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Thank you for your valued input!!



Oflag 64 Reenactment September 16, 2017 Szubin Poland

Hello Oflag 64 Families,

Not long ago we learned that an Oflag 64 Reenactment will take place at the site of Oflag 64 early this fall. This is exciting news and will definitely be an event to look forward to and remember.

Mariusz Winiecki, our good friend in Szubin, has been in conversation with the leader of "Green Light", a professional reenactment group from Poznan, and the group has agreed to be engaged in this project. "Green Light" is comprised of 8 members but others from various reenactment groups have been invited to participate with them. For this event, the groups are recreating the 82nd Airborne Division with special attention to the 505th Infantry Regiment. If any of our living Kriegies or family members with ties to this division and regiment are willing to share information with the reenactment group, they would greatly appreciate it. Mariusz will be the point of contact.

The hope is that everyone attending this Reenactment will be able to learn more about the history of the camp and also about camp life from the moment Kriegies arrived, roll call, the distribution of Red Cross parcels, the new ITEM issue, the fake drunk party, gardening, a baseball game or other sport activity, perhaps a theatrical event, and other events which took place until the Kriegies departed. Authentic clothing and music from that time period will be utilized and perhaps the work of POWs on the Daily Bulletin will be presented. An outdoor photographic exhibit featuring photos of the camp will also be prepared. Mariusz will be the chief historical consultant for the Reenactment but welcomes ideas, advice, and opinions.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mariusz, to the Town Hall of Szubin, to MOAS School, and to the Szubin Museum, for their tireless work in arranging for and putting together this great event.

Wouldn't it be great if a number of our Oflag 64 families could attend? Please let us know if you're interested in such a trip.

Our best to you always, Elodie Caldwell, ITEM Editor Bill Caldwell, Webmaster Oflag 64 Association



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Thanks....

....to all who participated in our Hall of Remembrance Survey either online or by mail or by email. We have learned quite a bit overall about the barracks and conditions through your and other's responses.

....to the Kriegies, in particular, who responded; your surveys were invaluable. Thanks for helping us get a better picture of the barracks and for being willing to share.

New Online "Book Reviews" Page

We are happy to announce that our "Book Reviews" page is now online. It contains reviews that we have been able to find on publications listed in the Publications section of this ITEM. We appreciate all who have taken the time to research and share their publications and reviews with us.

If you run across reviews that we don't presently have, please share them with us so we can add them as well.

Elodie and Bill 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, that works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format. Thank you very much.

Also, if you notice errors or omissions, or find links that don't work properly, please let us know at <u>elodie@oflag64.us</u>. Thank you for your patience with this sometimes slow process.









Denise Bouck (daughter of Lyle Bouck Jr.) wrote to say that her father passed away in December 2016. Lyle was not an Oflag 64 Kriegy but had been associated with our Oflag 64 family. Condolences were sent to Denise along with our thoughts and prayers. We know he will be greatly missed. *Thanks, Denise, for sending news of your dear father. We hope that beautiful memories of him will sustain and strengthen you as time passes.*

Patricia Bowers (daughter of the late Kriegy James F. Callahan) sent photos and information that might be of interest to other Kriegy family members. She wrote: My father, Lt. James F. Callahan was in Oflag 64 from May 21, 1944 and then to Stalag IIIA on about Feb. 14, 1945. He did go to Luckenwald....I have two photos I found from Oflag 64 to add to the collection. They are stamped on the back as Oflag 64 pictures." (See the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM.) *Thank you very much, Patty, for sending the information and photos. We always appreciate learning something new and you have certainly provided that for us.*



Steven Burgauer (author and friend of Oflag 64) sent another review of his recent book about Oflag 64 ex-Kriegy William C. Frodsham, which has been added to our new website "Book Reviews" page. See the publications section for information about his book. *Thank you very much, Steven, for sharing another great review and for sharing Captain Frodsham's experiences from his diary in your book.*



Susanna Connaughton (daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour R. Bolten) has been doing a lot of research recently in preparation for writing a book about her dad's experiences. As she was researching Oflag 64 on the website of the United Kingdom National Archives, she came upon several reports which she shared. They were cataloged by the British on individual pages. We will work on combining them and making them available for anyone

interested in conditions at Oflag 64 in 1944. Thanks very much, Susanna, for your leg work and for sharing the reports. Very interesting reading indeed. We have read similar reports but it's always interesting to see the similarities and differences in what is recorded for historical purposes.



