.

Served as a Real Estate Broker for commercial property since 1976.

Three children; Beverly lives in San Jose, Ca, Jack in Fairbanks, AK and William Chipps in Ketchikan, Ak.

Bill and Margie live at 2510 Unicornio St., Rancho LaCosta, Carlsbad, Ca 92009.

Civic leader Makepeace dead at 75

William Russell "Bill" Makepeace Jr., 75, a community business leader, died Monday night at his home. 2-10-92

Funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Luke United Methodist Church by the Rev. Dr. Vernon Tyson. Burial will be at Buffalo Cemetery.

Born in Rocky Mount, he was the son of the late William R. Makepeace Sr. and Mabel Schuman Makepeace. He received his education at Sanford City Schools, Fork Union Military Academy and North Carolina State University.

He served in World War II and received a battlefield commission as a first lieutenant in the 3rd Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theater of Operations. He saw action in North Africa and fought in the invasions of Sicily and Italy. He was captured by the Germans in Italy on Oct. 7, 1943, and was a prisoner of war for 19 months.

He was president/owner of Makepeace Millwork Co. Inc. of Sanford and Carolina Millwork Corp. of Wilmington. When Makepeace returned from Europe in 1946, he took over operation of the company from his father. Makepeace Sr. was the company's founder and leased it to his son. Upon the elder Makepeace's death, Makepeace became the sole owner of the business.

The company did custom millwork, producing windows, doors, molding, counters, cabinetry, staircases and bookshelves. Makepeace Sr. founded the business in 1902. It operated for 10 years as Makepeace Box and Lumber Co. until the business was destroyed by fire in 1928. Organized as a stock company, the business was reconstructed on the same site and named Makepeace Millwork Co. Makepeace Sr. bought out the stockholders in 1936.

Makepeace Jr. was active in the community. He served as chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners, was a volunteer fireman for 30 years and was a former member of the Lions Club and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Moffit Bible Class and the Wednesday morning prayer breakfast group of St. Luke United Methodist Church. He was a charter member of the National Congressional Club and was Lee County manager of the Jesse Helms for Senate Campaign Committee.

He served as president of the Lee County United Fund and was a member of the Sanford and Lee County ABC Board. He served on the board of directors of First Federal Savings and Loan and Southern National Bank. He was honored in the 1980s for serving 35 years on these boards.

Surviving are three daughters, Kitty Hood of Durham, Bev Makepeace of Raleigh and Elizabeth Angell of Jacksonville; two sons, William "Buddy" Makepeace III of Sanford and Thomas Rush Makepeace of Wrightsville Beach; two sisters, Kitty Byerly of Raleigh and June Barrow of Murrell's Inlet, S.C.; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Charlotte Abernathy of Williamston.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Inez R. Makepeace of 515 Greensboro Ave.

Memorials may be made to Road To Recovery in care of Howard McDonald, 2005 Sutphin Drive, Sanford, N.C. 27330, to St. Luke United Methodist Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Members of the Moffitt Bible Class and St. Luke United Methodist Church Wednesday morning prayer group are asked to serve as honorary pallbearers. They should be at the church at 10:40 a.m.

Oscar J.H. Thomas

Oscar J.H. Thomas, 78, died at his home in Riverside, Thursday, January 30, 1992 after a lingering illness.



Thomas, son of Walter V. and Roxy Thomas, was born January 12, 1914 in Muskogee. He graduated from Muskogee (Central) High School in 1930.

He was employed by the Oklahoma Rig and Supply from 1934-1940. February 3, 1935, he married Dorothy Lehmann.

In 1938, Thomas joined the National Guards and served as a communications officer in the 180th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division, the Thunderbirds, during World War II. He served in Sicily and Italy, was wounded twice, was captured in France, was imprisoned in Oflag 64 in Poland, and escaped. He achieved the rank of captain in World War II.

