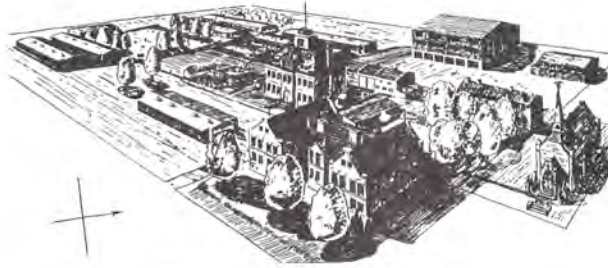


Post Oflag 64 Item



Artist's drawing of Oflag 64 without barbed-wire fences or guard towers
Drawn by Jim Bickers

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2015 OFLAG 64 REUNION NEW ORLEANS – Oflag 64 Reunion Another Roaring Success

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

What an awesome and amazing time we all had at the reunion in New Orleans this year! And it never would have happened had Pat not suggested doing so. He and Martha worked tirelessly to make sure everyone had a good time and that all was “under control”.

After we returned home, people sent these comments:

Pat Bender – “It was a great reunion. Thanks for your hard work in making it a success.”

Kay Cruise – “Great Reunion.”

Donna Gummelt – “Wonderful event, people, and cause.”

Warren Jones – “The reunion was a resounding success, a great big piece of WONDERFUL!!!!???”

Anne Kreutzer – “Martha and Pat, it was fabulous.”

Marlene McAllister – “You (Pat) and Martha were gracious, organized and fun! Everyone putting it together was fabulous!”

Paul Thriffiley III – “Thank you for making the reunion a great success.”

And we echo the feelings and sentiments of those who sent comments as well as those who expressed them personally. Pat and Martha, no words can properly express how wonderful the reunion was. “Thanks for the memories!”

Our best to you always,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell



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THANKS....

...to Eleanor Bertrand, good friend and member of our Oflag 64 family, for getting the ball rolling for our recent New Orleans Reunion. She was the driving force behind the plans for our visits to the WWII Museum and related activities.

...to Sharon Hutchison, daughter of the late Kriegy Isaac Franklin and member of our Oflag 64 family, for maintaining the POW Database webpage on our site. She did this for many years until her server could no longer support the software and provide service.

...to Dondino Melchiorre and Donna Gummelt, for entertaining us at the reunion banquet. What a treat! We thank them also for bringing Alan and Evie Dunbar.

...to Krystyna Piórkowska, our reunion speaker and member of our Oflag 64 family, for agreeing to speak. She traveled from New York to New Orleans to do so, in spite of an inner ear infection and with a trip to Poland a day or two later.

...And to our 3 attending Kriegies (Alan Dunbar, Jimmie Kanaya, and Herm Littman) for their great service and sacrifice. Each attending Kriegy was 95 years of age or older. Thanks to their families for coming as well.

Best to you,
Elodie Caldwell at elodie@oflag64.us



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



Oflag 64 Reunion Report New Orleans LA September 10-23, 2015

Bonjour, mes amis. Our time in New Orleans was *tres* short, but we had *un bon moment* in the city of *gumbo, jambalaya, etoufee, beignets, jazz, and Mardi Gras*. Our hosts, Pat and Martha Waters, worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone had a good time.

It was wonderful to see old friends, and to meet new ones, to share stories about our beloved Kriegies, and to learn about those whom we've never met. Three Kriegies joined us in The Big Easy: Herm Littman, Alan Dunbar, and Jimmie Kanaya.

The Westin Hotel, Canal Place provided a friendly, helpful staff and comfortable beds. It was conveniently located within walking distance of the French Quarter and some of New Orleans' great eateries and music venues.

We were shuttled to the World War II Museum each day. It was amazing to me how much the museum has expanded since our 2006 New Orleans reunion. There are multiple buildings now with more expansion being planned. Three new pavilions: the John E. Kushner Restoration Pavilion, US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center, and Campaigns of Courage: European Pacific Theaters have been built since we last visited. There was talk of a hotel and a parking garage to be added to the complex. Many attendees enjoyed the 4-D film, *Beyond All Boundaries*, narrated by Tom Hanks. Three of the Oflag 64 men are showcased in the museum: John Waters, Abe Baum, and Jimmie Kanaya. We were able to access Jimmie's story by using a "dog tag" on various touch screens throughout the museum.

There were quite a few new reunion attendees this year:

- Susanna Bolten Connaughton (daughter of Seymour Bolten) from Palo Alto, CA.
- Larry Copes (son of James Copes) from Pioneer, LA who attended with his daughter, Marletta Holcomb.
- Kay Godfrey Cruise (daughter of Dr. James Godfrey) from Omaha, Nebraska.
- Warren Jones (son of Charles Lloyd Jones) from Los Angeles, CA. Warren has traveled to Szubin with the Kanayas and brought some books including one that his father wrote called, *The Least of Me Is Hostage*.
- Harold Leigh (nephew of Ray L. Goad) from Clifton, TX, accompanied by his wife, Doris.
- Dennis Lennon (son of Woodrow W. Lennon) from Winston Salem, NC. Woodrow Lennon arrived at Oflag 64 in December 1944, but was not listed on the roster of POWs. He participated in the March to Hammelburg and was liberated from Moosburg.
- Dondino Melchiorre, a Las Vegas entertainer, accompanied by Donna Gummelt.
- Kathleen Seringer Stokes (daughter of Joe Seringer) and her husband, Timothy Stokes from New Jersey.
- Ardyn, Paul, Ardyn, Peter and Jeannette Thriffiley (wife, son, daughter, son and daughter-in-law of Paul J. Thriffiley, Jr.) from New Orleans (some of whom had attended the 2006 NOLA reunion).
- P.J. Wilcox, from Tennessee, author of the book: *West Point '41: The Class That Went to War and Shaped America*. This book includes information about Lt. Col. James P. ("Diamond Jim") Forsyth of Oflag 64.
- Chaplain Smith from the Louisiana National Guard and his wife.

Many Kriegies had multiple family members present, including the families of Bob Thompson, Herman Littman, Reid Ellsworth, John Waters, Paul Thriffiley, and Vincent DiFrancesco.

After several days of touring, eating, and learning, and shortly before the banquet on Saturday, we gathered for our business meeting to thank everyone for attending the reunion and to welcome our newcomers. We also discussed new website hosting of the Oflag 64 POW database due to losing our former host, future reunions, postage funds/reunion funds and how to manage them in the future, the future of the Oflag 64 site in Szubin, and how we can support preservation efforts including taking a trip to Szubin in 2016.

