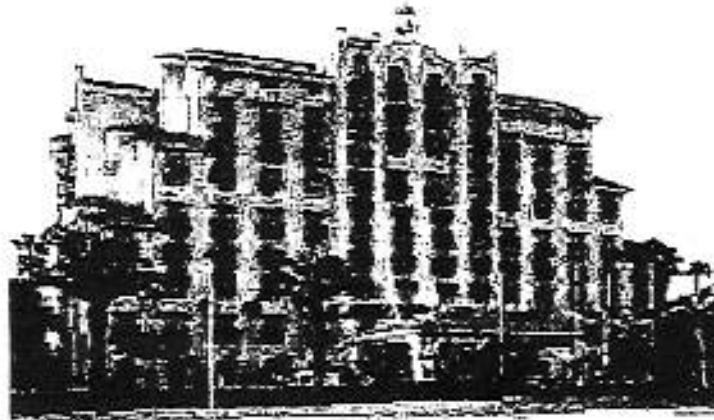


Amu's drawing of Oflag 64 without torpedoes, towers and guards
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I have been very successful in obtaining positive results for EX-POW'S all over the country and would be glad to help any of you who need it. I have already secured benefits for a number of OFLAG 64 members.

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ABE BAUM
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Abe called and told me that he had purchased several books on the Raid at Hammelburg and was selling them to our men at a reduced price. The normal price is \$ 6.95 but Abe will send you one for a price of \$5.95. The books he sends you will be signed by him. He suggested, that if you are interested in one, to send the money to your editor in Tulsa and he will send you the book from San Diego. All the proceeds from the book will be sent to Joe Serringer, our terasurer, to be placed in the postage fund.

Abe's adress is: Abe Baum
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ROADS TO LIBERATON FROM OFLAG 64

Clarence Meltesen's book "ROADS" has been revised and is available for purchase. This book is an accounting of almost all the men in Oflag 64 and what happened to them on their way to Oflag 64 and what happened after they were moved out of Oflag 64 on Jan 21, 1945.

It seems that the most interest in the happenings at Oflag 64 are from the generation following the generation of the men at Oflag 64. To you folks from the next generation that are reading this issue of the Item and have ordered some of the books about Oflag 64, you really should have a copy of Clarence's book about Oflag 64. It is the most complete book about Oflag 64 and the men that were there that is available.. If you are looking for information : **Clarence Meltesen, 810 Gonzales Dr. Apt 4-D, San Francisco, CA 94132-2221**

UPDATE ON OFFLAG 64 2005 REUNION

TO: All of you, (AND I DO MEAN ALL) who are coming to our OFFLAG 64 REUNION I will give you a little more info on what, where, and how.

This REUNION will not only be our own affair, it will also be the 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII AND THE LIBERATION OF THE PRISONER OF WAR DETENTION CAMPS. SO, LETS ALL TRY TO COME TO FLORIDA AND CELEBRATE THESE HISTORIC MOMENTS TOGETHER.

We are having this gala reunion at the beautiful four star EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL. We have negotiated a very good deal and the rate is \$97.00 per night for a two room suite, and includes a full cooked to order breakfast each and every morning and a two hour cocktail party every night with your choice of beverage. The address of the hotel is 1100 SE 17th Street which is right on the 17th Street causeway and US # 1. It is very easy to get to, and if you are driving there will be directions in a future issue as we get closer to the date. If you are flying, go to the Fort Lauderdale airport and when you get to the baggage claim area, there are phones linking you directly to the hotel. Just tell them that you are attending the OFFLAG 64, EX-POW REUNION and they will send a shuttle bus out to get you. The airport is only about ten minutes from the hotel, and they have eight shuttle busses in continuous motion, so you wont have a long wait, no more than ten or fifteen minutes. The hotel has guaranteed this room rate for three days before and three days after, so if you would like to make a real vacation out of this trip, you can do so. The phone number of the hotel is (954) 527-2700. It is never too early to make your reservations at the hotel, just call them up and make your reservation, and even if you are not sure that you are coming, make the reservation now, you can cancel up tp 48 hors before with no penalty.

