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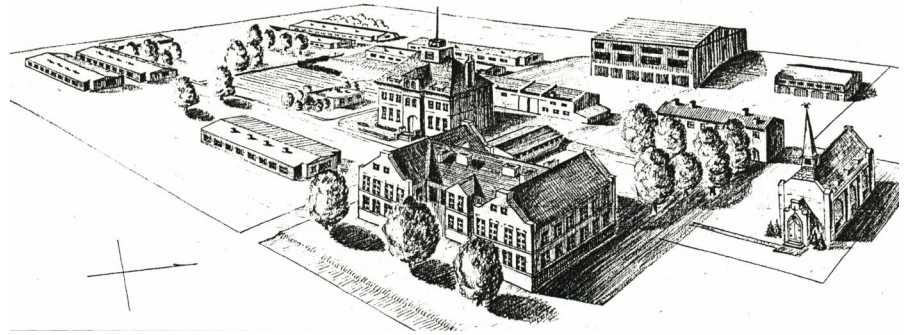
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We apologize to any others we may have overlooked but thank everyone who has contacted us.



Drawing by Jim Bickers, shown without barbed wire fences or guard towers

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

We are always working to provide as much information on our website as possible. For new additions, you can always click the “WHAT’S NEW” button on the home page to find out what has been added. Coming soon is a video archive.

### **KRIEGY INTERVIEWS WEB PAGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Over time, several Oflag 64 Family members have sent DVDs or CDs containing Kriegy Interviews. Up until recently we were unable to put them on our site but now that we have software that will convert the DVDs and CDs to a readable format for our present web program, we should be able to make them available without difficulty fairly soon.

If you have recorded WWII stories of your Kriegy that include their capture, POW experiences at Oflag 64, and their march or escape (either video or audio) please send us a copy. We would love to add what we can to our website. Additionally, if you have written accounts that aren’t presently on our website, we would love to add them as well.

Stay tuned for more information as time goes by.

Our best to you always,  
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# A Little Company Business

## Fund Donations

There is now more than one way to contribute to Oflag 64 related funds.

For contributions to the **Postage Fund ONLY**, which covers the cost of mailing the printed ITEM to our remaining Kriegies or their widows, please make your checks payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, and send them to:

**Bret Job**

2801 SW 46<sup>th</sup> St  
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OR

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Thanks to **David Glendinning** for his recent donation to the Postage Fund.



**Friends of Oflag 64, Inc.**, our nonprofit, offers another way to make monetary donations but **ONLY** for the future Museum in Szubin. For contributions to this fund only, please write your checks and send them to the following address:

*Friends of Oflag 64, Inc.  
12768 Turberville Lane  
Oak Hill, VA 20171-2214*

OR

to donate **ONLINE**, visit the "Friends" new website at:  
<https://friendsof64.org/contact-us>

You can also access the donation page on the new Polish-American Foundation website at:

<http://www.szubinpowcamps.org/en/foundation/u-s-501-c-3>

These funds are separate from the Postage Fund and will be used to help support the new Museum in various ways.

THANKS to all who have so very generously donated to our various Oflag 64 funds over time.

## Researching Records

The Artifacts Committee is involved in records research for the future museum. On the POW Database located on the "Oflag 64 Remembered" website, new information has recently been added. In addition to Kriegy POW numbers, records now reflect capture places and arrival dates at Oflag 64. Please let us know if you find errors on your Kriegy's records.

The Committee has also been asked to find Kriegy early-life photos, all WWII active-duty photos, later-life photos, stories of capture and camp life, biographies, obituaries, etc. for the museum. These are needed ASAP. Digital copies of photos and documents will be accepted.

If you can provide the Committee with any of the requested information and/or if you would like to help with other research regarding our Kriegies, please contact Dave Stewart at [dslvtx@gmail.com](mailto:dslvtx@gmail.com). The committee has accumulated some of this information already but needs a lot more help.

## Historical Information and Feedback Are Always Welcome

If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie Caldwell at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us). Digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg or .png format works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan them and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format. Suggestions are always welcome.

If you notice Oflag 64 website errors, omissions, or links that don't work properly, please contact Bill Caldwell at: [webmaster@oflag64.us](mailto:webmaster@oflag64.us)

*Thank You!*

## Health Reminder During the Coronavirus Pandemic

**KEEP CALM AND WASH YOUR HANDS**

AND.....If you must leave your house, wear a face mask. It will help keep others safe and keep you from touching your mouth and nose. YouTube has some great instructions for making your own masks.



[www.friendsofotlag64.org](http://www.friendsofotlag64.org)

## MISSION

*Friends of Oflag 64 supports the Polish - American Foundation by fundraising, collecting artifacts, publicizing and promoting the Museum of POWs in Szubin, so that the history of the POW camp in Szubin and the courageous Polish citizens who assisted them will be preserved for generations to come.*

Following is a Friends of Oflag 64 Board update on progress thus far and our plans for the future:

- The “Friends of Oflag 64” website is live. Please visit the site and share it with others who may be interested in this endeavor. [www.friendsofotlag64.org](http://www.friendsofotlag64.org)
- A significant number of artifacts have been donated, many of which were personally delivered to Szubin, Poland, in November. They are currently in the hands of the museum curators.
- A mobile mini-exhibit using these artifacts is being designed for marketing purposes within Poland.
- Initial architectural concept drawings of the museum have been shared with the Town Council of Szubin, the Polish-American Foundation and the “Friends of” Board. The concept step was supported by the Town Council which is providing some support for the architect by including funding in the town’s budget. This exciting development will be shared publicly in the future.
- The Board of Directors of “Friends of” has engaged a professional strategic planner who is assisting us as we develop our Strategic Plan for the next 3-5 years.
- In 2019, Friends of Oflag 64, Inc:
  - ✓ Set up as a corporation and applied to the IRS for nonprofit status, which was granted as of March 21, 2019.
  - ✓ Opened a checking account, created a PayPal account to receive online donations, and had a logo designed.
  - ✓ Received \$52,566.00 in cash donations, \$4,010.00 in artifacts donations, and made our first donation of \$10,040.00 to the Polish-American Foundation for the Creation of POW Camps in Szubin.
  - ✓ Had expenses of \$180.00 for our logo design, \$158.72 in PayPal fees, and \$6,576.91 in legal services to ensure that our corporation and nonprofit status were properly set up.
  - ✓ Entered 2020 with \$35,610.37 in the bank, and most of our large expenses behind us.
  - ✓ April 3, 2020, wired funds to the Polish-American Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 to cover their budgeted expenses for 2020.
- The Board is actively seeking volunteers to serve on the Board in the areas of **Communications/Public Relations** and **Marketing**. For questions, please contact [office@friendsofotlag64.org](mailto:office@friendsofotlag64.org).

As you can see, the support for this endeavor continues to grow and we look forward with great anticipation to future success.

We hope you will remain an advocate as plans continue to unfold. Our mission to support the creation of the Museum is off to a great start!

A special thank you to the following families for your generous monetary donations!

## Friends of Oflag 64 Financial Donors

June 11, 2019 - February 20, 2020

DONOR	RELATIONSHIP	REMARKS
Burgess Family Trust	KRIEGY Wilbur Sharpe Daughter	
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Pat Waters	KRIEGY John Waters - Son	
R. B. Frey	KRIEGY Gordon G. Frey - Son	
Alan & Karen Reynolds	Friend of the Burgesses	<i>"This museum and website is a great tribute to the greatest generation"</i>
Teresa Plotkin	Friend of Susanna Connaughton	<i>"I am making this donation in honor of Susanna Connaughton and the work she is doing to make this wonderful project a reality"</i>
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Brenda Boon	KRIEGY Anthony Bucci Granddaughter	
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Ray Liggett	KRIEGY Frances Eugene Liggett- Nephew	<i>"In honor and memory of my uncle, Frances Eugene Liggett"</i>

# Museum and Polish-American Foundation News



## Polish-American Foundation

for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin

### CONCEPT DESIGN FOR THE MUSEUM OF POW CAMPS OF SZUBIN MOVES FORWARD

During a Zoom video conference in January, Board President Mariusz Winiiecki presented the architectural concept design to the Foundation Council and to the Friends of Oflag 64. All are grateful to Polish architect Janusz Pulikowski for creating this state-of-the-art tribute, and to the town of Szubin and its Mayor Mariusz Piotrkowski for financing this phase of the project.