Getting together for the banquet on Saturday evening was a highlight of the day, and the 12th floor Grand Ballroom at the Westin Hotel was a beautiful setting.

Our guest speaker, Krystyna Piorkowska, gave a detailed account of the Katyn Massacre of 1940 and the controversy surrounding this war crime. She described the involvement of two Oflag 64 men: Lt. Col. [Donald B. Stewart](#) and Col. [John H. Van Vliet](#) who viewed the gravesite and later testified about what they saw. She ended her presentation with a plea to contact Polish Officials and Congress to work against the destruction of Oflag 64. There was some talk of a trip to Szubin in the near future to show our support for the camp's preservation.

After dinner, entertainment was provided by Donna and Dondino Melchiorre from Las Vegas who accompanied Alan Dunbar and his wife, Evie, to New Orleans. Dondino is a professional singer who performs at various Las Vegas venues.

Special thanks to Elodie and Bill Caldwell for their roles in sharing information, and to Pat and Martha Waters for making this wonderful reunion possible.

Patricia DiFrancesco Bender
daughter of Dr Vincent J DiFrancesco

2015 Reunion Attendees

Bender, Pat and Tom (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Vincent Di Francesco)
Caldwell, Elodie and Bill (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Reid Ellsworth)
Christmann, Maria and Wayne (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Vincent Di Francesco)
Connaughton, Susanna (daughter of Kriegy Seymour Bolten)
Copes, Larry (son of Kriegy James Copes)
Cruise, Kay (daughter of Kriegy James Godfrey)
Dana, Sue and Pat (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Herman Littman)
Dunbar, Alan and Evie (Kriegy and wife)
Ellsworth, Janet (daughter of Kriegy Reid Ellsworth)
Holcomb, Marletta (granddaughter of Kriegy James Copes)
Jones, Warren (son of Kriegy Charles Jones)
Kanaya, Jimmie and Lynn (Kriegy and wife)
Kreutzer, Anne and Tom (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot)
Lee, Rosa and Pat Cochran (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Vincent Di Francesco)
Leigh, Harold and Doris (Nephew and niece-in-law of Kriegy Ray Goad)
Lennon, Dennis (son of Kriegy Woodrow Lennon)
Littman, Herman (Kriegy)
Littman, Larry (son of Kriegy Herman Littman)
Littman, Michael (son of Kriegy Herman Littman)
Marlatt, Peggy and Charlie Miknlewicz (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Robert Thompson)
McAllister, Marlene (daughter of Kriegy Robert Thompson)
Melchiorre, Dondino and Donna Gummelt (entertainers and friends of Kriegy Alan and Evie Dunbar)
Oberhardt, Stacey, Brandon and daughter (granddaughter, son-in-law and ggranddaughter of Kriegy Robert Thompson)
Piorkowska, Krystyna (researcher, author, reunion speaker)
Stokes, Kathleen and Timothy (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Joe Seringer)
Thompson, Robert (son of Kriegy Robert Thompson)
Thriffiley, Paul III, Ardyn S., Peter and Jeannette Thriffiley, Ardyn M., and Erin Weston (son, widow, son and daughter-in-law, and daughters of Kriegy Paul Thriffiley Jr.)
Waters, Pat and Martha (reunion hosts, son and daughter-in-law of Kriegy John Waters)
Weatherford, Cecily and Chris (daughter and son-in-law of Kriegy Reid Ellsworth)
Wilcox, PJ (researcher, author)
Wyatt, Nancy and Kendall (daughter and grandson of Kriegy Robert Thompson)
Yarborough, Mollie (granddaughter of Kriegy Robert Thompson)

Oflag 64 Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Bret Job, Treasurer

Figures reflect transactions made continuously since January 2014 but do not include transactions made in October of this year.

Jan 1 2014	\$13,096.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,096.37	Jan 31 2014
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May 1 2014	\$12,162.69	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$12,262.69	May 31 2014
Jun 1 2014	\$12,262.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,262.69	Jun 30 2014
Jul 1 2014	\$12,262.69	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$12,412.69	Jul 31 2014
Aug 1 2014	\$12,412.69	\$350.00	\$954.84	\$11,807.85	Aug 31 2014
Sep 1 2014	\$11,807.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,807.85	Sep 30 2014
Oct 1 2014	\$11,807.85	\$50.00	\$753.94	\$11,103.91	Oct 31 2014
Nov 1 2014	\$11,103.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,103.91	Nov 30 2014
Dec 1 2014	\$11,103.91	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$11,353.91	Dec 31 2014
Jan 1 2015	\$11,353.91	\$230.00	\$427.62	\$11,156.29	Jan 31 2015
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May 1 2015	\$10,820.04	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$11,130.04	May 31 2015
Jun 1 2015	\$11,130.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,130.04	Jun 30 2015
Jul 1 2015	\$11,130.04	\$0.00	\$423.14	\$10,706.90	Jul 31 2015
Aug 1 2015	\$10,706.90	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$10,906.90	Aug 31 2015
Sep 1 2015	\$10,906.90	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$11,106.90	Sept 30 2015

Reunion Business Meeting Decisions

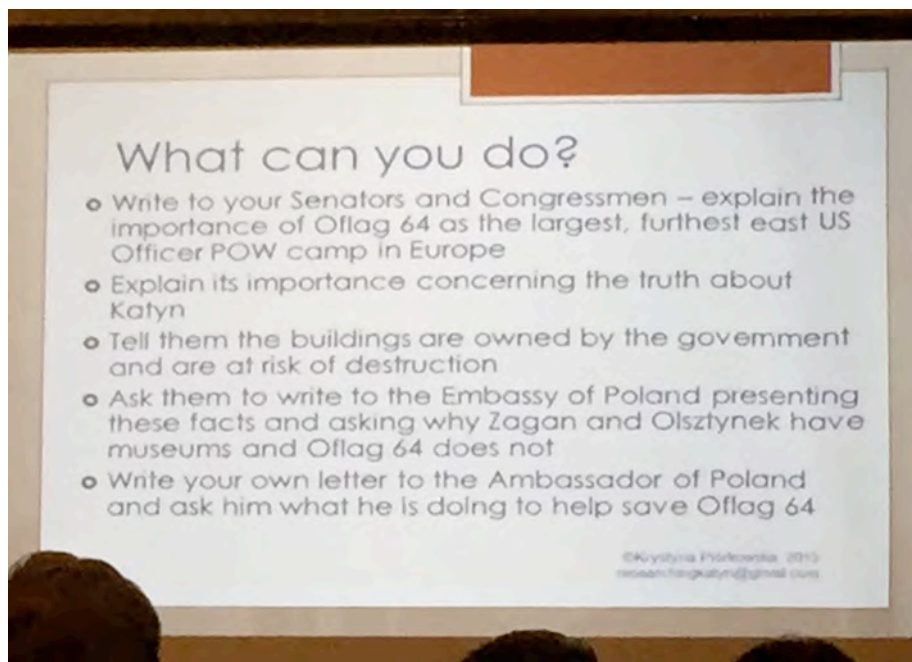
During the business meeting at the New Orleans Reunion this year, we discussed a number of things. One was what to do with the remaining Postage Fund once we no longer have Kriegies or their widows to send the ITEM to. Similar discussions regarding funds have taken place at previous reunion business meetings but with no firm decisions being made. So, after some discussion and sharing of ideas back and forth, it was unanimously decided that after the last Kriegy or widow passes, any Postage Fund monies remaining should be transferred to the Reunion Fund account. Other options are on the table if Reunions cease.

