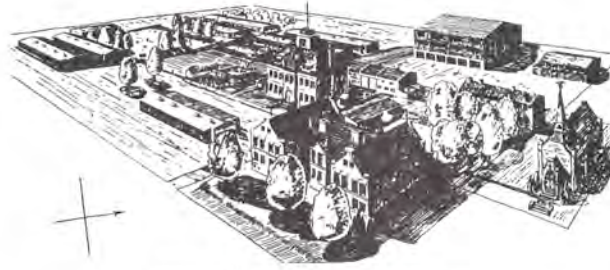


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One Last Invitation

Hello Oflag 64 Families,

We just wanted to extend one last invitation to anyone who is interested, to join our small group of Oflag 64 families who will be traveling to Szubin and other places in Poland this year, September 2 through September 11.

We will be following this schedule (subject to minor changes if necessary):

Saturday (September 3) – arrive and overnight in Warsaw

Sunday – visit Warsaw and overnight in Warsaw

Monday – visit with officials, depart, overnight in Bydgoszcz (near Szubin)

Tuesday – travel to Szubin, visit Oflag 64 site, meet with officials, overnight in Bydgoszcz

Wednesday – travel to Krakow via Shrine of Our Lady, overnight in Krakow

Thursday – visit Auschwitz and Royal Castle, overnight in Krakow

Friday – visit Salt Mines in the morning, afternoon return to Warsaw, overnight in Warsaw

Saturday – free day in Warsaw, overnight in Warsaw

Sunday (September 11) – return to US

If you would like to go along, please let me (Elodie) know ASAP. We have already begun arranging for rooms and figuring out transportation to and from different locations. First thing after letting me know is to make sure you have a passport as you will need one to make international flight reservations. If you already have one, it must be valid through February of 2017. We will have a grand time!!

More information to come for those who express an interesting in joining the current list of travelers.

Our best to you always,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell



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Thanks to....

...everyone who responded to my earlier email about a trip to Szubin this September. We know that some are able to make it and some aren't. There is so much to consider when planning a trip of this kind. We hope those unable to visit this year will be able to visit some time in the future. And to those who will be traveling to Szubin, looking forward to seeing you.

Thanks also to Krystyna Piórkowska without whose help we might be floundering regarding our September trip. She travels to Poland 3-4 times a year with the work she does and is extremely knowledgeable about the country, places to stay, places to visit, transportation, etc., and has provided some very valuable information for this year's travelers in the form of Q&As. She has spent extensive time outside of her work schedule making arrangements for hotels, visits with officials, etc., at no cost to us, and we are tremendously grateful.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Elodie Caldwell at elodie@oflag64.us



If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie at the contact address on the front page of this publication. If you send photos, digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg format is great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can be sent in .pdf format. If you are unable to convert them to .pdf format, I would be glad to do so and then send you back the original. Thank you very much. Elodie





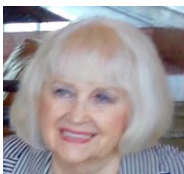
MAIL CALL



Steven Burgauer, author and Oflag 64 family member, wrote in response to Mariusz Winiacki's request for information about terms used by Kriegies, specifically the term "milk shot" in reference to Roy

Chappell right before being transferred to Oflag 64. *Thank you Steven for a possible explanation of the term. Seems that it wasn't generally known except to some. As we have recently discovered, the term actually refers to taking medicine under a doctor's supervision which can result in a very realistic fever. It's interesting to learn these little tidbits.*

Stephen Dando-Collins, author and Oflag 64 family member, wrote to let us know that his newest book about Oflag 64 escapes entitled THE SCHUBIN BREAK is nearly ready for publication. While doing his research he was able to connect with the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva Switzerland about some new-to-us and old photos taken at the camp. *Thanks Stephen for sharing this information. We will soon be contacting the ICRC to obtain permission to use the photos on our site as well.*



Evie Dunbar, widow of the late Kriegy Alan Dunbar, wrote to ask if we might be able to resend the link that was previously sent regarding Alan's memorial. *Thanks Evie for*

contacting us again. Hopefully the link we sent worked well for you and that your friends were able to access it as well.

Wayne Fieldsmith, son of the late Kriegy Hugo Feiltschmidt, wrote to let us know that we had mislabeled one of our online gallery photos of his dad. He also wrote that his dad was a major and one of the camp dentists. *Wayne, thank you for writing and correcting our error. We have made the necessary changes on our website. Please let us know if you find any other errors.*



Julie Gionfriddo, daughter of the late Kriegy Jack Rathbone, wrote to thank us for emails and updates. A few years after our Colorado reunion, she and her husband moved to Ecuador where they lived until recently when they moved back to their house in Colorado. *Julie, it was good to hear from you again. Happy to hear that you are doing well. Hope to see you at a future Oflag 64 get-together.*

H. Randolph Holder, son of the late Kriegy H. Randolph "Boomer" Holder, wrote and asked to be added to our email list. *Thanks H. Randolph, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list so you should be hearing from us from time to time. Please contact us again anytime.*



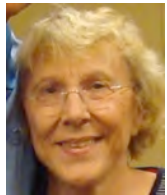
Warren Jones, son of the late Kriegy Charles L. Jones, wrote regarding the video tribute to Alan Dunbar done by Donna Melchiorre. "It was such a professional rendering to portray this man in the most excellent of ways. I wish I

could have been there in person, but now am glad that I could be witness to his sendoff later and many thanks to the team who made it possible (Donna/Dondino/Pat/Nellis AFB) for such a fine final tribute. It couldn't have been nicer!" *Thank you very much Warren for your kind words to Donna and those who helped with the memorial service. We wish we could've been there also.*