We look forward to sharing the design with the Oflag 64 family in the near future and showing you the transformation of the site of Barracks Number 9 into a museum to be enjoyed by generations to come.

### SZUBIN DAYS 2020 POSTPONED

In response to the global pandemic, the Town of Szubin and its partners will be rescheduling this large public event originally scheduled for June 6-7, 2020. We look forward to announcing a new date for 2021. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to stay home and stay healthy.

[Visit us on Facebook](#) for updated posts about the history of the POW camps of Szubin.

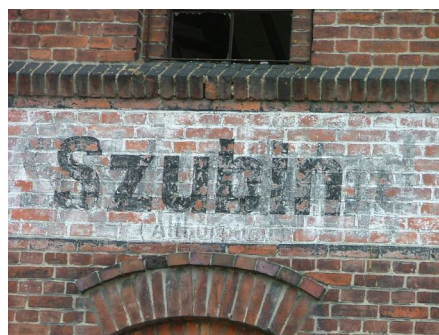


Photo by Susanna Bolten Connaughton



## MAIL CALL



**TERRY BARRETT**, son of the late Kriegy Joseph Barrett, wrote to let us know of Joe's passing in 2019 at age 100. Please see the TAPS section for the obituary written by Terry. *Thanks, Terry, for sending us the news about Joe's passing. We were saddened to hear. Our thoughts and prayers and sincere sympathies go to the family. We enjoyed spending time with him at past reunions. We know he is greatly missed.*



**DANNY BLUE** (stage name) is a British comedian and son of the late Kriegy Albert Bamford. He recently found some of his father's photos with the Oflag 64 stamp on the back and forwarded photos to us. He has also agreed to donate them to the Polish-American Foundation and will be in contact with Mariusz Winięcki if not already. See the Kriegy News and Information section for some of these photos. *Thank you, Danny, for contacting us. We were delighted to hear from you and to see the photos you found. They will definitely be a great addition to the new museum. Thank you for being willing to donate them.*

**BRENDA BUCCI BOON**, daughter of the late Kriegy Anthony F. Bucci, wrote to let us know that his middle initial on our POW Database was incorrect. It's important to us to have database information listed as correctly as possible, so we appreciated Brenda's email. *Thanks, Brenda, for finding our error. We just checked our database and can confirm that his name is now showing correctly.*



**LINDA FARBER KEST and LANA FARBER LE VINE** (pictured here), daughters of the late Kriegy Leo Farber ("Queenie" in one of the Little Theater productions) were recently able to purchase a Kriegy Postkarte that their father sent to a friend while at Oflag 64. Every so often eBay has some of these treasures. It's great when our Kriegy family members can buy them. *Linda and Lana, it was wonderful hearing that you were able to purchase the postkarte. We're always happy to hear when they "return home".*

**BETH FEATHER**, granddaughter of the late Kriegy Floyd Burgeson, sent word that her mother (Floyd's daughter) had passed away. Beth wrote that "she was diagnosed in October with cancer and passed away on December 7. The battle was fast and swift. Thankfully we were all with her and she was surrounded by love. My cousin Seth has offered to be the keeper of all our grandfather's history including the spoon." *Thanks, Beth, for letting us know about your mother's passing. Cancer is taking so many these days. It will be interesting to learn more about the spoon. I recently discovered that Floyd's antique pre-war folk spoon, like my father's, was from Odessa and obtained after Oflag 64.*

**DAVID GLENDINNING**, son of the late Kriegy John Glendinning, after a comedy of errors regarding a check he wrote to the Postage Fund **many** years ago, was contacted by us regarding the recently found, undeposited check. Long story short, we shredded the old check and he wrote a new one which was deposited to the Postage Fund in short order. *David, thanks so much for your patience with us and for so willingly issuing another check. So much appreciated.*

**SUSAN GRIMM**, daughter of the late Kriegy Anthony Cipriani Sr., wrote to identify her father in one of our website Kriegy photos. She mentioned that Roy Chappell, also in the photo, was one of the people her dad spoke about. *Thanks, Susan for contacting us and identifying your dad in our photo. Hopefully others will be able to identify some of their Kriegy dads or grandfathers soon so we can add their names to their faces as well.*

**TERRY JOHNSON**, daughter of the late Hammelburg Kriegy Wilbur Johnson recently contacted us regarding her new book. She's a retired teacher and poet and has written a book entitled, "Plunge", which begins with her father's P-47 plane crash in northern Italy. Her parents were life-long friends of the late Kriegy Vic Kanners and his wife Marcia. Please check this link for more information about her and her poetry. <http://terrysjohnsonpoet.com/> *Thanks, Terry, for contacting us. Best wishes for success with your future publications.*



**WARREN JONES**, son of the late Kriegy Charles Jones, wrote to let us know of the 2017 passing of one of our Hammelburg Kriegies, L. Martin Jones (no relation). In 2007, Warren, the Kanayas, Ed Graf and

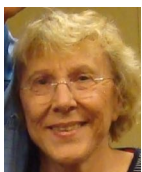
Marcia Kanners, who were Oflag 64 families, and Martin all visited Europe and several WWII locations with an “Americans In Enemy Hands” Tour. See the TAPS section for Martin’s obituary. *Thank you, Warren, for sending the information about Martin’s passing. Even though time has passed, we know he is still greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family.*

**WYNN KIMBLE**, nephew of the late Kriegy Roger Teyssier, is still looking for information about his uncle who was captured in Italy and spent time at Oflag 64 and Moosburg. He was able to get home through Odessa and afterwards by ship. If you can help Wynn with specifics about his uncle, he would greatly appreciate it. *Thanks, Wynn, for contacting us again. We hope the information we sent is helpful to you but we hope there is still information that someone is waiting to share. Let us know of any updates.*



**MAUREEN LINKOVICH**, daughter of the late Hammelburg Kriegy Patrick Quinn, wrote several years back regarding a possible movie about the Raid. While we didn’t find anything regarding the specific

movie she referenced, we did recently find a screenplay by Jim Sudmeier about the Raid. *Always great to hear from you Maureen. We hope you are successful in connecting with Jim and learning more about his screenplay.*



**LUCY LUSSENDEN**, widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden, when reading some of the original ITEMS published during WWII, ran across an article about the history of Szubin (Polish spelling). The article is

entitled “Oflag 64 Once Housed French, RAF before coming of Yanks” and is subtitled “Schubin Story Dates Back to Roman Days”. See the Kriegy News and Information section for individual pages of the February and March 1944 issues of these early ITEMS. *Thanks so much, Lucy, for sending the ITEM copies. I expect others will find those “old” Items of great interest as well. It’s always great hearing from you.*

**JEFF NUTTER**, nephew of the late Kriegy Enoch L. Northcutt, wrote: “I was only 4 when the war started but 9 when it ended. I remember so many stories from my uncle from OFLAG 64, to the march and to riding on the very trains that the Jews were on. He told of being strafed by both US and England and stopping the train to paint a large P on top of the train cars. Then marching so cold, staying in a hay-filled barn and deciding to hide in the false walls with the Germans missing the 3 guys with bayonets. Then traveling toward gun fire and being rescued by Russian forces. Not so. The 3 were kept apart, grilled, where, strength, etc., refusing to notify the Red Cross or the USA forces. He escaped from the Russians and finally contacted USA forces. Hospital ship to Wales, recuperated and finally married a Welsh nurse. A candid shot of my many memories.” *Jeff, you captured it in a nutshell. Thanks so much for briefly sharing your uncle’s experiences, many of which were most likely experienced by other Kriegies as well.*