Thomas also fought in Korea

with the 45th Division and the 279th Regiment, serving as executive officer of the 3rd Battalion.

He earned two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star Metal with Oak Leaf, the Medal of Valor, and several other service medals during the wars. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1953 after the Korean War. During the 1950's, Thomas served as Civil Defense Director for Muskogee.

Thomas co-owned and operated Ritchie and Thomas Grocery Station on Highway 62 east for twelve years. In 1954, he began working in the Muskogee County Treasurer's office. He was elected County Treasurer in 1966, serving until his retirement June 30, 1980.

A member of New Hope Baptist Church, Thomas served as Sunday Schol Superintendent for 17 years and deacon. He was the Junior Boy's Sunday School teacher, in later years, he taught the senior adult class.

Thomas was active in the American Legion Post, Masonic Lodge 430, and served as treasurer of the Muskogee chapter of the Ostomy Support Group.

He was a member of the national, state and local chapters of the American ExPOW's, serving a term as commander of the Muskogee chapter and as Adjutant for the state chapter.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at New Hope Baptist Church. Services will be conducted by Bradley Funeral Home. Interment will be at Greenhill Cemetery.

An ExPOW service to be conducted by the National Chaplain, John Romine, will be held at the graveside.

Pallbearers will include Walt Lowrance, Virgil Parks, and the deacons of New Hope Baptist Church, Chuck Albin, Delbert

Buckmaster, A.B. Clark, Larry Voight, and Hank Willmon. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Muskogee chapter of the ExPOW's.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Dorothy of the home; his sons, Wayne and Greg Thomas of Muskogee; a daughter, Janis Cramer of Bethany; six grandsons, Slade Lowrance of Muskogee; Cord Lowrance of Tahlequah, Jesse Thomas of Auburn, California and Chadman and Henry Thomas of Carson City, Nevada, Caleb Thomas of St. Louis, Missouri; and three granddaughters, Cheyana Thomas of St. Louis, Missouri, Dallas and Miranda Thomas of Muskogee; a great-grandson, Wade Nunley; a brother, Donald Thomas of Muskogee; his sisters, Orene Hayner of Muskogee and Ardella Davidson of Tulsa; an uncle, Ted Thomas of Muskogee; seven neices and six nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patty Jo, in 1939.

Donations may be made in his name to the Hospice Association of Muskogee, 2112 W. Okmulgee or to the POW Museum in Andersonville, Georgia.

Dear John,

I am enclosing the obituary for Bill Cool. His disease of pulmonary Fibrosis precluded him from attending any Oflag 64 activities for the past four years, but as I have been looking through his files I found a drawer devoted to the newsletters you have sent over the years. He enjoyed hearing of the lives and activities of his fellow POW's.

I am also including a resume' he sent to his High School when we first moved to Carlsbad. It doesn't include the organizations and activities he enjoyed during the last 14 years. These are covered in the obituary. We all miss him terribly. He was a fine father & husband & served his community & country well.

Sincerely,
Margie Cool



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WILLIAM B. OR EVELYN B. KORBER
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CHEYENNE, WY 82001

21 Aug 1992 99-7011/3070

EX POW OFLAG 64 1992 REUNION (S) \$ 100.00
One Hundred Dollars

Rocky Mountain
Cable Shopping Center - Ft. Collins, CO
Cheyenne, WY 82001
Registration Fee
William B. Korber

Miscellaneous Wrap Up: 30707015 0059002633 0368

Note to John Slack & Herb Garris--I've chatted with Kermit Hansen & Mary down in Estes Park a couple times trying to talk him into being our MC in CS this October. Doggone it! He's so darn busy he already has some allocated tasks that will preclude him from doing so! Garris will fill in for him, Kermit Konjured. Kermit and Mary have been summering in Colorado & winterin in NE. They plan to leave Estes Park in mid-September 92 for Omaha:

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2123 Colo HWY 66
Estes Park, CO 80517
PH 1-303/586-5627

Kermit Hansen
21935 Mayberry Circle
Elkhorne, NE 68022
PH 1-402/289-2767

You Literary Pundits;

Would each of you consider bringing a copy of your 'masterpieces' for Henri Soderberg to present to the special POW AFA Library on Oflag 64's behalf?