Due to the decreasing number of Kriegies who are still with us and who may not consider attending future reunions, it was also unanimously decided that in the future we would hold reunions every 3 years rather than yearly or even every two years. This would allow for family vacations during off years without interfering any more often than necessary. A future reunion host or location was not decided upon at the meeting. We will revisit this subject as time goes by.

Due to some server issues relating to hosting our Oflag 64 Database, Kriegy information that was previous included on the Oflag 64 website is no longer available to us. Suggestions of people who might

help us get the database back on line were given. By way of follow-up, contact has been made with one of the suggested sources. He is diligently working to help us get the database page back up and running soon. More to come on that in the future. In the meantime, we have put a link to a similar Oflag 64 database on that page as well as a pdf of our excel document showing all our Kriegies. In that document, you can use the search function in your browser to find a particular name.

Another discussion related to the future of the Oflag 64 physical site and preservation efforts taking place. Several attendees expressed interest in showing support by taking a trip to Szubin in 2016 if one could be arranged. Following the banquet meal but during her presentation, Krystyna Piórkowska, our reunion speaker, detailed reasons to contact our congressmen and women regarding "Oflag 64" and suggested ways that we could help (photo at right taken from her banquet presentation).



Before everyone adjourned for the evening and pertaining to preserving the site of Oflag 64, the aforementioned possible Szubin trip was referred to again. An interest count was taken with approximately 20 individuals expressing a desire to participate. Anyone who was not at the reunion who would like to be included in plans for a trip can contact me (Elodie). More info. will be forthcoming on this subject.

This group photo was taken following the reunion banquet. Several participants had already left for the evening.



More Reunion Photos
(which will also be included on the website in the near future)



First three photos: Mighty Mississippi, River Boat “Natchez”, French Quarter with Jackson Square top.
Last three photos: Littman family, Jones/Waters/Wilcox/Lennon, Copes/Chaplain Smith/Jones

The last three photos on the preceding page were taken at the same time as these photos, at our boxed lunch at the WWII Museum.



Top Left: Di Francesco, Leigh, Lennon, Connaughton
Middle Left: Leigh and Christmann/Di Francesco
Bottom Left: Ellsworth, Lennon, Leigh, Di Francesco

Top Right: Lennon and Connaughton
Middle Right: Thompson
Bottom Right: Ellsworth, Waters

Just couldn't resist getting this three-family group photo. Back row l-r: Maria Christmann, Pat Bender, and Rosa Lee, all daughters of Kriegy Vincent "Doc" Di Francesco. Next to them from l-r: Robert Thompson, Nancy Wyatt, Marlene McAllister, and Peggy Marlatt, son and daughters of the late Kriegy Robert Thompson. Front row l-r: Cecily Weatherford, Elodie Caldwell, Janet Ellsworth, and Barbara Richins, four daughters of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth.



These photos and those following were taken at the banquet.
Bottom Left and Right: Thriffiley, Leigh families



Top left: Littman family
Middle Left: Thompson family
Bottom Left: Copes family, Dennis Lennon

Top Right: Thompson family
Middle Right: Copes, Lennon, Seringer families
Bottom Right: Kay Cruise, Copes family



Top Left: Kanaya family, Donna Gummelt
Middle Left: Di Francesco families
Bottom Left: Kreutzer family, Wayne Christmann

Top Right: Dunbar family, Dondino Melchiorre
Middle Right: Di Francesco families, Tom Kreutzer
Bottom Right: Waters family, Krystyna Piórkowska



Top Left: Chaplain Smith/wife
Top Right: Ellsworth family

Middle Left: Dondino performs
Middle Right: Kanayas
holding hands

Bottom Photo: Our 3 Kriegies
Herm Littman, left
Jimmie Kanaya, center
Alan Dunbar, right (in chair)
accompanied by Evie and
Dondino





MAIL CALL



PAT BENDER (daughter of Kriegy Vincent “Doc” Di Francesco) wrote that she, her sisters and husbands would be attending the NOLA Reunion. She also offered help if needed. *Pat, it was so good to hear that the Di Francescos would be at the reunion. It always feels good to see “family members” again. Thanks also for your offer of help and for the photos you sent by email. Pat and Martha had the reunion well organized and did a great job keeping us together and “under control”.*



ELEANOR BERTRAND (Oflag 64 family member and initial driving force behind the New Orleans Reunion) emailed several times during the summer months regarding reunion plans and deadlines. Although she was not able to attend the reunion, she wished everyone well and stated: “I know the reunion will be a great success.” *Thanks so much, Eleanor, for all your leg work and for getting the ball rolling for our reunion. We had a wonderful time and wished you could have been there. We loved having three of our Kriegies in attendance as well as other members of the Oflag 64 family.*

PATTY BOWERS (daughter of the late Kriegy James Callahan) has been communicating for some time with Senator Blumenthal’s office regarding preservation efforts of “Oflag 64”. Over the last few weeks, much has transpired but as a direct result of the initial contact, Senator Blumenthal has begun inquiries on the state of “Oflag 64” and a visit from a US Embassy representative has also taken place. Patty also hoped to attend the NOLA Reunion. *Patty, thank you so much for your Oflag 64 efforts. Many of us, likewise, have contacted our congressmen and women but haven’t had the response you have had. It’s good to see that the process works at times. We were sorry you were unable to attend our Reunion in New Orleans but hopefully we’ll see you at future gatherings.*