**STAN ORTMAN**, nephew of the late Hammelburg Kriegy Robert Payne, wrote the following after receiving the sad news of Anthony De Santo’s passing: “Through many contacts, internet and coincidences I was able to connect with Tony. Tony was with my uncle, Robert (Bob) Payne, when they were captured. He provided many details which Bob’s widow never knew, and he gave closure to the family. Bob was killed (concussion) in the Nuremberg bombing, Joe Prusaitis was his commanding officer, and was with him in his last moments.” *Stan, thank you for sharing the story about Anthony. There are so many connections and coincidences. It’s amazing each time we read one more.*

**DAVID PALLUCONI**, son of the late Kriegy Amelio Palluconi, over time, has sent photos, information, and a DVD interview of his dad. He mentioned in one of his emails that his dad was in the same plane as Lou Otterbein and other POWs who were flown from Sicily. We’d love to hear the rest of that story if there’s more to tell. *Thanks, David, for all you have shared. We loved the DVD interview and will be adding it to our Video page currently under construction. We’ll also be putting you in touch with the Otterbein family.*

**JAN-ROMAN POTOCKI**, creator (along with Vivian Reed) of the bi-lingual color soft-cover album of rare archive photos highlighting a

generation of Americans who devoted much to helping Poland recover and defend its independence between 1919-1939, would like to remind our Oflag 64 Family that his publication is still available. See the publications section for more information and how Jan is contributing some of his proceeds to our future POW museum in Szubin Poland. *Thank you, Jan, for sharing information about your book with us. And thank you especially for donating a portion of the proceeds to our future museum.*

**ANN ROGERS**, niece of the late Kriegy Frank Aten, responded to our request for help with artifacts projects. She wrote: "This is a wonderful opportunity and I would very much like to be involved. If I can assist the team, I would be honored. Please let me know what works best for you, especially since the *Faces with the Names* is a very important project." *Ann, thank you so much for agreeing to help with our research project. We are thrilled to have you on the team and appreciate your willingness to serve.*

**HOLLY STADTLER**, Co-director of the documentary, *The Green Box – At the Heart of the Purple Heart*, contacted us about her project. She wrote: Friends of Oflag 64 – About 165 miles south of Oflag 64 lies the site of Stalag Luft III where thousands of British and American troops were imprisoned during WWII. Like soldiers in Oflag 64, these men were force-marched by their captors through the brutal snow and cold in the winter of 1945 for weeks before being liberated the following spring. As your readers know, the lack of adequate food and clothing, the weakness that developed over months, sometimes years of captivity, and the frigid weather conditions made this march a desperate struggle for survival.....If you would like to know more about our film and support our efforts, please visit our website for trailers, background information and various ways to help us with the project at:

<https://www.greenboxfilm.com/>

*Holly, thank you for contacting us. What a great project and one that many of our Kriegies and their families can relate to. Although a few of our Kriegies also spent time at Stalag Luft III, most of them didn't stay there long. Best wishes for success on this and future projects.*

**DAVID TERRENOIRE**, son-in-law of the late Kriegy William "Bill" Nielsen wrote that he had found several bills with lots of names and addresses of POWs who served with Bill. He

would like the photos shared again and would like to hear from anyone who recognizes the men's names or knows of remaining family members. (See the Kriegy News and Information section.) *Thanks, David, for sharing the bills with Kriegy information on them. We noticed several familiar names but only a couple with family members who have contacted us. We have sent them emails with your contact information. Hopefully you'll hear from them soon.*



**PAT WATERS**, son of the late Kriegy John K. Waters, suggested that we might identify museums in the US that contain Oflag 64 memorabilia or items carried by our Oflag 64 Kriegies during WWII, that would be of interest to those living near the museums. We're aware of the following:

- Airborne Special Ops Museum at Ft. Bragg, NC
- Andersonville Museum, Andersonville GA
- The National WWII Museum, New Orleans LA
- Veterans Living History Museum, Port Orchard WA

Please contact us if you are aware of others. *Thanks, Pat, for the idea. I'll bet there are quite a lot more out there. Perhaps some of our Kriegy families have already donated to one. Hope to hear soon.*

**KARIN Z. WHITE**, widow of the late Kriegy Roger C. White, recently wrote: "I am so glad you found me. The ITEM arrived last week and I sat down and read it cover to cover and word for word. Thought it was a particularly good issue.....I wish I had artifacts to contribute to the museum in Poland but most of what I had was from Korea...and they are at the Chennault Museum in Monroe, La which was my husband's home town. Keep up the good work!!!!" *Thanks so much, Karin, for your kind words. We were definitely glad to find you again. You were off our radar for a little while. We're happy that Roger's artifacts have a permanent home in Monroe.*

**JAMES WIGNALL**, nephew of the late British Oflag 64 Kriegy Kenneth M. Finlayson, wrote regarding his uncle's artifacts and his desire to share them with those who were interested. They have been donated to the Eden Camp Modern History Museum in North Yorkshire, England. Photos of his artifacts are included in the Kriegy News and Information section. *Jim, thanks so much for the photos you sent of your uncle's*



artifacts. He, like some of the other British soldiers, spent some time at Oflag 64. Now we know which museum to visit if we're able to go to North Yorkshire.



**MARIUSZ WINIECKI**, President of the Polish-American Foundation Board in Poland wrote that the Foundation now has its own channel on YouTube. Five videos have recently been uploaded. Click on this

link to visit the site:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQo5Qub-VVkJv\\_y-4oN9kZg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQo5Qub-VVkJv_y-4oN9kZg)

You may have to be logged in using a Gmail account but once on, click on the red button which will allow you to subscribe to the channel. Once you've watched each video, please click on the thumbs up. When the channel reaches 100 subscribers, the Foundation will be able to create its own personalized URL using the [szubinpowcamps](http://szubinpowcamps) name instead of using the url above. Please feel free to also leave a comment and encourage friends and other family members to watch and do the same. The Foundation has

also posted 12 other Kriegy videos on its [Playlist](#) at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRARTZ-u44E&list=PLbkxlitl-T1aDkiVjvtUf0EixNpivoLHI> and is looking for more YouTube videos of our Kriegies. They will be uploaded as soon as possible. *Thank you very much, Mariusz, for your continued hard work. Seems like it never ends doesn't it, but you do a marvelous job. We're always eager to hear new Foundation news.*



**JUDY WHORLEY WINKLE**, daughter of the late Kriegy William Whorley, responded to an email regarding signatures on the money included in the Kriegy News and Information section. Her dad's

name is on the money so she will try to make connections with David Terrenoire. Separately from the signatures, Judy recently purchased a copy of Captured Yesterday. She has photos of Tony Lumpkin and her dad processing out together. *Thank you, Judy, for getting back to us so quickly. We're continually amazed at how closely associated many of our Kriegies were. Let us know about your connection with David.*