Kay Cruise (daughter of the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey) wrote that she just finished reading the John Waters Oral History and found it SO interesting. In answer to our question about what the interior of some of the barracks looked like, she referred us to page 66 of the book which had a pretty good description. *Thank you so much, Kay, for being on top of that information. That will definitely help when it comes time to create exhibits for the Hall of Remembrance. We have certainly benefitted by what our Kriegies*

recorded over the years, and much of it at our fingertips. Thank goodness they had the foresight to write it down.



Stephen Dando-Collins (author and friend of Oflag 64) sent a publicity update on his recent book THE BIG BREAK. He stated that more articles, features and reviews are in the pipeline. *Stephen, thanks so much for keeping us updated. We're happy to say that our "Book Reviews" page is now available on our website. As you have probably noted, there are several books, etc. listed in the Publications section of this ITEM. They are listed on the reviews page as well.*

Jan Daniluk (professional historian and friend of Oflag 64) responded to an invitation we made, at the suggestion of Mariusz Winiecki, to join efforts with us to create a Hall of Remembrance. Jan has most recently worked on the creation of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk (just opened

3/23/17), a very large project, so his experience and knowledge will be priceless to us. Check this link for information about the Museum: <u>http://www.muzeum1939.pl/en/home-page</u> *Jan, thank you for accepting the invitation to work with us on our Hall of Remembrance project. Your expertise will be invaluable. We are in the beginning stages of our project but as time goes by we will be in contact.*

Tom Detmers (son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers) wrote with new contact information. Sadly we occasionally lose contact with our Oflag 64 family members so we always appreciate getting updated contact information. *Thank you very much, Tom, for sending your updates. It was good to hear from you again.*

Ralph Dodds (son-in-law of the late Kriegy Dalton Y. Medlin) contacted us recently and asked to be added to our email list. He reported that Dalton was a naval gunfire observer on the Salerno invasion on 9 September 1943. He was wounded and captured the first day and also was one who marched back to Germany on 21 January 1945. His feet froze but he was saved by two British officers. *Thanks, Ralph, for contacting us and for sending the information on your father-in-law. Welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested, so you will be hearing from us from time to time.*

John N. Foster (son of the late Kriegy John C. Foster) contacted us not long ago and asked to be added to our email list. He reported that his dad passed away in November of 1992 but shared this information: "I looked on your website and see my father John C. Foster was in Oflag 64. (See the TAPS section for his obituary.) He told me stories of his being a POW but not many details,. After recently reading a book about 15th Air Force prisoners' march in 1945, I recalled my dad telling me about marching away from the Russians. So I looked online and Oflag 64 rang a bell. He showed me his decaying POW card so I knew where to look. I am interested in all I can learn about him in the camp and others as I know you truly were a band of brothers." John then thanked us for helping to preserve this important history and asked how he could participate. *John, thank you for contacting us and for sharing information. We're always happy when another family member finds us and is willing to share information. We have added you to our email list as requested and welcome you to our Oflag 64 family.*

Jon David Henry (son of the late Kriegy Robert T. Henry) wrote to us recently to update his contact information. We occasionally lose contact with our Oflag 64 family members when their contact information changes, so it was good to hear from him again. *Thanks so much, Jon (David), for contacting us. It was good hearing from you again.*

David Ihrie (son of the late Kriegy Leroy C. Ihrie) wrote that he has new contact information. We'd rather not lose contact with our Oflag 64 family, so it's always great to get updates. *Thanks very much, David, for sending us your new information. We were happy to hear from you again.*