T.J. BUGG III (son of Kriegy Thomas Bugg Jr.) sent wishes for an AWESOME time at the reunion along with a photo of him and his dad visiting together. T.J. III had just returned from the visit in Virginia and reported that his dad was doing well. They talk a couple

of times a week and even Skype. (His dad sent “his best to all of his fellow comrades!”) *TJ, thank you for your well wishes and for the photo. You both look like you were enjoying your time spent together. Our reunion went very well, thanks to our wonderful hosts, Pat and Martha Waters. Hope to see you at a future reunion.*



STEVEN BURGAUER (author and Oflag 64 family member) recently wrote about a new book he is writing. It’s currently in rough draft form and he is looking for folks to help with editing. Specifically, he stated: “When I speak of military matters, from squad formation to hand signals to training to type of weapon employed to targeting, correct me when I go wrong. In most cases I am talking about Marines, in a few cases about naval or army personnel. Also much of the storyline rests on encryption and decryption methods and personnel.” Steven had also hoped to attend the reunion, but just after arriving in New Orleans he received news of a family emergency and had to return home. *Thanks, Steven, for asking for readers. We have sent an email request to the group and we know you have heard from a few already. We wish you well with the edits to your rough draft. We missed being able to meet you and your wife at our NOLA reunion. Let’s plan on meeting at a future gathering.*

SCOTT CHRISTENSEN (son of the late Kriegy Robert Christensen) wrote that he is trying to pull together his dad’s WWII story and is looking for archival information that was referred to by Clarence Meltesen in his ROADS TO LIBERATION FROM OFLAG 64 book. We were able to connect him with members of the Meltesen family and he happily reported a few weeks later that he had successfully obtained the information he was seeking. *Yay, such good news! Thanks, Scott, for writing and sharing it with us. It’s wonderful to hear when someone finds “more to the story”. Keep us posted on any new finds.*

CHRIS CIPRIANI (son of the late Kriegy Anthony Cipriani) found our website recently and asked to be added to our email list. He also wrote that his dad was “one of the first prisoners sent to Oflag 64.” He has all of his father’s military memorabilia including a diary that he kept during the war. Chris also has a transcript/memoirs that his dad wrote years later. He

asked if there is a list of Kriegies still living. *Chris, thank you for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We always enjoy hearing from families of our Kriegies and learning about what war memorabilia they have. To answer your question about living Kriegies, we maintain a mailing list of ex-POWs for sending the ITEM. There are approximately 75 living Kriegies that we're aware of.*



SUSANNA CONNAUGHTON

(daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Bolten) was able to scan copies of original ITEMS for us to put on our website in place of older, less readable copies. She has also sent us copies

of programs and Kriegy camp photos that we didn't have previously. New photos are marked "NEW" on the website gallery and are mostly unlabeled as to who is pictured. If you can identify any of the Kriegies showing in these new photos, please let us know. In another email she asked about finding copies of daily issues of the "Bulletin" which her father worked on in addition to the ITEM. We're happy to report that she has been successful at locating copies and at some point in the future will share them with us for posting on our website. Lastly, she wrote that she was really looking forward to attending the New Orleans reunion, as she hadn't been to one since she was a little girl. *Susanna, thank you so much for your contributions to our website and to Mariusz' blog, "The Oflag 64 Record". Having copies of originals as opposed to copies of copies is definitely best. We loved meeting you in New Orleans. Thank you for bringing and sharing your photos and other mementos of your father's time at Oflag 64.*

MICHAEL CONNELL (cousin of the late Father Stanley Brach) recently wrote regarding the number of surviving Oflag 64 veterans we're aware of. A quick but approximate count showed 86 at the time, but on closer inspection of our lists, there are about 75 of our dear Kriegies still with us. *Thank you, Michael, for asking the question. Although our list dwindles each year and often between publications of the ITEM, we are pleased to have so many still here. It's always heartbreaking to learn of another one passing.*



LARRY COPES (son of the late Kriegy James Copes) wrote to let us know that he and his daughter would be attending the reunion in New Orleans. *Larry, we had another great reunion this year and were so happy that you and Marietta*

were able to join us. It was a pleasure meeting and getting to know you both. We had a good time, didn't we?



KAY GODFREY CRUISE (daughter of the late Kriegy James Godfrey and newer Oflag 64 family member wrote a while back that she planned to attend the reunion in New Orleans. She also sent a package of material regarding

her dad's POW experiences. We're happy to say that we received it and will post whatever we can to our website as soon as we can. *Kay, it was great hearing from you again and thanks very much for sending the package. It was great meeting you in person at the reunion. It's always nice to put faces to names. We enjoyed ourselves didn't we? We appreciate the reunion photos you sent, some of which will be posted soon to our reunion gallery page.*

JAN DANILUK (researcher and historian at the Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk Poland) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He also shared a great deal of information and photos. First he is writing a book which includes a chapter about Kriegy newspapers. He is aware of only four newspapers which were edited and published by POWs at camps and he named them. He also wrote that he found some new documents about Oflag 64 – reports of YMCA and papers from the German Military administration. He will be sharing them with us as soon as he receives copies from the German Federal Military Archive. *Jan, thank you very much for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We were excited to hear your news as well as find out that you are from Poland. After sending your information to our friend Mariusz Winiecki, he wrote back that he had quickly contacted you. Hopefully you will be able to collaborate together on various future projects. You have also been added to our email list so will be hearing from us again soon.*

DANIEL ESPINOZA (Congressional Veterans Liaison for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas) contacted us and asked to be added to our email list. He was very interested in preservation efforts regarding the site of Oflag 64 and asked for a phone call regarding our cause. A phone call was made and an explanation of our efforts and needs given. He reported that he was a vet and honored vets and their experiences and would share our information with the congresswoman. *Thank you, Daniel, for contacting us following your communication with one of our Kriegies, Ted Roggen. We greatly appreciate your interest in our WWII vets and in our current cause. We have added you to our email list as requested. You will hear from us again in the near future.*

THIERRY FERREY (one of our newer Oflag 64 family members from France) wrote requesting any information we have regarding Robert Blatherwick Sr., Thomas U. Johnson, and John W. Simmons who were all part of the 501st PIR – 101st Airborne. These men were all paratroopers who were captured in his family's village during the War. He does have limited information already but would like to be in contact with anyone who can help him further. *Thank you Thierry for contacting us again and thank you for the information you provided. We hope you will be successful in finding the information or contacts you seek. It's sometimes a long, laborious process.*