## Kriegy News and Information

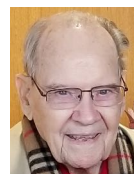


to our **GREAT KRIEGY HEROES and PATRIOTS**

Happening Soon



**ROBERT LEVIN – 4/30**  
**100 years**



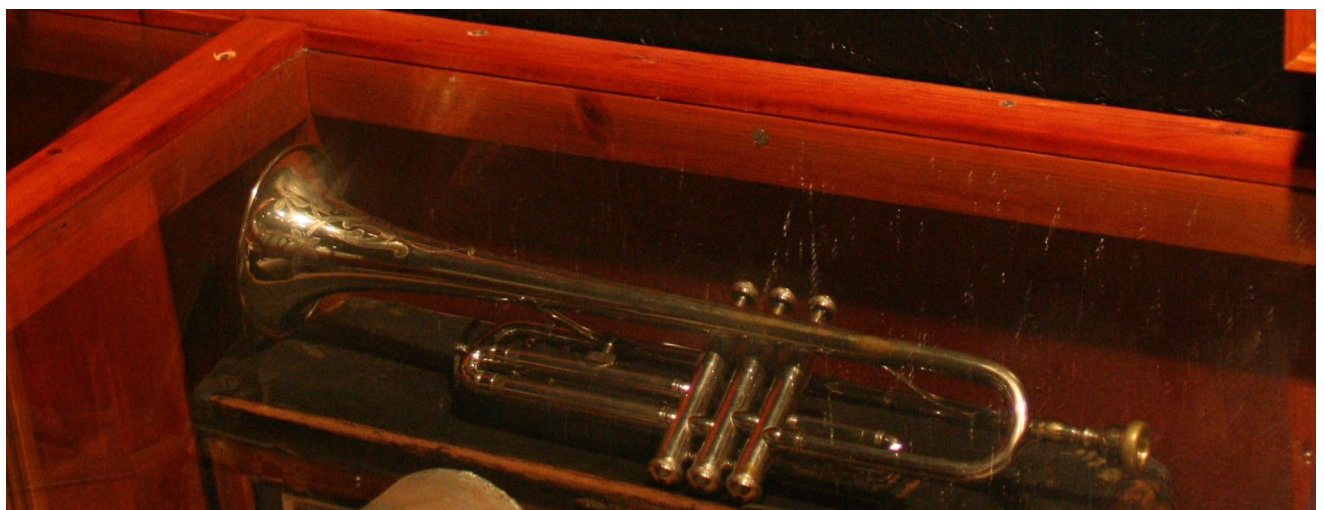
**WILBUR SHARPE – 6/24**  
**98 years**

Please let us know Kriegy ages and birthdates so we can wish all a well-deserved **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!** Send birthday pictures too!

These photos were sent by David Terrenoire. The bills belonged to his late father-in-law, William "Bill" Nielsen. The first two photos are the front and the back of the same note. The next photo is of other mementos he discovered. Do you recognize any of the names? You might need a magnifying glass. 😊



These photos were shared with us by Jim Wignall, nephew of the late British Oflag 64 Krieger, Kenneth M. Finlayson. Kenneth's mementos are on display in a museum in England. The trumpet in the second photo was "thought to have been smuggled into the camp for use in concerts by the prisoners".



Danny Blue, son of the late British Oflag 64 Kriegy Albert Bamford, sent the following photos of his father. The backs are stamped with the Oflag 64 stamp and the Stalag XXI B stamp, which was the name of the British camp at the same site some time prior to becoming Oflag 64.



Pic 1 Front

A Bamford

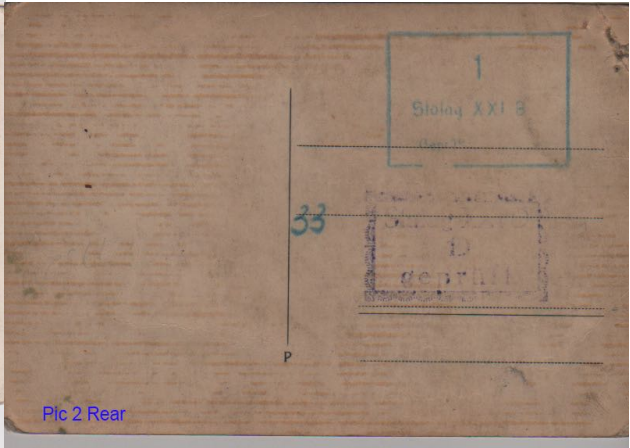


Pic 1 Rear



Pic 2 Front

Bamford



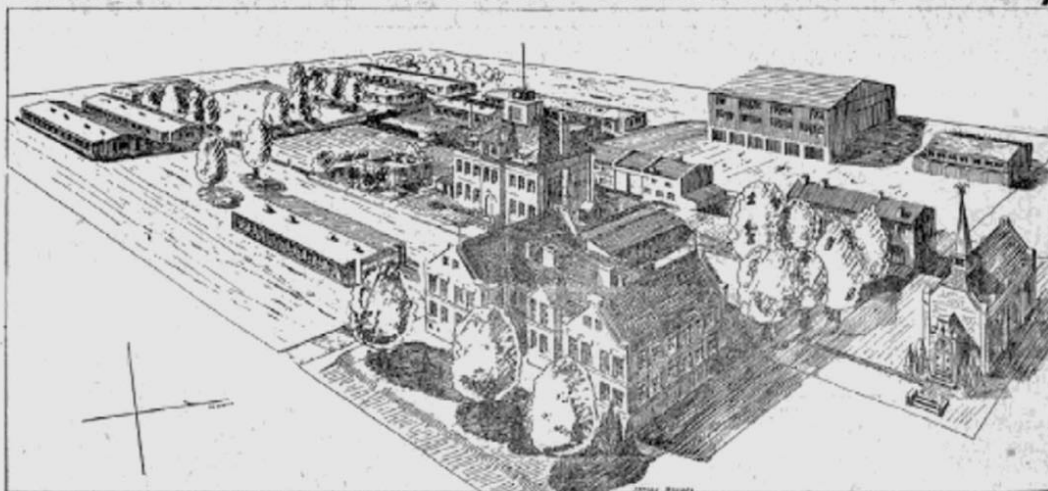
Pic 2 Rear

my father A Bamford is second from right back row



These ITEM pages were sent by Lucy Lussenden, widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden, and can also be found in our ITEM Archives on line. The stories that were of particular interest to her were the Szubin story in the first photo and the Spring articles in the second photo.

## Luftwaffe View of American Settlement in Germany



### Oflag 64 Once Housed French, RAF Before Coming of Yanks

#### Schubin Story Dates Back to Roman Days

Oflag 64, temporary home of American ground force officers in Germany, is just eight months old this week.

But its setting in Althurgund has been making history for nine centuries.

Origin of the present camp is vague. British RAF officers were here in 1942-43. A plaque in the chapel indicates that French officer prisoners used the camp during 1940-42. And, in 1940, a hut camp here was supposedly occupied by Polish and English enlisted men PoW's and the French officers.

Before the war, the camp was, according to rumorologists, an academy of some sort for teen-aged youths.

Althurgund, then called Schubin, had not then become an oflag satellite and was an historic Polish town.

Once a main-line city, it was built by one of the most-used Roman routes to the Baltic sea. It was originally located here so that Gonsawkata, the surrounding marshy lowland, would provide a terrain obstacle to invading armies.

Mentioned in documents as early as 1055, Schubin attained more importance in the 14th century, when a fortress was constructed.

In 1616, a town coat of arms was originated: a silver pelican feeding its nesting young with its blood, on a background of red.

Political importance came in 1818, when Schubin was made the capital of this county area. As such, it grew rapidly and its population doubled in a decade.

Establishment of a royal county court helped spread the growth, while eleven factories, a dye works, three mills, a brick kiln and tannery added to its industrial importance.

Fire swept the town in 1840 and cholera ravaged it from 1852 to 1866. With the growth of America, many of the

townspeople emigrated to the United States and Canada.

THE ITEM's predecessor, "Schubiner Kreisblatt," was the first paper published here, dating from 1853. It appeared both in German and Polish.

World War treaties placed the town under Polish control. In 1939, when Poland was defeated, the Germans once again took over.

### Oflag's "Clip Joint" Trims 22 Heads Daily

By: Willard Duckworth

Tonsorial technicians Gunner John Parkin and Pvt. Douglas Imlah make up in experience and ability for what their beauty establishment lacks in decoration and perfumery.

Parkin, the chief barber, learned the art of "hair-do" in a salon in England back you know when. Imlah, his assistant, enjoyed the same profession but confined his activities to the male pate exclusively.