William F. "Bill" Jones (son of the late Kriegy William K. Jones) in response to our survey request for information about the barracks at Oflag 64, sent 17 photos he took while visiting the camp in 2012. One was of particular interest, a ceramic stove still inside one of the remaining brick barracks. He recalled his dad saying that he did not much like the ceramic stoves, feeling they were quite inferior. He would have preferred the Franklin-style stoves he was accustomed to seeing while growing up. Had they been available, he

thought they would have been much more efficient. (Please see the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM for the photo.) *Bill, thanks so much for sharing the photos. How amazing that the stove is still in one piece. Hopefully, it will remain so as we work on the Hall of Remembrance project. It would certainly be a perfect addition to an exhibit.*



Lucine Juskalian (widow of the late Kriegy George Juskalian) wrote recently that she has materials to share. She also sent warm wishes and appreciation for what we do for our Veterans. *Thanks so much, Lucine, for your offer of materials. We look forward to receiving them. Thanks also for your kind words. It was good hearing from you.*



Jimmie Kanaya (Kriegy) wrote not long ago and shared: "I JUST PASSED MY 96TH birthday last Oct and now looking forward to a few more of them. Not many close friends left now days and those young ones do not relate to my way of thinking. Just getting old-old fashioned. Still driving and attend the GYM every day possible to keep my joints lubricated......Hope I will still be shape to see another New Year." *Jimmie, it was so good to hear from you again. As relatively close as we live to each other, we should try to get*

together. Hoping that all your activities will keep you seeing one year after another. Happy belated birthday!!

John Labashousky (nephew of Kriegy Edward M. Lescanec) contacted us looking for information about his uncle. Our website shows his uncle's name and that he was returned to military control at the end of the war, but there is no other information regarding any unit he was attached to or when he was captured or released. Although still living at age 92, Edward hasn't talked much about the war so his family would be interested in receiving any information anyone has about him. Thank you, John, for contacting us. We will continue searching and also hope that you will find success in your search. Give our best to your uncle and his wife.



Lucy Lussenden (widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden) in response to our survey request for information about the barracks at Oflag 64, not only participated in the survey but wrote that she has copies of US Army Intelligence Reports about Oflag 64 from during and after the war. She said she would be happy to send copies and reported that most of the information wasn't new but interesting anyway. She also sent news about herself and our friend Charlene Drozdzak who was Don's caregiver before he passed away. *Thanks*

so much, Lucy, for sharing the Intelligence Reports. You're right, they're <u>very</u> interesting. We hope to be able to post them on our website before long. Thanks also for sending your news and that of Charlene.



Marlene McAllister (daughter of the late Kriegy Robert T. Thompson) wrote that she was able to purchase 3 photos of the camp that were for sale on eBay. The were taken at the time the British were in captivity there (Oflag XIIIB) but they show the buildings as they appeared when the camp became Oflag 64. *Thank you very much, Marlene, for making the amazing purchase. How great to find such treasures. They will definitely be a nice addition to the future Hall of Remembrance, which will also highlight the days the British ity in Szubin.*

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Thomas Paszko (from Poland) contacted a while ago asking if anyone had pictures of the touch football games played at Oflag 64. We at present only have photos of baseball games on our site. If any of you have photos to share, please let me know. Thomas also asked to be added to our email list. *Thomas, thank you very much for contacting us. We have added you to our email list as requested and welcome you to our Oflag 64 family. We hope you have been able to contact Mariusz Winiecki. He may have some information that we don't at this time. Please let us know what your search reveals.*



Gail Rahal (widow of the late Kriegy Nicholas S. "Nick" Rahal) in response to our survey request for barracks information, sent photocopies of a chapter from Nick's memoirs which described the camp and his experiences there. She gave permission to scan his memoirs to use as needed. She also said that his manuscript is being formatted for publishing. It's so amazing to read these accounts. Such brave men and such great heroes. *Thanks so much, Gail, for sharing Nick's memoirs and for giving us permission*

to use them as needed. We're happy to hear that they will be published soon. What would we do without such descriptive accounts? It was great hearing from you again.