ROBERT GALLOWAY (Oflag 64 family member and producer of the documentary video OFLAG 64, A POW ODYSSEY wrote to let us know that actual DVDs are no longer available BUT the video is now available on Amazon Instant Video (see Publications section of this ITEM). It's the same documentary but contains a few tweaks. He also expressed hope that he would be able to make it to the reunion, but work would probably interfere. *Thank you very much, Robert, for the update on your documentary. What exciting news!! We missed you at the reunion but understand that work sometimes gets in the way of fun. Hopefully, we'll see you next time around.*

DAVID GLENDINNING (son of the late Kriegy John Glendinning) has been in contact with Mariusz Winiecki regarding an interpretation of a quote found in David's dad's war diary. The quote refers to "asbestos paper". David clarified the meaning of the term and its usage in context and thanked Mariusz for the wonderful blog. *David, thanks so much. Mariusz is very passionate about his work and appreciates assistance from our Oflag 64 family members. The entry entitled "Oflag 64 timeline – June/July 1943" has now been posted to the blog.*

DONNA GUMMELT (reunion attendee and friend of Alan and Evie Dunbar) sent all the photos she took in New Orleans. She also made an Oflag page entitled "Military Salute" on Dondino's website at www.dondinoshow.com. She also thanked everyone for a great reunion and hopes to see us next time around. *Donna, thank you so much for the link to your photos. What great memories! We certainly enjoyed meeting you and Dondino at the reunion and were overjoyed to see Alan and Evie again.*

ANN HART-OTTERBEIN (daughter-in-law of the late Kriegy Lou Otterbein) has sent recent scans of various pages of Lou's war log. The scans were of pages written on by fellow "theater" folks who thanked Lou for his sets, for being a superb workman, and for helping them pass the time at Oflag

64 by being involved in productions at the little theater. Notes were from Vic Danylik, Carl Hunsinger, Richard Secor, and Russell Ford. In a separate email, Ann asked if we could find the movie "The Great Escape to the North". We have searched and sent an email to the people who produced it but haven't had a reply as of yet. *Thank you so much, Ann, for sharing the scans. What wonderful tributes to Lou! And what great keepsakes for succeeding generations. Hopefully we'll hear back soon regarding the movie.*

BRET JOB (son-in-law of the late Ray Holmquist) recently sent a copy of the Treasurer's Report, which is included in this ITEM. He had hoped to attend the reunion but wasn't able to do so the week it was held. *Thanks, Bret, for diligently keeping our financial records. We always appreciate the updates. We were sorry to hear that you wouldn't be able to make it to the reunion this year. Unfortunately, there just never seems to be the perfect week for everyone. Hopefully, we'll see you at a future reunion.*



WARREN JONES (son of the late Kriegy Charles Jones), following our NOLA Reunion, sent photos he took while there. We will add them to the Reunion Galleries page on our website very soon. He also informed us that any serviceman who served in France during WWII is eligible for "Knighthood" in France. It's a lengthy process and requires a photo, but for anyone interested, you can find more information by going to this website: <http://www.veteransofthebattleofthebulge.org/2012/01/27/how-to-request-being-awarded-the-french-legion-of-honor/>. More information can also be found in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Warren, although we've known you through email for several years, it was great meeting you in person at the reunion this year. There's always so much to see, so much to do, so much to learn, and so many people to talk to. It's difficult to do it all. Thanks for the reunion photos and information about "Knighthood". Sounds like something many of our Kriegies might qualify for. The medal is beautiful.*



JAMES KENT (Kriegy), after receiving our emails about preservation efforts regarding the site of Oflag 64, wrote to ask what an individual could do to help. We encouraged him to write his congressmen and/or women and also the American Ambassador at the Embassy in Poland. Together we might make a difference. *Thank you very much, James, for writing and asking that very important question. We appreciate your willingness to jump on the bandwagon and assist in the preservation effort.*



JUDY KNIGHT (daughter of Kriegy Ed Graf) wrote that she REALLY wanted to make the reunion in New Orleans but wouldn't be able to attend due to so many things being planned for the same weekend. She sent greetings to all and was sorry to be missing the opportunity to see everyone again. She also sent updates on her dad saying that he is still doing very well and continues to tell them great stories of his military days, and that brings her great joy. *Judy, it is always good to hear from you. We, too, were sorry that you were unable to come to the reunion and we certainly missed you and Tim (and your dad). But you were definitely needed elsewhere and it's just impossible to be two or three places at once. Hopefully we'll see you next time around.*

IA KOROSHINADZE (from GEORGIA—the country) is a recent visitor to our website and a new member of our Oflag 64 family, looking for information about a grandfather, Shalwa Koroshinadze, who escaped from Hammelburg in August of 1944 and was never caught. If any Hammelburg Kriegies have information to share, please contact me and I will pass the information along. *Thank you, Ia for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested so be watching for emails to come your way now and then. Hopefully you have received information resulting from the email query we sent in July. We would be interested to learn of any contacts that were made.*



ANNE KREUTZER (daughter of the late Nathaniel Hoskot) wrote earlier in the summer to let us know that she was planning on attending the NOLA Reunion, was looking forward to seeing everyone, and offered help if needed. *Anne, it was so good to see you and Tom at the reunion. It felt so comfortable being with everyone again. Thank you very much for the offer of help. Pat and Martha were so organized that we didn't find much to help with.*



ROSA LEE (daughter of Kriegy Vincent "Doc" Di Francesco) wrote that she was really looking forward to the reunion, to reunite with all our "Family" members. She was also hoping to get in touch with Kathleen Stokes, one of Joe Seringer's daughters, prior to the reunion. Contact information was shared. *Thank you, Rosa, for writing. It's always good to hear from you. We certainly are one big "Family" when it comes to Oflag 64. And it's always great spending time together. Wasn't it awesome meeting all our new*

Oflag 64 family members? So happy that Kathleen and Timothy were able to attend as well as all the others. Hopefully we can continue for years to come.