"Twenty-two heads," 20 minutes allotted to each, is Parkin's estimate for a typical "clip joint" day. Multiply that by thirty days and one begins to wonder why everyone in camp can't have a soft hair mattress.

When asked whether conversation was desirable while cutting hair, Parkin stated bluntly that he preferred total silence inasmuch as all topics of discourse were long ago exhausted.

Imlah earnestly agreed. He also mentioned that lieutenants are toughest to please.

"That's right," chimed in his boss. "There's a lieutenant who played in that show 'The Old Soldier's Home.' He has fair hair and a handle-bar moustache. Well, that officer was the toughest I've ever had. He came back every day for three days running because I didn't cut his hair short enough. Fi-

nally I got it down to one-eighth of an inch. Quite a complex he must have."

That most insidious of all diseases affecting the ego — baldness — was mentioned. How could baldness be prevented?

With the air of one who really knows, Imlah advised, "The best prescription for baldness is to rub plenty of salt herring into the hair. When the roots come up for a drink, tie 'em in a knot."

### Ex - Steak Slicer Now Saves Kriegies' Soles

Located on the East side of Oflag 64 stands a weather-wrinkled old shack known as the Cobbler Shop. Lt. Ormond Roberts heads the concern.

The former salesman and meat-cutter for Swift and Co. learned his new trade at Oflag 9 A/Z.

"We handle all kinds of shoe repairing," he said breezily. "Nothing to it. After all there's not much difference between hacking up a tough hunk of beef and a piece of leather. We take care of 10 to 15 pair of shoes a week. Not bad for a two-man team."

Oh! A two man team.

"Why, sure." His voice dropped. He looked furtively around to see if any fifth columnists were present. "Englehart — but too ambitious. Deep in politics, you know. Looks like he's aiming to purge me."

The subject was quickly changed and he was asked to name his hardest assignment.

"Murphy," he said without hesitation. "That guy comes up with a dirty, decrepit, no-good, beat-up, old bag. I'm supposed to repair it, and make it look like an Oshkosh alligator job."

With the compulsory weekly walks, Roberts predicts a rise in business.

### Variety Show Feb. 3-4

"Rehearsal" Frank Maxwell's fourth Variety Show, comes to The Little Theater on February 3 and 4 bringing with it novelty skits and songs. Stars include: James "Casey" Koch, John Hannan, Bob Runkin, and Patrick Heathcote.

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## Spring Landscaping, Garden Operations, Will Start This Week

Oflag 64 will get a spring face-lifting job this month.

Lt. John Creech, custodian of the camp greenhouse, plans to landscape the area, aided by his horticultural assistant, Capt. Clarence Ferguson, and slave labor from several messes.

Beginning this week, flowers will be planted around the main building, the theater and/or, the greenhouse. Marigolds, zinnias and geraniums will predominate, says Creech.

At the same time, work will start on the camp garden.

For bashomanias and other practical-minded Kriegies,

Creech lists the following garden tidbits: onions, leeks, turnips, tomatoes, cabbage, carrots and okra. Okra, according to Lt. Col. Oakes, makes elegant soup.

All will be planted by "volunteer" (See GARDEN, Page Two).

## Trading Heavy in Milk; Fags Bullish on Mart

The new Tauschstelle (Mart to you milkingists) settled down to a quiet future of serving the public after the first week of heavy trading, during which 125 PoW's made deposits of staples ranging from cigarettes to powdered milk.

Items which changed hands in these deals, according to Co-Manager Jim MacArevey, included 3.5 packages of American cigarettes, 39 cans of margarine, 36 of powdered milk, 13 of coffee, as well as numerous tidbits like banana flakes, French tapioca, soup, minced beef and fish omelette.

In answer to the problem of certain articles tending to flood the market, Co-Manager Ken Goddard stated that it will be necessary from time to time to declare such articles temporarily non-acceptable, until an increased demand starts them circulating again.

The Mart was set up January 31 as a non-profit organization created in the interest of community trading. The officers responsible for its operation are Lts. James MacArevey, Ken Goddard, John Glendinning, Sydney Thal and Ed Ward.

## C'est la Guerre

Heard in the Parcel Hatch of a Monday morning:

First officer: "Look—I gotta number nine parcel with three packs of those lousy Marvels in it."

Second officer: "What are you griping about? I got five packs in mine."



## Sprig Is Cub!

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## Liberty Reports on Oflag 64

Liberty magazine in a recent issue ran a story on Oflag 64, describing its location as "far from bombing targets."

Said Liberty: "The camp has an orchestra of 15 pieces. A library is being enlarged monthly with more than 2000 volumes at the latest count."

## Allen To Lecture on Spain

War Correspondent Larry Allen, who covered the Spanish Civil War in 1939, will speak on that subject Monday night, March 6.

Allen covered campaigns against Barcelona and Madrid with Generalissimo Francisco Franco, after reporting the Czechoslovakian crisis.

His talk will describe Spain's present position and her leaders.

## Lee Receives 1000th Private Parcel To Arrive Here, Maybe

Lt. Royal I. Lee, zimmerführer of Room 28 and a large parcel operator, last month received the one thousandth private parcel to be sent to Oflag 64 — he thinks.

The parcel, a neatly wrapped tobacco job, contained three cartons of Chesterfield cigarettes from his family in South Dakota.

It was five weeks in transit.

Presented by Packetmeister Amon Carter, the parcel was one of the shipment that topped the 1000-mark in private parcels received since June, when the Oflag was set up.

Lee is now looking for a good deal in D-bars.

## Broadway Hit Will Open Spring Season At Oflag 64 Theater

A sophisticated comedy in three acts, "The Man Who Came to Dinner" opens the Spring season at The Little Theater on March 16, 17 and 18. James Koch is producer-director.

A Broadway hit, the play was written by George Kaufmann and Moss Hart

and was first produced in 1939 with Monty Woolley as Sheridan Whiteside, the man who came to dinner. It was later made into a film.

Leading characters in the play will be John Hannan as Sheridan Whiteside; John Cramer as Maggie Cutter, Sheridan Whiteside's secretary; Russell Ford

as Lorraine Sheldon, a movie star; Clyde Herring as Beverly Carlton, an English actor; Sydney Waldman as "Banjo", a Hollywood comedian; and Bill Gray as Dr. Bradley.

John T. Jones is production stage manager.

## Five Shows Scheduled For March Production

A full round of entertainment with two one-act plays, two variety shows, "The Bloody Gut Saloon," and "The Man Who Came to Dinner" are scheduled this month at The Little Theater.

The two one-act plays, "The Seventh Man" and "The Fourth Man" go on tonight and Friday night.

On March 9 and 10, John Hannan brings a series of skits in shadow.

Sid Thal's popular "Bloody Gut Saloon" returns March 24th.

A second variety show on March 30 and 31 closes the month.

## Letter League Standings

Averaging one letter a day during January, Lt. Stanley Stetson stays in first place in the letter league. His total, 271.

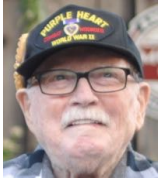
Some distance behind, but still in the running were: Lts. Amon Carter, 248, John Scully, 222, Francis Roy, 217, Earl Buckley, 211, William Rudel, 210, Capt. George Juskaian, 209, Lts. Henry Perry, 207, Robert Lobb, 205 and Charles Cheatham, 202.



# TAPS

## *Joseph F. Barrett, Jr.*

1010 ~ 2019



Joseph F. Barrett, passed away on July 21, 2019 at the age of 100. Per his request he has been interred in Philadelphia with other deceased family members and was buried with military honors.

He was a Lieutenant with the 36<sup>th</sup> Division out of Texas. He was captured a day or so after the 36<sup>th</sup> Division landed at Salerno, Italy. He was held at Oflag 64. When the camp was evacuated, he was marched to Luckenwalde. He talked of escaping with John Shirk and Vince Grimes.