John Rodgers, Sr. (Kriegy) sent an email recently with an attachment containing information about the Hammelburg Raid by Abraham Baum. Some of our Oflag 64 Kriegies were at Hammelburg when the



camp was raided so the report will definitely be of interest to them and their families in particular, but also to others. It is several pages long, includes photos, etc. If we can get permission to use it, we will post it to our website. *Thank you very much always, John, for the information you share with us. Some of the photos included in the report were new to me and very interesting to see. It's always good to hear from you.*



Ted Roggen (Kriegy), in response to a request from me, sent a copy of his book "Press Releases" which not only covers a major portion of Ted's career in Advertising and Public Relations but also covers his time at Oflag 64. Great book I might add. Ted turned 99 on February 22 and still goes to his office two to three times a week to do some radio work and TV ads for a select few clients. (Photos are included in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM.) A short time later, Ted sent me a letter in the mail which included his phone number. I called and we discovered that we had been trying to get

ahold of each other and that our emails to each other weren't getting through. *First of all, HAPPY Belated* 99TH BIRTHDAY and CONGRATULATIONS to you!! Looking forward to your 100th!! Second of all, thank you so much for sending me an inscribed copy of your book. It is so full of wonderful information and is much appreciated. I enjoyed our subsequent phone conversation. Good to have updated email addresses again and always good to hear from you.



Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe (Kriegy) sent a nice note recently along with a donation to the Postage Fund. He also thanked us for what we do for our former POWs. *What a pleasure to hear from you again, Bill. Thanks so much for writing and for your thoughtful and generous contribution to the Postage Fund. We always appreciate the support we receive from our Oflag 64 Association contributors.*



Tom Sigler (son of the late Kriegy Thornton V. Sigler) was going through more of his dad's things and found telegrams and letters relating to his MIA and POW status, Red Cross parcels, physical condition of camp personnel, and labels of parcel contents. We have included a few of these photos in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Tom, what great information. More pieces of Kriegy puzzles are put into place with each new bit of information we receive. Thanks so much for sharing it with us.*

Jane Slavin (daughter of the late Kriegy Donald Frederick) recently contacted us with information that she has photos she would like to share with our Oflag 64 family. *Jane, thank you so much for contacting us and for your willingness to share photos. We look forward to receiving them when you're ready.*

Kurt Stauffer (military memorabilia collector) responded to an email we sent at Pat Waters' request. He mentioned that his interest in POW history began when his uncle was a POW in the Philippines. He said that he has quite a bit of memorabilia from Oflag 64. The largest part of the collection is from the estate of Craig Campbell who was Eisenhower's aide during the war. It includes a full set of original ITEMs, a number of barracks photos, and original programs for the plays. He also has a lot of POW mail from Oflag 64 from a number of different POWs. He owns 2 diaries that have Oflag 64 content. One of them is Harry Korger's (later transferred to Luft 1) and the other is E. M. Robertson's. He is willing to share information with us. We're happy to hear of your collections. Descendants of our Kriegies/POW's often ask if anyone has information about one person or another. I'm sure you will be hearing from Oflag 64 family members from time to time.

Tom Sullivan (member of a US militaria forum) wrote to us recently with information about the late Kriegy Harvey D. Patterson Jr. He commented: "I found your site while researching some letters I have that belonged to Captain Thomas W Morrison, 33rd armored regiment. One of them, dated March 14, 1945 is from Mrs. Harvey Patterson of Norfolk Virginia, Mother of Harvey D Patterson Jr. I would like to share the letter with you, and hopefully find out something about Harvey." Adding to the story, Tom

stated: "I have about 600 letters that are from a WWII veteran, Captain Thomas W Morrison and his wife Pauline. In with these was the letter from Wydie Patterson, Mother of Harvey Patterson. 1st Lt. Harvey D Patterson was with the 391st F A, 3rd armored division. He was wounded and taken prisoner on or around the 19th of September 1944, during the campaign for Stolberg. After being treated for his wounds he was sent to Oflag 64. His story was told in a book titled "Virginia in the War Years, 1938-1945" by Joseph P Freitus. (See the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM.) *Thank you very much, Tom, for contacting us and sharing the information about Harvey. We are always interested in the stories of our Kriegies and their families. Every little bit adds one more piece to the puzzle.*