HAROLD LEIGH (nephew of the late Kriegy Ray Goad and one of our newer Oflag 64 family members) wrote that he and family members would be attending the New Orleans reunion. We were thrilled to learn that we would be able to get acquainted with more of our Oflag 64 family. *Harold, we certainly enjoyed meeting you and Doris at the reunion. Our reunion group size has dwindled considerably over the years, but we still had a good time and were happy that you both were able to make it.*



DENNIS LENNON (son of the late Kriegy Woodrow Lennon and new member of our Oflag 64 family) recently sent the following information: "I am the son of 1st Lt. Woodrow W. Lennon, B-347, 87th ID., a survivor of the march from Szubin, Poland to Hammelburg, Germany and on to Moosburg. I have never attended one of your reunions but I just came back from visiting Szubin, Hammelburg and Moosburg with my adult son. I have a busy fall schedule, but your dates look good for me to attend this year for the first time. You will not find my father's name on any roster of Oflag 64. He was captured December 16-17, 1944 on the Alsace Lorraine, France border with Germany and was a recent arrival in January of 1945. The last camp roster was taken on January 11, 1945 and they left on January 21. In the last roster was a notation that 40 prisoners were still in quarantine and not known by name, so my father had to have been in that group. He was liberated on April 29th, 1945 from Stalag VIIA in Moosburg. *Dennis, it was a great pleasure meeting you at the NOLA Reunion. I hope you were able to enjoy discussions with our attending Kriegies as well as with other Oflag 64 family members. We'll make a point of adding your dad to our Oflag 64 Database once it's back online.*



HERM LITTMAN (Kriegy) wrote that he has moved, now lives in my neck of the woods and is happy to be here. His apartment comes with a lot of extras. He says "Who could ask for anything more?" *Herm, we couldn't have been happier to learn that you and your family would be able to attend our reunion in New Orleans. It was wonderful seeing you again. Funny, though, that we had to go to New Orleans to do it since we live so close here in Washington. Thanks always for your notes, etc. Very much appreciated.*

NOEL LUMPKIN (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Tony Lumpkin) wrote recently to update us on the work she and her brother, Tony, are doing regarding their grandfather's POW diary. She reported that there are lots of details and photos to sift through so the "project has taken on a life of its own". They are hoping to publish a book of their findings for family members by the end of the year. *Noel, thank you very much for contacting us and for sharing information about your project. We love hearing from families that they are working on their Kriegy's war collections. We wish you well on your book.*

BOB MACAREVEY (son of the late Kriegy Jim MacArevey) wrote expressing interest in attending the New Orleans reunion with a sibling or two. *Bob, thanks so much for writing. We were sorry you were unable to attend the reunion this year, but will hopefully meet you at a future gathering.*

SUE LANTRON MCLEOD (daughter of the late Kriegy Newton Lantron and a new member of our Oflag 64 family) found our website recently and asked to be added to our email list. She also found out too late about our New Orleans Reunion and wasn't able to make arrangements to attend. She had hoped possibly to register late and bring her brother who is living in London with her. *Thank you, Sue, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested and hope you have already received email from us by now. We wished you had been able to attend the reunion as well. It would have been great to meet you and your brother. Hopefully next time.*

LEXIE MILLER (daughter of the late Kriegy Paul Miller) wrote regarding the NOLA Reunion. Unfortunately she was not able to attend. *Thanks, Lexie, for contacting us. We were sorry you weren't able to make it to New Orleans. Hopefully it will be a reality at a future reunion.*



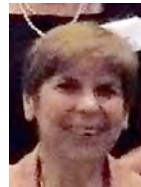
CATHERINE "KITTY" NUNNALLY (widow of the late Kriegy Boyce "Boo" Nunnally) was hoping to attend the reunion this year since she grew up in Louisiana and still has a sister living in New Orleans. Unfortunately, she

suffered a fall that required surgery and wasn't able to make it. *Kitty, we were so sorry to hear about your injury. We know how much you wanted to be with us at the reunion, but first things first. Your health is more important. Hopefully we'll see you at the next reunion. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for rapid healing.*

RITA DILBURN PAULK and her husband JOHN PAULK (daughter and son-in-law of the late Kriegy Ernest Dilburn) wrote recently and asked to be added

to our email list. When Rita found our website, she noticed on the TAPS page that her father wasn't listed. She subsequently shared the date along with photos, which we have added to our galleries and TAPS pages. She also wrote that she had hoped to attend the NOLA Reunion but probably wouldn't make it due to an upcoming surgery that would require healing time before she could attend. *Thank you so much, Rita, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. You have been added to our email list as requested so you'll be hearing from us off and on. Thank you also for your father's TAPS and other information. Our dear Kriegies deserve to be remembered not only in life, but in death as well. Please feel free to share any other information as you desire. We hope your surgery went well. We surely missed being able to meet you and John at this year's reunion. Hopefully next time!*

KRYSTYNA PIORKOWSKA (researcher, author,



and Oflag 64 family member) has tirelessly continued her efforts to ensure that as many people as possible know about the needed preservation efforts of the Oflag 64 site. She has been in contact with many people both in the U.S. as well

as in Poland regarding this matter and continues to keep us informed. We especially appreciate the information she shared during her presentation at our reunion banquet. Together we will hopefully make a difference. As she has stated: "Unless we make the Polish government (and 85% of the former camp grounds are government/county/town owned) aware of the significance of this Oflag – then no other voice will be raised to secure it and to (hopefully) turn it into a museum – documenting both the WWII civilian, British and French POW and most importantly the US Army POW experience in Szubin." *Thank you so much, Krystyna, for speaking at our reunion banquet and shedding more light on Katyn and the efforts required to preserve the site of Oflag 64. A photo of your slide "What Can You Do?" is included in this ITEM.*

GARY POWERS (nephew of the late Kriegy Wilcher "WC" Stotts and newer Oflag 64 family member), following an initial contact, recently sent a photo of his uncle in uniform along with an article about him entitled "Fayetteville Lieutenant Makes Successful Dash for Freedom After Being Trapped by Germans in Central Tunisia". Another article was entitled "Lieut. W. C. Stotts Missing in Action". *Thank you very much, Gary, for the photo and articles. We have added his photo to our website galleries page. Amazing all the things that our men went through. Please share with us any other information you find about your uncle.*



TED ROGGEN (Kriegy) was hoping to attend the NOLA reunion, as he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. But due to his age, his wife's health, and other factors, he didn't feel he could make it. He volunteered

information about places to eat and where to go in the French Quarter and offered to help in any way he could. *Ted, thank you again and again, for your continued offers of help whether it be reunion related or writing congressmen and women. We surely appreciate the things you do for the Oflag 64 family.*



KAREN ROSSI (great niece of the late Kriegy Thomas Drake) wrote to regretfully say that she and her husband John would not be able to attend the reunion this year due to circumstances beyond their control.