After the war he returned home to Philadelphia, PA. He worked at a steel mill during the day and attended night school for accounting at the University of Pennsylvania. Remaining in Philadelphia, he married my mother, Helen Lanigan, and raised myself and two brothers. After we were grown and out of the house our mother passed way. A few years later Joseph married Mary Barra and moved to New Jersey. After Mary's death, Joseph remained in New Jersey until his health waned and I moved him to California to live near me so I could better care for him. He passed away in his assisted living apartment a few blocks from my home.

Joseph had three sons (one deceased), three grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

He often told war stories to his friends at the restaurants he frequented while living in New Jersey, the family gatherings while here in California and to his dining mates in the assisted living residence. We have some wonderful memorabilia from his war years and will cherish them and his stories. While serving in the US Army he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was very proud of this service in the US Army.

Obituary sent to us by his son, Terry Barrett.

## *Anthony J. DeSanto*

1920 ~ 2018



Colonel Anthony J. DeSanto passed away peacefully at his home in Munich, Germany, on June 26th, 2018. Born in Cranston, RI, on November 13, 1920, he was the beloved son of Antonio DeSanto,

formerly from Arce, Italy, and Angela Marie (DeSantis), formally of Barnella, Italy.

He is survived by his wife, Renate (Schaefer) his daughter, Linda and son, Stephen. He was a loving father to his children and grandfather to six grandchildren. Tony was the beloved brother of Anna M. McCarthy of Chepachet. He was predeceased by his son, Michael and his siblings: Attilio, Joseph, Angelina, Micheline, Michelina and Vincenza. He was a deeply loved uncle to his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews here in Rhode Island.

During his military service Tony was an escaped prisoner of war and went on in his career to be awarded a [Purple Heart](#), [Bronze Star](#), 2 Joint service Awards and 2 Legions of Merit. He proudly served in WW II and the [Korean War](#). Tony retired after 33 years of service having achieved the rank of full Colonel and went on to become a representative to the NATO countries for LTV, a U.S. based company.



A service and burial will be held in Germany with full Military Honors on July 5th, 2018. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Eugene's Church in Chepachet, RI.

Anthony's complete obituary can be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/anthony-desanto-obituary?pid=189452205>




# Lloyd Martin Jones

1922 ~ 2017



Anatomy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date for L. Martin Jones, 94, Lawrence, KS, who died April 3, 2017 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He donated his body to KU Medical Center, Department of

Lloyd Martin Jones was born December 2, 1922, in Osage City, KS, the son of Annabelle (Martin) and Lloyd Jones. He graduated from Osage City High School in 1940 and enrolled at the University of Kansas. His college education was interrupted for three years of military service during World War II. Martin served in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant Infantry Platoon Leader. He was captured by German troops in the Battle of the Bulge on December 19, 1944, and was a prisoner of war until May 2, 1945.  During those 5 months, Martin survived two prisoner of war camps, forced marches, Allied air raids, and a starvation diet.

Martin and Phyllis M. Grigsby married in Osage City on December 28, 1945. Martin continued his college education at KU, and received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in 1946 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1947. He was a student member of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, and Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity. Martin then became employed by the university, where he taught accounting and worked in administration for forty years, retiring in December, 1986, as Director of Business and Fiscal Affairs for the University of Kansas, Lawrence campus.

Martin is survived by Kevin L. and Linda K. Jones, son and daughter-in-law, Kyra and Jonathan C. (Caleb) Butner, granddaughter and grandson-in-law, and Isla Jones, granddaughter. Other survivors include Harold D. and Margaret E. Jones, brother and sister-in-law, and Rose Marie Christian and Howard Jones, cousins. Also surviving is Lynette Eastwold, niece with whom Martin shared the same birthdate though in different years, and three nephews, Bruce, Mark, and Steven.

Martin was preceded in death by Phyllis, who died in 2009. They had been married one-and-one-half month shy of 64 years. Warren R.

and Margaret Jones, brother and sister-in-law, and Colleen Wilson, cousin, also preceded Martin in death.

Martin's complete obituary can be found at: <https://warrenmcelwain.com/obituary/lloyd-martin-jones/>

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# Nancy Ann Anderson

1939 ~ 2019



We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Nancy Burgeson Anderson (*daughter of the late Kriegy Floyd Burgeson*), who died on Saturday, December 7 with her family by her side, just shy of her 80th birthday. In her final days she remarked, "I've led a very full life." Nancy was born in Des Moines, Iowa, daughter of Dr. Floyd and Helen Burgeson.

After graduating from North High in 1958, she graduated from Grinnell College in 1962. She married her first husband, Rev. Ronald Fournier, in 1963. They had three daughters together and raised them in Manchester, CT.

In 1990 Nancy decided to embark on a new chapter and relocated to Wilmington, VT where she met her second husband Alan "Al" Anderson. Together, they published a book "Meeting God in the Breakdown Lane".

Nancy was predeceased by her husband Alan R. Anderson, her first husband Rev. Ronald Fournier, parents Floyd and Helen, sister Mary Haedt, and foster son Richard Schilb. She is survived by her daughters Amy (Tim) Leighton, Beth (Tim) Feather, Renee Fournier, foster daughter Arleen Schilb, niece Susan (Terry) Engel, and nephews Sam (Stephanie) Prescher and Seth (Jessica) Prescher. She had eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