Pat Waters (son of the late Kriegy John K. Waters) recently attended a gathering of collectors of military memorabilia and found two people there with extensive Oflag 64 collections and memorabilia. They also possess some uniforms of the men who resided in the camp. One presented Pat with a copy of a package received by his father. Another has letters of Col. Van Vliet's that he's going to scan and send. They presented Pat with pictures and actual ITEM papers they had. Pat provided email addresses to contact them. He said they were both quite interested in our interest in Szubin. *Pat, thanks so much for*

sharing this information with us. We have contacted both and have heard from one of them already.



Anna Weber (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Philip M. Wade) wrote that she, after recently receiving a scholarship for funding, will be returning to Szubin this September for 5 weeks to continue studying and writing about the camp and the town. She has been in touch with Mariusz Winiecki and will be working with him at various times during her time there. She has also asked for the opportunity to interview Kriegies and/or their families ahead of time. She can do this virtually, or, if she receives another scholarship, she

might be able to take a few trips around the country to visit. If you would be willing to be interviewed, she would love to hear from you. If you live in or near Philadelphia, where she currently is going to school, she can talk to you in person. Let me know and I will give her your contact information or the other way around. *Thanks, Anna, for contacting us again. It was great to hear about your scholarship to continue your work in Szubin. CONGRATULATIONS!! We are eager to hear of your new experiences.*



Bill Wenzel (Oflag 64 Association family member) wrote that he's begun looking up his family information from Szubin again; thanks to more internet info, there may be more opportunities. He has learned that the old Lutheran cemeteries are still there; all the stones have been destroyed, but the grounds are there and one can still pray. He hopes to go there some day. *Bill, it was good to hear from you again. Thanks so much for writing about your new findings. I hope you can visit Szubin one day as well. It would definitely rip. So much bistory in there and Szubin is beautiful.*

be worth the trip. So much history is there and Szubin is beautiful.

David Weinstein (nephew of the late Kriegy Leonard Feldman) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. David is a filmmaker who is planning to make a documentary soon on his uncle's war experiences and perhaps walk a portion of the long march. He asked about our living Kriegies for purposes of asking them questions. *David, thank you very much for contacting us 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 have been looking for more information on your uncle and are pleased that you have found us. Best wishes to you on your upcoming project and travels.*

Patricia Whelan (niece of the late Kriegy Stephen W. Kane) contacted us recently with information she has about her uncle, specifically an original photo from one of the Red Cross Bulletins showing her uncle in the back row of the photo, second from left. *Patricia, thank you very much for contacting us. We would very much be interested in a digital copy of the photo of your uncle to post online. That's the preferred way of receiving photos but if we end up with actual photos in hand, we are always happy to scan and return them to you.*



Mariusz Winiecki (researcher and good friend of our Oflag 64 family) is working on a new project, one that we will be hearing more about fairly soon. The Oflag 64 Reenactment which will take place on the "camp grounds" of Oflag 64 on September 16, 2017. It will be advertised region-wide with hopes that it will be very well attended. A professional reenactment group has been contracted to do the reenactment and is very excited about the event which will capture life at Oflag 64, complete with authentic uniforms. Mariusz

has asked for help in gathering information and is hoping to find some good period music to add to the mix. If you have music to share, or titles of music that was popular during days at Oflag 64, he would appreciate that information. A few of our Oflag 64 family members who have already learned about this event have expressed an interest in attending. It would be well worth the while of anyone who wanted to make the trip and attend the event. *Thank you so much as always, Mariusz, for including us in what is in the works in Szubin. We always appreciate what you do and the information you provide and also for the support you are to the Hall of Remembrance project. With so much on your plate, we hope you find time to rest now and again. We're looking forward to more reenactment information as time goes by.*

COMMENTS

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

I appreciate what you are doing for my dad's legacy. ~ David Anderson

I see that you are still doing a great job. ~ Eileen Baum

Thank you for preserving this important history. ~ John Foster

It is terrific that you are doing all this....along with everything you do to honor these brave souls. ~ *Bill Jones*

Warm wishes and appreciation of your great work for Veterans. ~ Lucine Juskalian

Thanks for all your good work. ~ Lucy Lussenden

I personally appreciate the work in our [Kriegies] behalf. ~ Ted Roggen

Thank you so very much for all you do for we former POWs. ~ Bill Sharpe

WEB VISITORS

New or returning visitors to our website – We're happy to hear from you.