Karen, we were sorry to learn that you wouldn't be able to make it to the reunion this year, but first things first. And we certainly understand. We definitely missed you though. By the way, there are so many bricks in front of the museum now, it's difficult to find who you're looking for.

PATRICIA PORTER SPIRER (daughter of the late Kriegy Charles Robert Porter) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. Although her father didn't talk much about his WWII experiences, Patricia was able to learn that he was rescued by the Polish before the Russian Army arrived. He passed away in 1962. She also sent photos, one of which has been added to our galleries page. *Patricia, thank you very much for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We are so happy when another Kriegy family member finds us. And thank you for sharing information and photos of your dad. We have added his name to our online TAPS list. Additionally his name was added to the list of "In Memoriam" names referred to at our reunion banquet.*

ROBERT THOMAS (son of the late Kriegy Murrell Thomas) wrote that he wouldn't be able to attend the NOLA Reunion this year but possibly the next one. He also wanted us to know that there is a Facebook page devoted to MIA/POWs. We haven't checked it out thoroughly yet but have found much of interest to many. Feel free to check it out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/powmia.us?fref=ts>

Thank you, Robert, for this information. Our POWs and MIAs were and are great American patriots and heroes and will never be forgotten.

PAUL THRIFFILEY III (son of the late Kriegy Paul Thriffiley Jr.) along with several members of his family were able to attend the New Orleans Reunion. Following the reunion he emailed that it was great to



meet everyone. He and his family thoroughly enjoyed the banquet and enjoyed the activities with family members at the WWII Museum.

Thank you very much, Paul, for your comments. We enjoyed meeting you and your family members at reunion activities as well. Wish we had had more time to get to know everyone better. Hopefully next time.



PJ WILCOX (author and Oflag 64 family member) wrote about attending the NOLA Reunion. He looked forward to meeting Kriegies and other Oflag 64 family members and hearing stories to be told. *Thank you, PJ, for writing and letting us know your reunion plans. While at the reunion, I noticed that several stories were being shared around the tables in the hospitality room, so hope you were able to learn a few new things. Thanks for bringing your book and other information. We all had a good time.*

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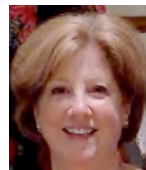
MARIUSZ WINIECKI (our good friend and Oflag 64 family member from Poland) in addition to keeping us updated on the status of MOAS and the Oflag 64 site, is continuing to post entries to his blog entitled "The Oflag 64 Record". If you haven't had a

chance to visit the page yet, please check it out at:

<http://oflag64altburgund.blogspot.com>

Mariusz, we very much appreciate your dedicated and committed research and service. What you do enlightens and benefits everyone in the Oflag 64 family. With so many demands on your time, you continue to serve our Kriegies and their families. We owe you and your good family a great debt of gratitude.

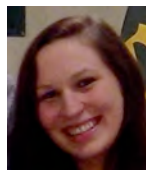
NANCY THOMPSON WYATT (daughter of the late



Kriegy Robert Thompson) wrote to let us know that she would be attending the NOLA reunion. *Nancy, it was wonderful seeing you and your family once again. It definitely brought back memories of other reunions when your parents and mine were still with us.*

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MOLLIE YARBOROUGH (granddaughter of Robert



Thompson) wrote that she would be attending our reunion in New Orleans. Mollie is new to the group. *Thank you, Mollie, for contacting us. It was great having you present. Hope to see you and your family again at a future reunion.*

COMMENTS

Let us know how we are doing. Constructive comments and criticisms are always appreciated. Here are some nice comments from some nice folks.

You do SO much for the Oflag family, and I for one am extremely appreciative. ~ **Kay Cruise**

THANK YOU!

Thanks for the GREAT contribution you always make. ~ **Warren Jones**

Thank you for all that you do for Oflag 64. ~ **Karen Rossi**

Thank you and Bill for all of tireless work on behalf of the Oflag 64 family and for all you do on a day-to-day basis! ~ **Paul Thriffley III**

WEB CONNECTION

I would like to congratulate you – you've made an awesome webpage about Oflag 64! It's full of information. ~ **Jan Daniluk, Poland**

Thank you so much for maintaining the Oflag 64 web site! ~ **Noel Lumpkin**

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

Chris Cipriani – son of the late Kriegy Anthony Cipriani

Jan Daniluk – historian at the Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk Poland

Ia Koroshinadze – grandchild of the late Hammelburg Kriegy Shalwa Koroshinadze

Susan Lantron McLeod – daughter of the late Kriegy Newton W. Lantron

Noel Lumpkin – granddaughter of the late Kriegy Tony Lumpkin Sr.

Patricia Porter Spierer – daughter of the late Kriegy Charles Robert Porter



KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION



This Oflag 64 Calendar photo was sent to us by Kathy Zelazny Thomas, daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph Zelazny. It is not known when the calendar was distributed or who all received one, but Joe has marked on the map section, with an arrow, the barrack where he stayed. It's labeled "Home at Oflag 64". On the calendar section, midway through the month of April, Joe marked the end of his WWII captivity. You can also see a copy of this calendar on our Mementos and Memorabilia page under "Galleries" on our website.

The Legion of Honor is France's most distinguished decoration and it can be bestowed to recognize the special contribution and act of bravery while fighting for the liberation of our country during WWII. The decision to honor World War II combatants applies only to living veterans who served on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace from 1944-1945.

The medal will not be awarded posthumously.