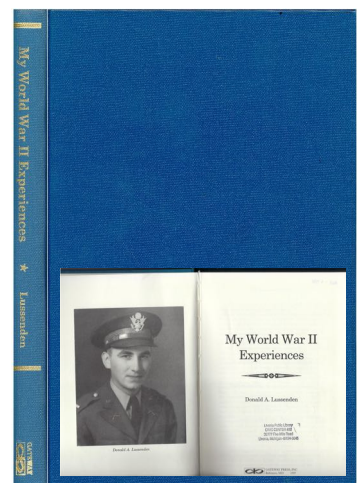
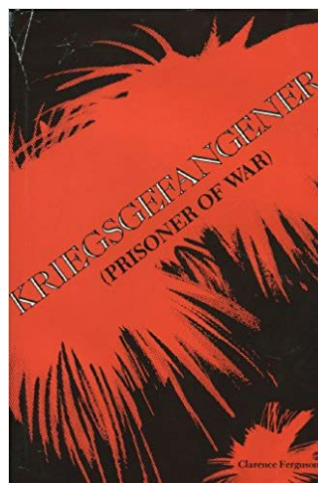
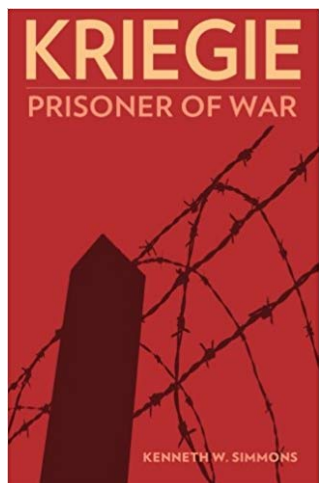
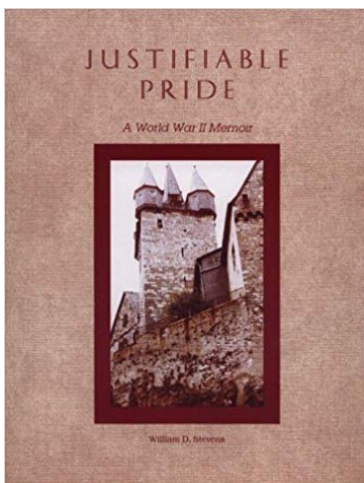
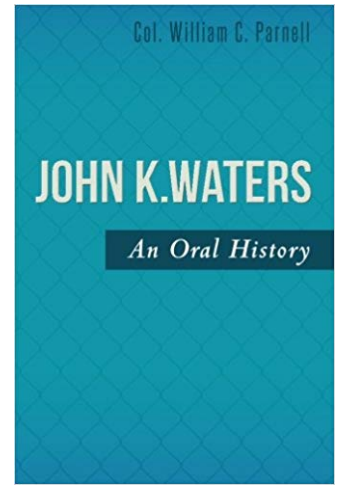
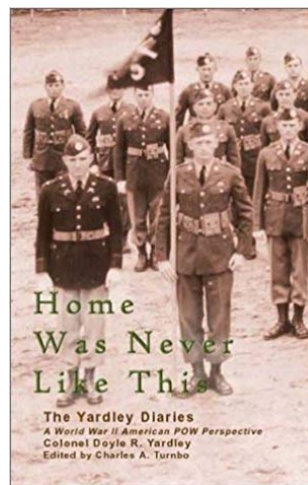
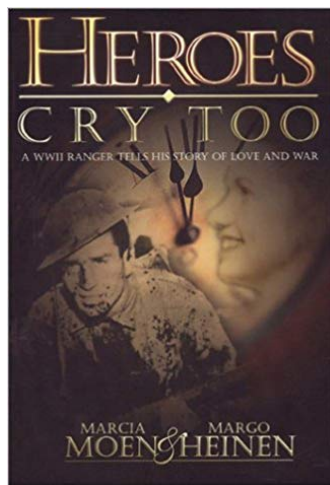
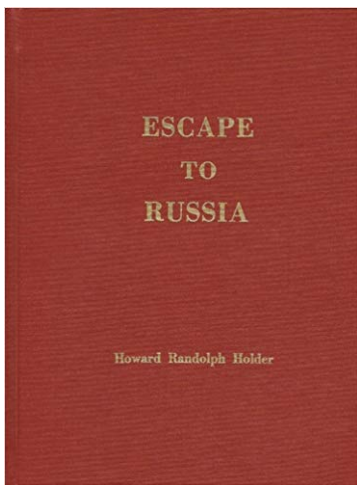
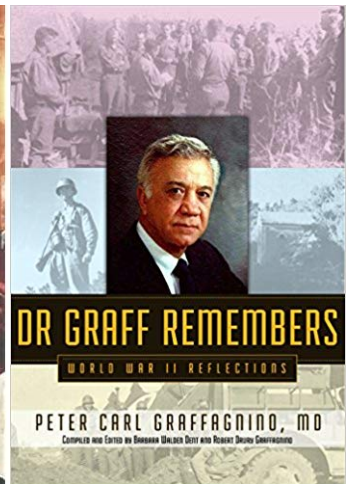
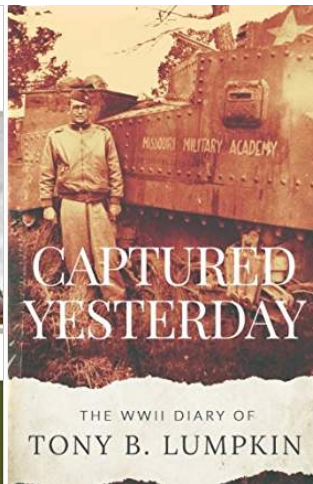
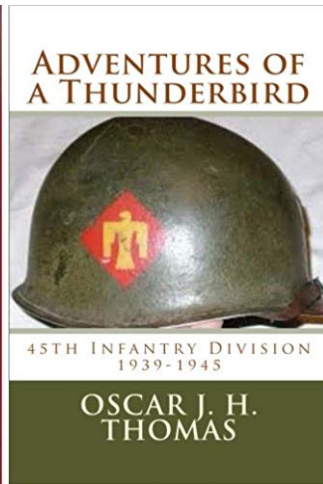
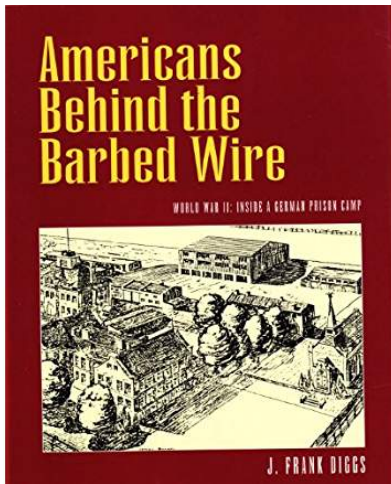
In the end, she was surrounded by her family, love, music and words of comfort. A memorial will be planned for next spring in Wilmington, Vermont, where she will be buried alongside Al.