Ralph Dodds - son in law of the late Kriegy Dalton Y. Medlen

John N. Foster - son of the late Kriegy John C. Foster

John Labashousky – nephew of Kriegy Edward M. Lescanec

Thomas Paszko – looking for information about touch football games at Oflag 64

Jane Slavin – daughter of the late Kriegy Donald S. Frederick

Tom Sullivan – shared letters from the late Kriegy Harvey Patterson

David Weinstein – nephew of the late Kriegy Leonard Feldman

Patricia Whelan - niece of the late Kriegy Stephen W. Kane



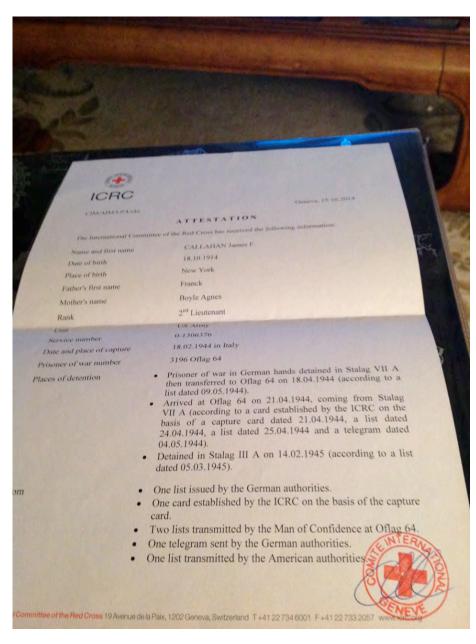


KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION

The following information was sent by **Patty Bowers**, daughter of the late Kriegy James F. Callahan, who received the attestation shown in the photo below.

Families looking for more information about their Kriegies might write to the International Committee of the Red Cross to receive an attestation report of locations and dates of their POW family member at:

19 Avenue de las Paix 1202 Geneva Switzerland



Patty also sent these photos which were taken at the cemetery while our men were at Oflag 64. We are aware of one Kriegy who passed away while at Oflag 64, Captain Richard H. Torrence. It's likely, but unknown if these photos were of his funeral. Can you identify any of the men?



This information was sent by **Tom Sigler**, son of the late Kriegy Thornton V. Sigler. The first photo is of Thornton's message to his wife that he would be home soon. It was called a 15 Word Free Sender Composition Priority Message. See the instructions to the sender at the right of the form. The next photo is of a receipt issued by the American Red Cross to Thornton while he was at Stalag XIIA, confirming that he had received one food package from the Red Cross. The next photo shows the report that was written regarding Col. Goode's letter to the Swiss Government relative to the physical condition of camp personnel, and the last photo shows labels, etc. from items received in Red Cross parcels.

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On 27, Nov, 1944 Col. Goods sent a letter to the Swiss Government relative to the physical condition of the camp personnel. At that time no R.C. po cels were available. A portion of his letter follows:

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While looking for information about publications by or about our Kriegies, I ran across the following photo which was published in Ted Roggen's book, PRESS RELEASES. It is used here with permission and is now also on our website Kriegies Gallery page.



Texans at OFLAG 64, from left: Roger Cannon, Captain Joe Emerson, Lieutenant Hollis Wood, Captain Amon Carter, Lieutenant A. Beasley and Lieutenant Ted Roggen

Kriegy Ted Roggen sent these photocopies showing tributes to him on his 99th birthday. The marquees are in Houston where he lives. We would love to see these again next year after he reaches 100!!