As I said earlier there will be three gala dinners all included in your registration fee. There will be two gala banquet dinners in the grand ballroom of the hotel, with your choice of steak, fish, or fowl, and on the JUNGLE QUEEN RIVER BOAT we will have an opportunity to cruise up the NEW RIVER and get to see some of the most beautiful homes, mansions, and yachts imaginable. There will then be a sumptuous dinner served and will be followed by a one hour vaudeville show, making for a wonderful evening of fun, pleasure, and dining. On the registration form that will be mailed out shortly, you will be given the opportunity of choosing your entree for the dinners at the hotel.

We are planning on having a souvenir journal with pictures, stories, and ads, commemorating this very special event. WE are going to have a raffle with a drawing for some US savings bonds. We expect to have a load of door prizes that will be given out, so if any of you can get one of your merchants to donate something to us, it will be greatly appreciated. I have already secured a dozen prizes that we will give away, we would like to have enough so that everyone will be able to take something home, besides the memories of a wonderful time

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

Yours in camaraderie

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From: a bolling
To: William Warthen
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2004 6:06 PM
Subject: Re: The Meaning of Dedication, Loyalty, Purpose, Respect, Honor, and Personal Service to Others...

Bill:

Just a point of interest. When my father (your division commander) was a young captain back in the 1930's, he became the first commander of the troops who guarded the brand new "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". Since those early days, the unit has become perhaps the world's best. When Dad and his men stood guard at the tomb while British prime minister Ramsey MacDonald place a wreath on it, they look sharp and well disciplined but nowhere nearly as flawless as today's 3rd Infantry.

Bud

Guarding The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier "The highest honor for an enlisted person in military uniform."

How many steps does the guard take during his walk by the tomb, and why?
21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?
21 seconds for the same reason as the above answer number.
Why are his gloves wet?
His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not?
He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
How often are the guards changed?
Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?
Soldier-applicants applying for guard duty must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall, and waist size cannot exceed 30." He commits two years to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and must not drink alcohol on or off duty. He does not swear in public or disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any manner. After serving the guard is awarded a wreath pin worn on his lapel, signifying his service. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must live by these rules for life, or give up the wreath pin. .

All shoes for the guards are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from his feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as he comes to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform.

Each guard dresses for duty in front of a full-length mirror. He spends five hours each day before going on duty, and is subjected to a review and inspection prior to taking his position in a tour of duty.

During the first six months of duty, a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis, the boxer, and Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII, and a former Hollywood actor in movies about World War II.

In 2003, as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate and House of Representatives took 2 days off in anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" said one guard on duty, soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm. "I was told that guarding The Tomb is not just an assignment, it is the highest honor that can be afforded to an enlisted person in military uniform." The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for 365 days each and every year since 1930.

MAIL CALL

Brad Bradford, Grove City, OH sends in an obit for **Stanley Stetson** of Carroll, OH. Brad says he did not know Stanley, but that he lived in the small room in the attic of the White House "home of the BIRD" He said the Stanley was one of the "old timers at Oflag 64". Brad says he will be at Ft Lauderdale next fall, if he is anywhere. He also sends in a donation to the Postage Fund for which we thank him.

Gordon Smith, Baton Rouge, LA sends in a donation to the Postage Fund and asks the question " **Whatever happened to Wilbur Davis?** If you know what happened to Wilbur contact Gordon at: 12113 Chester Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810-4614. Thanks for the donation, Gordon.

Jim Sudmeier, Natick, MA sends in a donation to the Postage Fund, for which we are grateful.

Tony DeSanto, Germany and Rhode Island, sends in a donation to the Postage Fund and we thank him for it. Tony and Renate spend half their time in Rhode Island and half in Germany. This winter they are in Germany.

Tom/Sue Lawson, Grand Junction CO, send in a donation to the Postage Fund. Thanks Tom

Bob "Cheerful Charlie" Cheatham, Ashboro, NC, sends in a donation on Jan 21, to commemorate the day we left Oflag 64 on that long, cold, march, on Jan 21, 1945. Thanks, Bob. Bob's name was mentioned in the Feb issue of the church program of the First Presbyterian Church in Ashboro, NC, about his being in the long column of men that walked out on Jan 21, 1945.

LTG. A.P.Clark, Colorado Springs, CO, sends in a donation to the postage fund. Gen. Clark was former Commandant of the Air Force Academy and greeted us at the Cadet Library when we had our reunion there in 1992. He was very helpful to us when we were trying to send copies of the Oflag 64 memorial books to various organizations around the country. **MG Bud Bolling** also helped us to locate the correct people at West Point to receive the books. We thank both of these gentlemen for their aid.