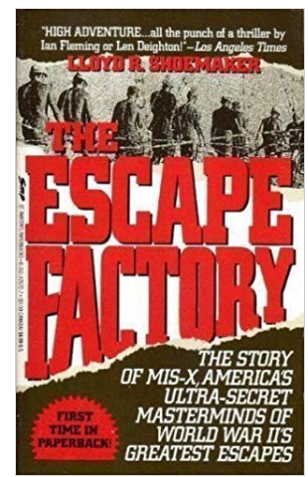
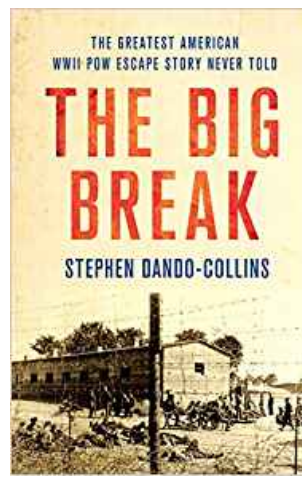
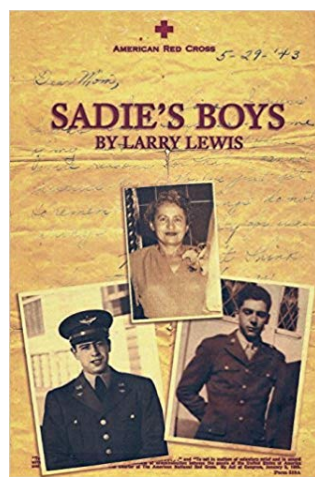
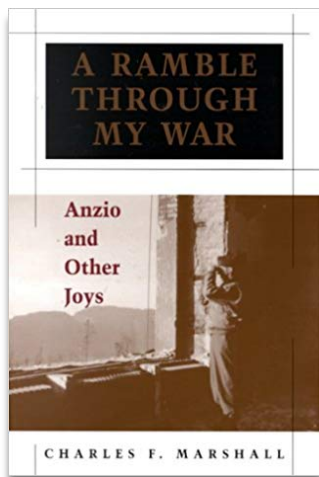
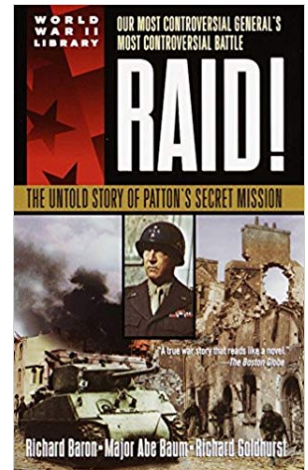
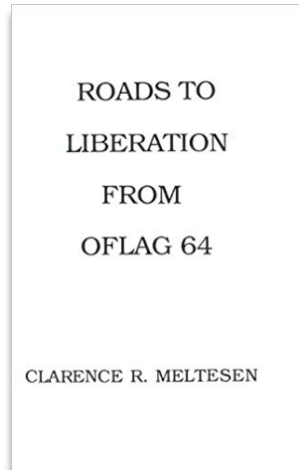
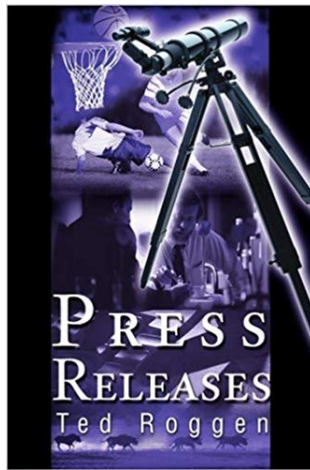
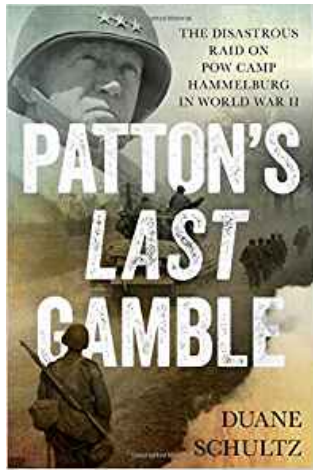
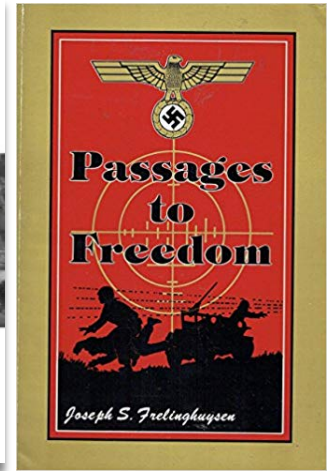
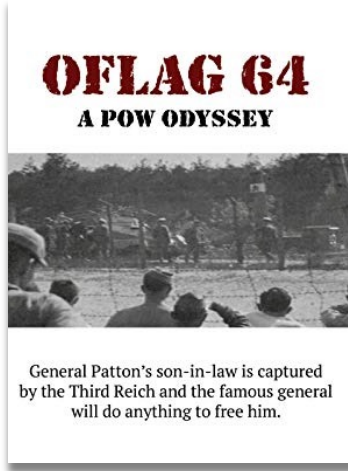
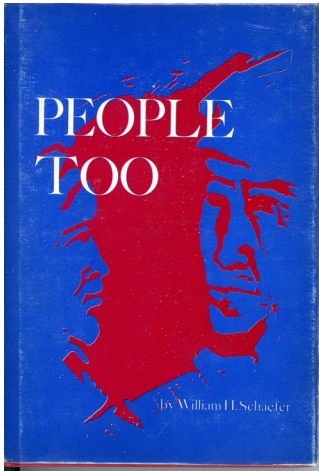
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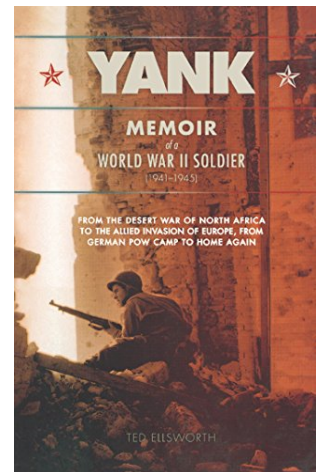
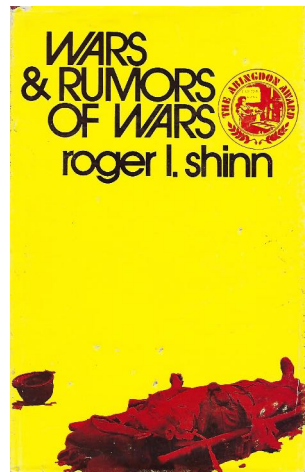
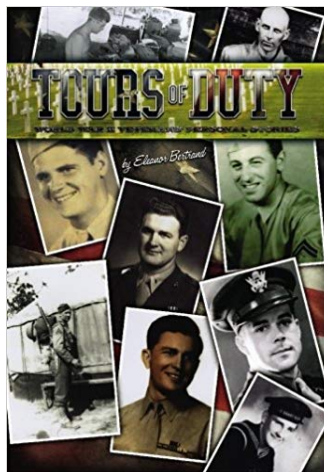
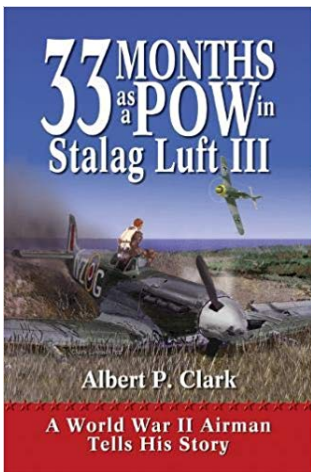
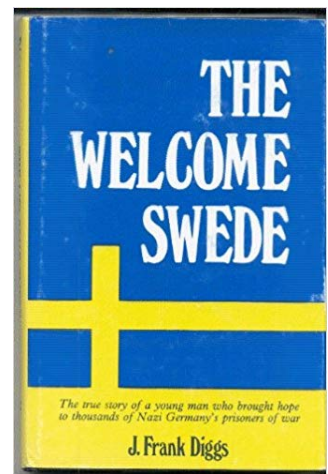
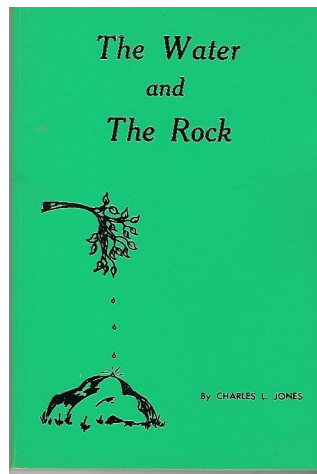
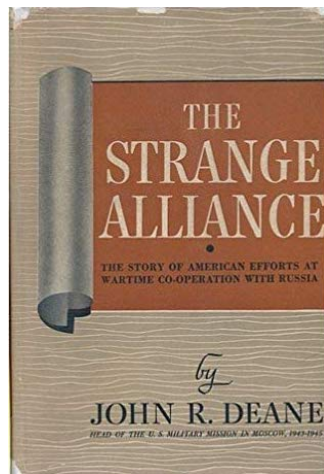
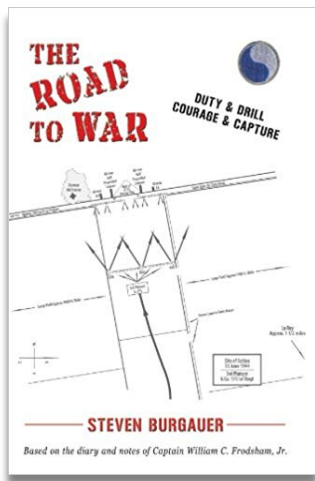


# Publications

The following publications or videos might be of interest to you (images were captured from online search engines). Most of them were written by or feature our Kriegies. You may be able find many of them by entering their titles into your favorite search engines or checking the online book sites. You can check your local library for availability as well.







**Vic Kanners Diary** – Contact Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619.  
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**Additionally....**

If you are a Kriegy or descendant of a Kriegy who has published a book, diary, memoirs about WWII experiences in relation to Oflag 64, we would love to include them in this grouping or on our website. We're currently looking for a copy of "The Colonel" written by the late Kriegy James F. Skells, also a copy of the late Kriegy Donald Lussenden's book "My World War II Experiences.

As you become aware of other books or publications written by any of our Oflag 64 Kriegies, please let us know.

**And Another....**

Lynne Meltesen, daughter of the late Kriegy Clarence Meltesen, has a few more copies of his book, "Roads to Liberation". If you are interested, she would be happy to pay shipping to get the book to you. Please contact Elodie for Lynne's contact information. (Thank you Lynne and Meltesen family for this service.)

A copy of the "John K. Waters Story" can be purchased by contacting Elodie Caldwell OR Cindy Burgess, \$15.99 includes S&H, write your check to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund. (Thank you Pat Waters for making several copies available.

## Finally....



**"Americans in Poland 1919-1947"** by Jan-Roman Potocki and Vivian Reed is a superb bi-lingual colour soft-cover album, 120 pages with 100+ rare archive photos. It highlights a generation of Americans, none of whom had Polish ancestry, who devoted their talent, influence and energy to help Poland recover and defend its independence between 1919 and 1939. During WWII and immediately after, they fought against impossible odds, never giving up on their conviction that Poland would eventually rise up again.

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