The following is a copy of a letter shared with us by **Tom Sullivan**, a military researcher, who found it among other letters he was searching through for information.

Mrs. Harvey D. Patterson Mrs. Harvey D. Patterson 1428 Daniel Avenue, Norfolk 8, Virginia 1428 Daniel Avenue, Norfolk 3, Virginia March 14, 1945 in good epirets them, + we hope he was among Dear Capt. Morrison,-to thank you very do those liberated by the very much odud Russiance _ 9m Rura i le + 9 about + Mr. Patterson + 9 a fels to more appreciate Thank you again til you ever get down this please all us & let us do told than you know, much. Hawey was us ad Offag 64, the last we you. Succerely Wydie W. Patterson something 25 allonged mis Harvey D.

This stitched together photo was taken at the site of Oflag 64 and sent by **Bill Jones**, son of the late Kriegy William K Jones. It shows the ceramic stove (left center) that is still visible inside the remaining brick barracks. Bill is one of our Oflag 64 family members and visited the camp site in 2012.



This photo from the United Kingdom National Archives is a copy of just one of twenty-one pages that they sent to **Susanna Connaughton**, daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Bolten. Although a British report, it is a report on Oflag 64.

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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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- 4. Dr. Graff Remembers: World War II Reflections, a collection of editorials by Peter Carl Graffagnino, M.D., Publisher: Grateful Steps (Micki Cabaniss Eutsler), 828-277-0998. <u>http://www.amazon.com/Dr-Graff-Remembers-World-Reflections/dp/1935130544/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=undefined&sr=8-1&keywords=Dr.+Graffagnino+Remembers%3A++World+War+II+Reflections</u>
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- 6. John K. Waters: An Oral History (The Waters Story) by William C. Parnell. Available on Amazon.com <u>https://www.amazon.com/John-K-Waters-Oral-History/dp/1480073997</u> OR contact Elodie Caldwell using contact information on the front page of this ITEM, \$15.99 includes S&H, write your check to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund. (Thank you Pat Waters for making several copies available.)
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- 24. Vic Kanners Diary Contact Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619, dkanners@comcast.net

John C. Foster

1918 ~ 2010



JOHN CABOT FOSTER passed away at the age of 92 in Dallas, Texas on Friday, November 12, 2010, with his **8** children present. John was born July 15, 1918, in El Paso to Sebastian and Beulah Foster. John graduated from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, TX and attended Tarleton State College and Texas A&M University. He was married to Mary Eugenia (Gene) Noble on September 29, 1942 in Shreveport, LA John served in the U.S. Army in Europe in World War II as a Captain in the

7th Armored Division, 432nd Engineering Battalion and was captured in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge, and was held as a prisoner of war for several months (corrected from 13 months as published). He also served during the Korean War.



John retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. He worked 36 years for Houston Lighting and Power Company and retired in 1983. He was a 46 year resident of Pasadena, Texas. John was a member of Houston's East End Lions Club, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, serving as President in 1967, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, the Pasadena Rotary Club, the Pasadena Livestock & Rodeo Association and Houston's East End YMCA. He also served on the Vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, in Pasadena. John loved the Texas Aggies, travelling throughout the United States and Canada with Mary Gene, and being with his family. His memory will be cherished by his children, Marylin (Ernie) Carey of Dallas, Texas; Walter (Julie) Foster of Coto De Caza, California; and John (Barbara) Foster of Story City, Iowa. Grandchildren are Robert Carey, Jackson Foster, Madeline Foster, David Foster, Jeannie (David) Schwendtner and Austin Foster. His wife, Mary Gene, and his parents preceded John in death. A memorial service will be held in Dallas, Texas on December 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home. The family thanks the many caring people who offered their kindness, prayers and concern especially those at C.C Young and Monticello West in Dallas, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Stanford Woodhurst

1922 ~ 2012



Robert Stanford "Stan" Woodhurst, Jr., FAIA passed away in Augusta, GA on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. He was 90 years old and died peacefully in the mid-century modernist home he designed for himself and his family.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Augusta, with Dr. C. Gregory Deloach, III officiating. The family will receive friends in the Rotunda of the church immediately following the service.