Julie Johnson, daughter of the late Kriegy Carmen F. Clawson, wrote that she and her family would not be making another trip to Szubin as they have traveled there previously. She remarked on the beautiful hotel they stayed in along the way and on the tour of Szubin and the museum. *Thank you Julie for letting us know about your previous visit to Szubin. We would love to see photos of your trip.*



Anne Kreutzer, daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot, sent a donation to our Postage Fund not long ago. *Anne, thanks very much for your continued support. Your thoughtful and generous contribution is greatly appreciated.*



Lucy Lussenden, widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden, wrote several times in response to Mariusz Winiecki's request for information about Van Vliet's and Stewart's trip to Katyn. She has sent the information she's been able to find to Mariusz. You can see this information in his current posting on his blog, The Oflag 64 Record. In other emails regarding a trip to Szubin, Lucy mentioned that she wouldn't be able to travel with the group, but sent a number of helpful traveling suggestions to share with everyone. *Thanks so much Lucy for all the information you shared about Katyn. It takes a "village" or in other words, all of us in our Oflag 64 family to connect the dots. Thanks also for the traveling suggestions.*



Donna Melchiorre, friend of the Evie and the late Alan Dunbar and Oflag 64 family member, sent the video of Alan Dunbar's memorial tribute at Nellis Air Force Base. She commented that "it was a privilege to honor Lt. Colonel Alan Dunbar." For anyone who wasn't previously able to watch the video, it can be accessed at: <https://vimeo.com/153140293> *Thank you so much Donna for all the service you so tenderly rendered on behalf of Alan Dunbar.*

Mary Milford, daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph Leo Dooley, contacted us after finding our website. She wrote: "My father died in March 1984 and this is the first information his 9 children are getting on him. Thank you for all the info." She also asked to be added to our email list. In a later email, she thanked us for keeping the website up to date and let us know that her father escaped after his capture and was hidden by the Polish people but she doesn't have details. *Thank you Mary for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have*

added you to our email list as requested. Thanks for the information you shared about your father. We hope you continue to find information to fill in the gaps.

Carolyn Stotts Spell, great niece of the late Kriegy W. C. Stotts, wrote for information from anyone who might have known her great uncle while he was in the camps. She also asked to be added to our email list. *Carolyn, thanks for writing and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested so you should be hearing from us from time to time. We sent an email query to our group asking if anyone knew your great uncle. We would be interested in learning of any responses you may have received.*

Robert Thomas, son of the late Kriegy Murrell E. Thomas, wrote regarding some of his father's war experiences. He wrote: "My dad was in a box for six weeks. All he could see was dead bodies. I don't know how many others went through that or if they talked to each other. He escaped the second night on the march. He was held as a prisoner in Moscow with another guy he was with. Dad spoke to them in English, they didn't understand. He knew they were bilingual, so he spoke in German. That about got them shot." *Thanks so much Robert for the information you shared about your dad. It continually amazes me to hear what all our Kriegies went through during WWII. We thank them for their service and sacrifice.*



Pat Waters, son of the late Kriegy John K. Waters, sent a photo of US troops entering the Hammelburg Prison in Germany in April of 1945. See the Kriegy News and Information Section for the photo. *Thank you Pat for this great photo. The colorization (online ITEM) makes it seem like it was taken not that long ago.*



Mariusz Winiecki, Oflag 64 family member in Poland, continues to work hard on his blog, The Oflag 64 Record. He appreciates all those who have contributed information. *Mariusz, we have learned so much from your blog. Keep up your incredible work!*

COMMENTS

Let us know how we are doing. Constructive comments and criticisms are always appreciated.

Thanks to all who email and write regularly and thanks for the information you share. It's always good to hear from you!! ~ Elodie Caldwell

THANK
YOU!



WEB CONNECTION

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New visitors to our website – We welcome you to our Oflag 64 Family

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Website Additions: If you notice errors or omissions, or find links that don't work properly, please let us know at elodie@oflag64.us.

KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION

This photo was sent by Pat Waters. It shows US troops from Combat Command B of the U.S. 14th Armored Division entering the Hammelburg Prison in Germany by opening the main gate with bursts of their M3 "Grease Guns". Hammelburg, Germany. April 6, 1945. (Colorized by Paul Reynolds. Historic Military Photo Colourisations—for color see online ITEM)



TAPS

We have not heard from anyone during this quarter regarding Kriegies who have passed away. That's wonderful news!! And it might just be a first time in a long time. We send continued best wishes to everyone, Kriegies and family members alike.



PUBLICATIONS

The following publications might be of interest to you. Many of them were written by our men. Your local library is a good place to check for availability. If you can't find what you're looking for there, write to the author or publisher or click on the links below. New and used copies are often available from online sites. If you become aware that any of these publications are no longer available, please let us know.

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9. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book.** Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL. http://www.amazon.com/Oflag-64-fiftieth-anniversary-book/dp/1879260239/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1226550698&sr=1-1
10. **Oflag 64: A POW Odyssey**, Robert Galloway, 2001. Instant Amazon Video to rent or buy at: https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B00WGYXZTG?ie=UTF8&keywords=OFLAG&qid=1442345037&ref=sr_1_1&s=instant-video&sr=1-1
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