Mary Russell, He[h]zibah, GA sends in a donation to the postage fund. Mary is the daughter of **Lt. William Harlow**. 106th Div. Lt. Harlow was fatally wounded at Hammelburg and died later in the Hospital there. Mary also ordered some of the books we recently put together that contained letters, diaries, memos. etc, concerning the trip across Russia, the long cold march, and the Hammelburg Affair.

Don Patton, Minneapolis, Mn, (The World War II Historical Roundtable) sends in a donation to the Postage Fund and also ordered a set of the Oflag 64 books.. Thanks, Don

Phyllis Rowe, Baltimore Md , writes that she enjoys reading the accounts of what happened at Hammelburg. Her husband Bill was there at the time and had written an account of his experience.

Bob O'Neill, Prescott, AZ is home recuperating from a hip replacement operation. He ordered several of the Oflag 64 books and is enjoying other men's accounts of what happened on the trip to Odessa, Russia (He made the trip to Odessa) He also sends in a donation to the postage fund. Thanks. Bob and take care so you can come to Ft Lauderdale next fall.

Regina Oldfield Puzzo, Westfield NJ. Regina's father was **John Clifford Oldfield** and like so many men he would not talk about his POW experiences and now their families are trying to find out what happened during the war years. Regina ordered some of the Oflag 64 books that we have and is enjoying going back over the years when her father was a POW. She also sent in a donation to the postage fund, Thanks Regina.

MAIL CALL

Margaret Tchida, St Cloud, MN wrote discussing the raid at Hammelburg. Her father was Milton Koshiol who was a member of Abe Baum's task force. Milton made the reunion at Minneapolis which was a first for him. Margaret sent in a donation to the Postage Fund and we appreciate it.

Georgia Tenny, Pierceton, In, writes that her father (Richard F Becker) was at Oflag 64 and probably made the march to Hammelburg. She was looking for information about his experiences because he never would talk about it. She ordered some of our books and expressed her appreciation for them and the information they contained.

Jack Stewart, Lincoln, NE sent in a note asking for a couple of the Oflag 64 books. His request was answered.

Jean Christensen, Loveland, CO wrote asking for a couple of Oflag 64 books. Her husband was Bob Christensen. Bob made the march to Hammelburg and was one of the men the took off to the west and made it to the American lines.

Herbert Johnson, Mechanicsburg, PA wrote asking for a couple of Oflag 64 books.

David Hoskot, Los Angeles, CA David is the son of Col Nathaniel Hoskot who jumped at Normandy with the paratroopers and was captured on June 6, '44. Col Hoskot's family is looking for information about their father. Robert Galloway sent him a copy of the Oflag 64 tape and we invited him and his family to come to the reunion at Ft Lauderdale next fall.

Jack Stewart, Lincoln, NE writes that he remembers the day we walked out the front gate of Oflag 64 and started on the long march. I think all of us remember that day. He received two of the books that were sent to him regarding Oflag 64.

Errol Johnson, New Haven, KY sends in a donation to the postage fund, for which we are grateful. He says he passed the 85 year mark last November and is in good health.

Jimmy Kanaya, Gig Harbor, WA sends in a donation for the postage fund and also orders some of the Oflag 64 books. He is planning to be in Ft Lauderdale this fall and mentions..... **that he would like to make a trip to the far end of the Florida Keys and watch the sun set while he is at the reunion. That sounds like a great idea and if anybody is interested why don't you contact Irv Solotoff and see if he can set up something. Maybe a trip after the reunion is over. His address is on another page of this item.**

Former prisoners of war leave a legacy of heroism and honor



Left, Lt. Sally Blaine Millett the mother of Nancy Zelenack of Escondido, was a POW in WWII. Right, Col. George Van Millett is the father of Nancy Zelenack and a former POW.
(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Escondido woman's mother, father both WWII veterans

AGNES DIGGS
STAR WRITER

Nancy Millett Zelenack had the parental role models of a lifetime.

Both her dad and stepmother stood in the path of the Axis powers arrayed against the Allies in World War II. Both saw the blood and terror of combat. Both were captured by the enemy.