Born in the upstairs back bedroom of his grandfather's house in Abbeville, SC, Stan was the son of Eva Ferguson Woodhurst and Robert Stanford Woodhurst, Sr. He was married for 66 years to the late Dorothy Carwile Woodhurst and is survived by one brother, Charles Burt Woodhurst of Abbeville, SC. He is also survived by one son Robert Stanford Woodhurst, III, his wife Catherine D. Woodhurst and their five children; Robert Stanford Woodhurst IV, William Gary Woodhurst, Alice Carwile Woodhurst,

Catherine Brooks Woodhurst and Leila Hammond Woodhurst.

Stan graduated as valedictorian of Abbeville (SC) High School in 1938. He attended the then all-male military Clemson University, graduating in 1942 with a B.S. in Architecture and a Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve. <u>World War II</u> was underway and he was immediately ordered to active duty. After flight training on the west coast he was assigned to fly the B-26 Martin Marauder, a twin-engine mid-range attack bomber. He flew his B-26 from New Orleans to Tampa, Brazil, Ascension Island, Tunisia and eventually to Sardinia. He flew his B-26, "The Pistol Packin' Mama", on 64

combat missions over Italy, France and Germany and, near the end of the war, he was captured while on a forward reconnaissance mission and was MIA/POW at Oflag 64 at Hammelburg and Stalag VII-A at Moosburg Germany until liberated by the 14th Armored Division in April 1945. Stan received numerous service citations including the Air Medal with



6 Oak Leaf Clusters, the French Croix de Guerre avec Palms and a Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation.

Moving to Augusta in 1947, he began practice with F. Arthur Hazard, AIA and then, in 1954, established Woodhurst & O'Brien architects, a firm that continues in practice today as Woodhurst Architects. The American Institute of Architects (AIA), of which Stan was a member, recognized his skills and leadership with the Rothschild Silver Medal and by electing him to the AIA College of Fellows in 1992.

Always active in the professional organization, Stan founded the AIA Student Chapter at Clemson, then he help found and was a charter member of AIA Georgia. He co-authored the AIA publication "Design for Aging", served as president of AIA Georgia and AIA Augusta. Stan was also a member of the Architectural Registration Exam Committee in addition to serving as a Master Juror for the Architectural Building Design Examination. Appointed by the Governor, Stan served many years as member and then as President of the Georgia State Board of Architects. Stan's design projects include hospitals, shopping centers, schools, libraries, military facilities, houses and many churches; one of the most notable being the First Baptist Church Sanctuary in Augusta. A consummate professional, Stan has been recognized with design awards from AIA Georgia, Ford Motor Company, HUD and the Corps of Engineers.

Stan was active in community service, various organizations and in the First Baptist Church, where he served many years as head usher and as a member of the Board of Deacons. He was also a long time member of the Henry Bible Class at St. Johns Methodist Church. Over the years he served as Chairman of the Augusta/Richmond County Planning Commission, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee for Urban Renewal, a Director of the Chamber of Commerce, a Trustee of Historic Augusta, member of the Downtown Development Committee and member of the Building Code Board of Appeals. He was an active member of the Richmond County Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, Historic Augusta, Downtown Kiwanis Club and the Augusta Symphony League.

Stan enjoyed life. He was known for his modern home, his sartorial style and his stately, diplomatic demeanor. Stan was active socially, along with his wife Dot, entertaining at home and in many civic activities, at the Pinnacle Club and Augusta Country Club. He loved to travel with Dot as they made numerous trips overseas and around the country. Stan loved traveling, people, Scotch, bomber group reunions, Clemson football, fine cars, driving fast, spicy foods, reading, history, his grandchildren, but mostly he loved Dot. He did not like broccoli or tele-marketers "not the least damn bit a'tall".

Memorials may be made to Historic Augusta, Inc., P.O. Box 37, Augusta, GA 30903 or to Trees for Augusta, P.O. Box 40084, Augusta, GA 30909.

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