William B. Korber--"There I Was Trying to Find That Damn Boot Which Popped Off"when my parachute opened over Sicil

Clarence R. Meltesen--"Roads to Liberation from Oflag 64(My sister Pat wants copy too.")

Joseph S. Frelinghuysen--"Passages to Freedom(My brother Jack in Pueblo wants a copy.)

Clarence 'Fergie' Ferguson--KRIEGSGEFANGENER(PRISONER OF WAR)--Thanks Fergie for my copy as it helped me go from 30% to 60% Comp from the VA for "Residuals of Frost Bite" and the chincy VA Pharmacy stopped billing me \$2.00 for each of my medications. The chicanerous Admin/Adjudication VA folks continue to bill Blue Cross/Blue Shield on items for which I got the PH.

Frank Diggs--The AFA Library already has a copy of your "Welcome Swede."
Henri & I each gave them a copy of the cassette on Schubin.

Charles L. Jones--"The Water and The Rock" Charley do you have another edition-Bill

Col Jerry 'Dagger' Sage--"SAGE" and one doesn't need to say more!

John 'Binkie' Hemingway--Your Sad Commentary on the Hammelberg Prologue--I forget the titl

The all important \$100.00 Enrollment Fee-See Sample to the right upper.
"Man mus spenden um su essen."

Ex POW oflag 64-1992 Reunion
1526 Newton Dr.
Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001-1646

Bill

Mr William B Korber
1526 Newton Dr
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See ya in Schubin resurected,

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WYO. FRONTIER EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

TO: Krazy Kriegle Klan(KKK)Gotta have my fun!

Subject: Wind Down to the 1992 Oflag 64 Reunion(8-11 Oct 92) at the Sheraton Hotel-South in Colorado Springs, CO.

Dear John & Troops--To answer somequeries and advise of status quo.



Re clothing--Having grown up in that area may I say 'It's the lovelies time of the year.' Jacket/sunny thru the day; best bring short/over coat cause it gets nippy as the sun sets behind the mountains. Normally there's a carressing breeze in the 'Valley of the Gods.' Be a Good Scout--Be prepared.

I've received a 25 June 92 letter from Henry Söderberg wherein he more than hints--(I missed an invitation at least to coffee & donuts in the programme-perhaps it will come as a surprise.) Henry, now it's not gonna be a surprise. We're trying for a 'Tea in the OC/Hotel' hopefully that will include our mutual sidekick Lt. General A. P. Clark(Bub) retired AFA Commandant and a fellow kriegle out of Stalag Luft III. Gen Clark has helped a lot in opening doors at the AFA and NORAD-Cheyenne Mtn AFB. Naturally, we all want to continue our royal welcomes to Henri and ClaireSoderberg. Try, Try-- Henri's June 25 letter is attached so be guided accordingly.

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND(NORAD)

Please refer to the NORAD letter of 6 Jul 1992 which includes very important data and instructions. Quite a number failed to provide their SSN/Pass port # on initialization but this may work out to some advantage considering the following info. Please carefully read the NORAD/CHEYENNE MTN AFB advice on the physical limitations which includes three flights of stairs at 7500 feet elevation. ^{ICAPS} ALSO TOUR STARTS AT AIRFORCE BASE AT BODAM. We had 65 requests for the NORAD Tour, however we were only authorized 40, repeat 40. Tryin'for increased authorization but it appears unlikely. Therefore, we need to pare down to 40. Thus a proposal--If you feel you can't make the outing comfortably or safely would you so advise us as soon as practical but ^{DATELINE} NLT 9 September 92. This applies to those who included their (DATELINE-Cheyenne, Wy.)