George Van Millett Jr. served in the European theater, and Sally Blaine (who later became his wife, served in the Pacific. But it was a long time before Zelenack, who lives in Escondido with her husband, Robert, understood that her parents were genuine heroes.

"Mom used to talk about her girlfriends and what they did in the prison camp," Zelenack said. "But when you're 10 years old, you don't know what a prison camp is."

Millett's name is carved on the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and he is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Someday Sally, now 89 and living in San Antonio, Texas, will join him there.

A prisoner's story

With the help of treasured family scrapbooks, historical records and the recollections of Sally Blaine-Millett, the survivor, here is their story.

Sally Blaine was born in Bible Grove, Mo., the 10th of 13 children. She graduated from nursing school in San Diego, and joined the military for the chance to see faraway places such as Shanghai and Hong Kong. She arrived in the Philippines on June 6, 1941, and was sent to Fort Stotsenberg Station Hospital, 75 miles north of Manila, for her first duty.

On Dec. 8, she learned of the Japanese bombing at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. That same day, all hell broke loose around her as the enemy began bombing the base. Blaine and her compatriots were ordered to evacuate. Their flight from danger led them to Manila. She was then ordered to Bataan to work in a jungle hospital that had no door, no ceilings, no floor, no windows — just beds on the ground outdoors, she said. She slept in a tent and worked 12 hours a day.

"I had 400 patients in my ward," she said. "There were about 200 beds and the rest on the ground."

She recalled the scene and the 2,000 battle casualties around her. "And I thought, 'I'm like Scarlett O'Hara in the railroad scene,'" she said. "I'll never forget that. Some took off their jackets and lay down and put their heads on them. Others lay on the ground. We had men who had been shot and paralyzed. They had broken arms and legs. I was the charge nurse with one nurse working under me."

The Japanese continued to advance. On April 8 — one day before the fall of Bataan — the nurses were ordered to Corregidor.

They were taken to the harbor for evacuation across the bay. But the vehicle carrying Blaine and four other women ran out of gas. They began walking and were picked up by two airmen who had room for three inside and one on the running board. The fifth woman volunteered to walk the rest of the way, and reached Corregidor at about 3:30 in the morning, the first nurse from their hospital to do so.

When Blaine's group arrived at the harbor, there was mass confusion, she said. Eventually they were taken across the bay to the Malinta Tunnel Hospital, which was little more than a series of claustrophobic tunnels blasted into a mountain. The area was heavily bombed by Japanese forces. The women lived and worked inside.

Surrender

On May 6, seeing no other recourse, Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright surrendered his starving and exhausted troops to the Japanese.

Blaine and the nurses with her were sent to Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila, arriving on Sept. 8, 1942. Other nurses were already there. The captives — eventually 67 in all — remained prisoners until American troops liberated them in February 1945.

Blaine's mother didn't know where she was until about two months before the war ended, she said. "They sent me nine letters from home, but I only sent three because I didn't trust them (her captors)."

She was held there for 30 1/2 months, under harsh living conditions. The women slept in a room with 17 beds placed one foot apart. They worked split shifts in the daytime because of the oppressive heat. Night duty began at 6 p.m. and ended at 7 the next morning.

The women were carefully guarded. None were molested, she said.

But food was scarce. Prisoners got a morning ration of rice that got wormier and wormier as time went on, she said.

"You had worms in your rice, and you picked them out and went on eating," Blaine said. "We were hungry. The men ate the worms."

The evening meal was watery stew with a green vegetable that was slimy, like okra, mixed with a bit of meat. Their gear consisted of a tin plate, a cup and a spoon.

Red Cross packages arrived, but the Japanese looted them of cigarettes and withheld them so long that the chocolate they contained became moldy.

"But we ate it anyway, because we were so hungry for chocolate," she said. "It took 20 years for the smell of mold to get out of my nostrils when I smelled a piece of chocolate candy."

Enduring imprisonment

The prisoners lost substantial weight on the sparse diet, and the women stopped having periods. Many suffered from malaria and other tropical diseases.

Blaine said she endured by thinking of her mother.

"My mother had more guts than any man I've ever known," she said. "She wasn't brazen. She just didn't fall back. And I could do the same. She stood up under terrible pressure and never gave in to crying spells. And I didn't cry either, except when I had malaria."

She also learned from the example of their chief nurse, Josie Nesbit, soft-spoken and strong, who coached her to be the same.

When American tanks knocked down the gates and liberated the camp, all the nurses had managed to survive.

When Blaine was captured, she had her orders, a comb, a lipstick, a toothbrush and maybe a powder puff in her pocket, she said. Toward the end, she put them to good use.

"As this thing started to wrap up," she said. "I thought I had to start taking care of my appearance. You want to put your best foot forward."

After liberation, the nurses received Bronze Stars for meritorious service and a one-step promotion. Blaine received the rank of second lieutenant on her birthday. She had been held captive for 1,003 days. She was sure of that, she said, because the Army paid her a dollar per day subsistence and her salary, which was waiting for her when she got home.

"We didn't know what was going to happen to us," she recalled about their homecoming. "We thought we were going to be court-martialed. Imagine that."

When people speak of World War II, they automatically think Europe, she said. "POWs in Europe were treated much better than those held by the Japanese. Their death march was in the snow, and ours was in the scalding heat."

Blaine returned to the States to recuperate, but her R&R turned into rest, relaxation and romance when she attended a party and was introduced to a handsome colonel she had seen on an elevator a

few days earlier. They danced, she said. He was a good dancer. It was love at first sight. They were married in a chapel in Fort Meyers, Ga. A nurse was her maid of honor.

"I was the oldest person in the family to get married," she said. "They thought I was going to be an old maid. I was 31. They thought I was a goner."

No ordinary man

And it was no ordinary man she married.

George Van Millett Jr., a West Point graduate, organized, trained and commanded the 507th parachute infantry. On D-Day, he parachuted into France with his troops, landing near Appeville. Three days later, luck turned against them, and he was captured and imprisoned in Oflag 64, a German POW camp for officers in Poland. He spent seven months there before escaping. He made his way through Odessa and eventually made it home, where he was debriefed and sent to Miami for a little R&R.

He later served as an attaché with Ralph Bunche and the United Nations peacekeepers in Lebanon.

The couple had two sons, George, named after his father, and William.

Millett died in 1955 at age 51, 11 months after witnessing the detonation of an atomic bomb at a test site.

Sally Blaine Millett later earned a political science degree from Washburn University in Kansas, a freshman when her son was a senior.

'It made me feel so proud'

The couple's daughter, Nancy Millett Zelenack, said she didn't think of her parents as heroes, but as people who were part of something very important. She went with Sally to a reunion of the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, and when her mom's name was called, the group gave the survivor a standing ovation.

"Everyone in that auditorium just clapped," Zelenack

said. "And Mom cried. It made me feel so proud of her. I didn't realize that she was that much of a hero."

Beginning in 1995, Sally Blaine Millett gave Zelenack scrapbooks containing information about her dad's accomplishments. They contain "anything that was important to or pertaining to his military career," she said. The information begins in 1945. And thus she learned more about her father's heroism and the people he served with.

"My mom kept everything," she said. "If she didn't, we wouldn't have the wonderful history that we have now."

Millett was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry along with 10 other medals and rose to the rank of colonel. Sally Blaine Millett reached the rank of captain and received 10 medals in addition to her Bronze Star. But her favorite is the one she received in 1988 — her Prisoner of War medal, she said.

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Dear Mr Thompson

On behalf of the superintendent, Lt Gen John W. Rosa, I am pleased to accept the recent gift-in-kind of the records documenting the activities in and around Oflg 64 during WWII. As you know, Special Collections has extensive holdings dealing with World War II and these publications and the CD will be a complement to our collections.

I very much appreciate your sending these copies to the Academy. They will benefit cadets, faculty, and Air Force officers for many years to come. It is through the continuing interest and support of veterans, such as you, that the Academy has been able to acquire some of its most treasures acquisitions. We promise to be good stewards of the trust you have shown in us by giving us these items.

Sincerely

MARY ELIZABETH RUWELL, Ph.D.
Chief, Special Collections

MER/tp

cc: LTG (ret) A. P. Clark



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Mr. Robert Thompson
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for sending the material regarding Oflag 64! The books will be placed in the library of the National Prisoner of War Museum and will be of great benefit to students, staff, researchers and others interested in the prisoner of war experience. I know the bound volumes and compact disk represent a lot of work on your part and we do appreciate your dedication to the project. Compiling the information and organizing it into an easily accessible format is no small task.

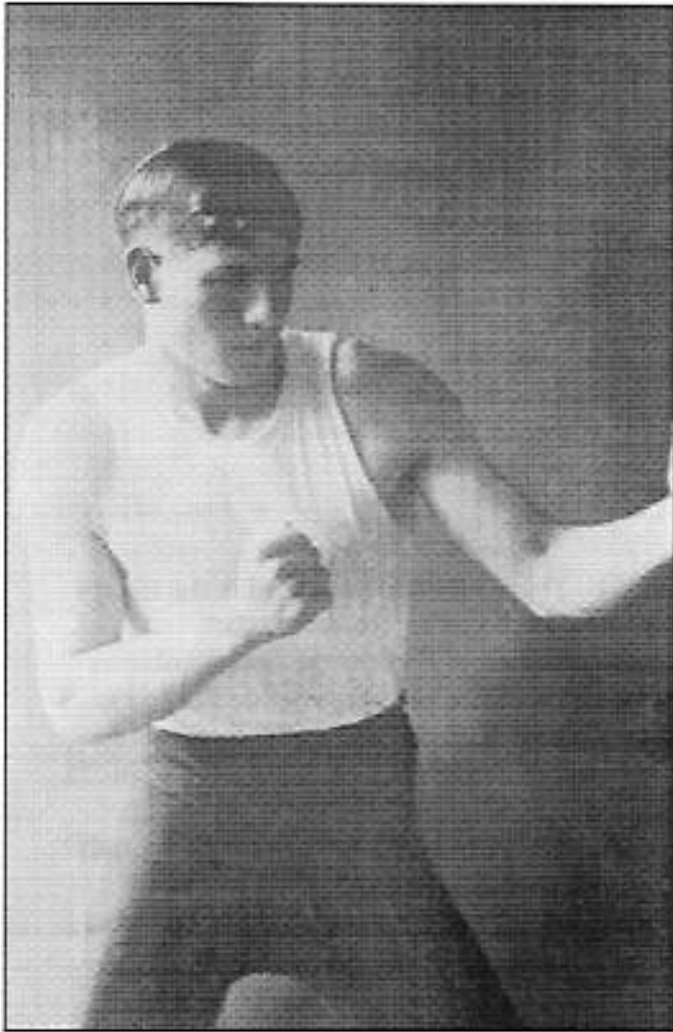
The material provided to the POW Library at Andersonville National Historic Site will not only preserve the experience of the men interned at Oflag 64 but will serve as a lasting tribute to each of them. To all of you I give my heartfelt thanks for your service to our country and what you did to ensure freedom for the world.

Sincerely,

Alan Marsh
Cultural Resources Program Manager
Andersonville National Historic Site

TAKE PRIDE
IN AMERICA 

A COUPLE OF PHOTOS



This is Herman Littman, as a young man, when he was a professional prize fighter.

This photo was seen on a bulletin board in Hawaii by a member of Marcia Kanner's family. It is the label on a package sent to Capt Bill Paty while he was at Oflag 64



TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005

Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, 92, WWII POW, marathon runner

A Mass for Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, 92, of Far Hills will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Church of St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville. Arrangements are by the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home, Basking Ridge.

Mr. Frelinghuysen, who died Saturday in Morristown Memorial Hospital, worked for many years at the J.S. Frelinghuysen Corp. in New York City and later ran a family dairy business in Somerville before retiring.

A 1934 graduate of Princeton University, he enrolled in the ROTC program and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant with the Army.

He served during World War II as a commanding officer with Battery D, 5th Field Artillery in Operation Torch, the first U.S. operation in the North African and European Theatres. He received the Silver Star for Gallantry.

Mr. Frelinghuysen was captured by a German paratrooper regiment while attempting to rescue his battalion commander. He was transported to a camp in Italy, where he was imprisoned for 10 months until escaping on Sept. 23, 1943.

After the war, he recorded all his war experiences on a dictaphone and later wrote "Passages to Freedom," a book published in 1990

about his capture and escape.

In 1998, at age 86, Mr. Frelinghuysen was interviewed by the Army on an investigation into the mental attitudes and psychological profiles of prisoners of war who have overcome challenges in order to resist or evade capture.

At the age of 57, Mr. Frelinghuysen took up marathon running, a sport he stayed active in until age 80. During that span, he completed many races, including the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Niagara Falls marathons.

In 1967, he co-authored "Keep Your Heart Running," which was one of the first books encouraging the use of good nutrition and aerobic exercise. He also authored several articles on nutrition in the Quarterly of the American Medical Athletic Association.

His well-known family has produced four U.S. Senators, two U.S. Congressmen and a secretary of state. His late father, Joseph Sherman Frelinghuysen, was U.S. senator from New Jersey from 1917 to 1923.

Mr. Frelinghuysen was a vestryman, confirmation class Sunday school teacher and pastoral care visitor, all for the Church of St. John on the Mountain.

Born in New York City, he lived in Raritan before moving to Far Hills.

Surviving are daughters, Margaret F. Kurzman, Susan F. van Roijen and Barbara F. Israel; a son, Joseph Jr.; a sister, Emily McFarland; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

RODERICK PEEPLES, 82 Animal Nutritionist

LAKELAND — Mr. Roderick Leslie "Rod" Peeples of Lakeland died of heart failure Tuesday (Dec. 14, 2004) at Winter Haven Hospital. He was 82.

Born in Jasper on Aug. 27, 1922, he came to Lakeland from Sebring in 1989. He was an animal nutritionist. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Sebring and the Masonic Lodge of Deerfield Beach. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of Miami. He graduated from the University of Florida. He was an Army veteran of World War II, in



which he was a prisoner of war in Poland. He received the Purple Heart and was a member of the Imperial Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sebring where he served as a deacon.

Mr. Peeples is survived by his wife, Evelyn Peeples; son, Gary Peeples, Sebring; daughter, Shirley McCarty, Brandon; stepsons, Peter Gray, Vero Beach, John Gray, Aiken, S.C.; stepdaughter, Barbara Campbell, Bronxville, N.Y.; sisters, Lillian Watson, Lakeland, Kathleen McGhin, Valdosta, Ga.; six grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lanier Funeral Home, 717 W. Griffin Road, Lakeland.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Service Foundation, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, 45214.

Taps

*Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky.*

All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.

*Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.*

As we go, this we know. God is nigh.

Carl P. Christensen

Lt. Col. Carl Peter Christensen, U.S. Army Ret., 87, of Pinehurst and formerly of Whispering Pines, died Wednesday (Dec. 29, 2004) at the Inn a Quayle Haven.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the



Inn a Quayle Haven Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rosedale Cemetery in Manchester, Mass.

Born March 10, 1916, in New Brighton, N.Y., to the late Andrew and Agnes' Anderson Christensen. He retired from the U.S. Army after 29 years of active duty and was held a POW during World War II in Germany. After active duty, he remained in the reserves. After his military career, he retired from IBM after more than 20 years of service.

He moved to Whispering Pines in 1987 from Manchester, Mass.

In Whispering Pines, he was a member of the Whispering Pines Country Club, the Sandhills Camera Club and MOAA of Moore County.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Wiltshire Christensen; his sons, Theodore Andrew Christensen of Charlton, Mass., and Peter Carl Christensen of Peabody, Mass.; a daughter, Judy Ann Del Rosaril of Manchester by the Sea, Mass.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is in charge of arrangements.

In Loving Memory Of

Lt. Colonel Carl Peter Christensen

Date of Birth
March 10, 1916

Date of Death
December 29, 2004

Time and Place of Service
Wednesday January 5, 2005 11:00 AM
The Inn At Quail Haven

Officiating
Rev. Alicia Porterfield

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Manchester, MA

Arrangements By

*Boles Funeral Home and Crematory
Southern Pines and Seven Lakes*

STETSON

Stanley B. Stetson, age 86, Wednesday, December 22, 2004 in Carroll, Oh. Former Army Veteran and POW of WW II and retired from AT&T. Preceded in death by wife Mary. Survived by sons, Noel Stetson of Rushville, Oh. and Reid Stetson of New Hampshire; sister, Sally-Barney of Waterville, Maine. Arrangements by the SHAW-DAVIS FUNERAL HOME. Inurnment Green Lawn Cemetery.