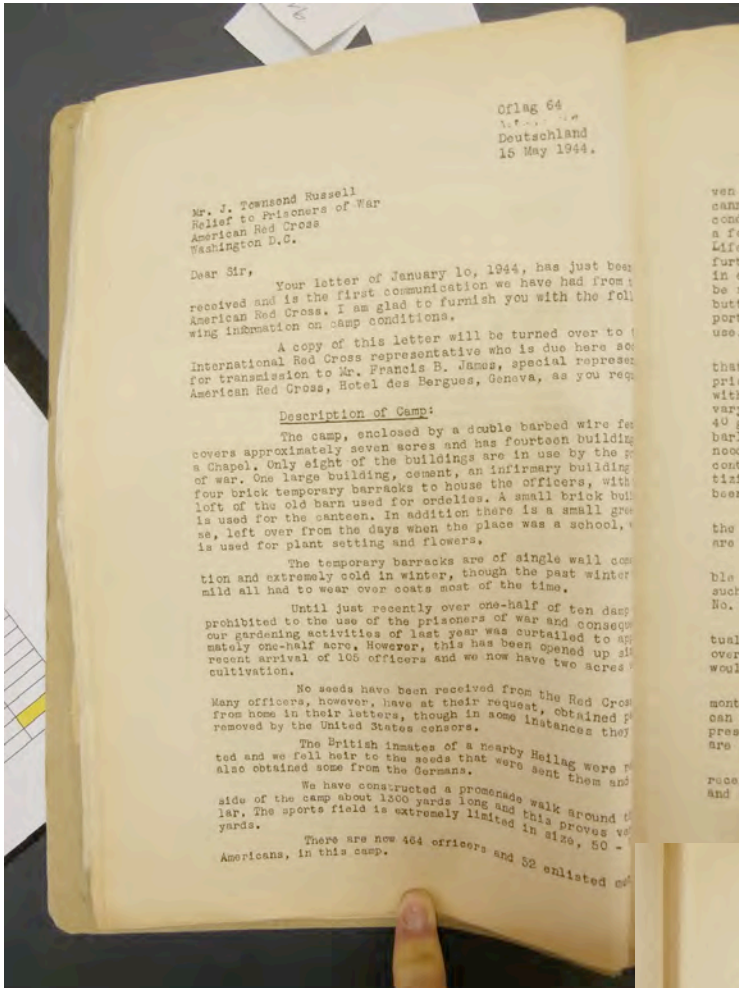
In order to study your request you must provide us with the following documents:

- [Proposal Memory Form](#) (*click on this link*)– Attach the form completed in block letters and print legibly (with a detailed personal narrative related to your campaigns in France in which you participated, indicating the dates and locations where you fought, the divisions or units you belonged to and your functions).
- Honorable Discharge Papers – Attach a copy (do not send originals) of both sides of your document showing proof of service in France between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945.
- A copy of any of the following decorations you or your unit may have been awarded is also required: Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Congressional medal, French Croix de Guerre/French Fourragere.
- All information (newspaper articles, books, etc) describing your actions in France during WWII.
- Mail to one of the [French Consulates](#) (*click on this link*) on the list.



Please note that upon receipt of these documents your file will be submitted to our Embassy in Washington DC, and then to the Grand Chancellery of the Legion of Honor in Paris, France, for a final decision after a close study of the veteran's record by a committee. The review of application for the Legion of Honor may take over a year. Please don't call; applicants will be contacted directly if any questions or problems arise.

If your request is accepted you will have to go to one of the French Consulates to receive the medal.



Oflag 64
Deutschland
16 May 1944.

Mr. J. Townsend Russell
Relief to Prisoners of War
American Red Cross
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,
Your letter of January 10, 1944, has just been received and is the first communication we have had from the American Red Cross. I am glad to furnish you with the following information on camp conditions.

A copy of this letter will be turned over to the International Red Cross representative who is due here soon for transmission to Mr. Francis B. James, special representative for the American Red Cross, Hotel des Bergues, Geneva, as you request.

Description of Camp:

The camp, enclosed by a double barbed wire fence covers approximately seven acres and has fourteen buildings of war. One large building, cement, an infirmary building with four brick temporary barracks to house the officers, with the left of the old barn used for ordelles. A small brick building is used for the canteen. In addition there is a small greenhouse, left over from the days when the place was a school, which is used for plant setting and flowers.

The temporary barracks are of single wall construction and extremely cold in winter, though the past winter mild all had to wear over coats most of the time.

Until just recently over one-half of ten days was prohibited to the use of the prisoners of war and consequently our gardening activities of last year was curtailed to approximately one-half acre. However, this has been opened up since the recent arrival of 100 officers and we now have two acres of cultivation.

No seeds have been received from the Red Cross from here in their letters, though in some instances they have been removed by the United States censors.

The British inmates of a nearby Heilag were permitted and we fell heir to the seeds that were sent them and also obtained some from the Germans.

We have constructed a promenade walk around the side of the camp about 1500 yards long and this proves very popular. The sports field is extremely limited in size, 50 yards.

There are now 464 officers and 52 enlisted Americans in this camp.

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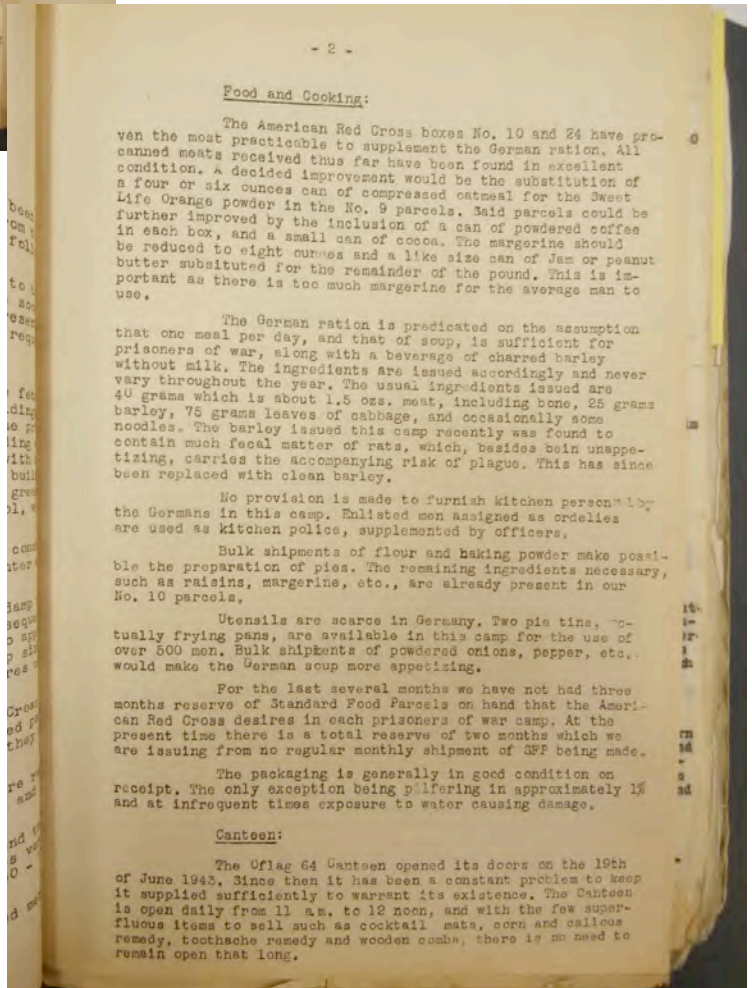
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One of our Oflag 64 family members in Poland, Jan Daniluk, while researching information related to WWII prison camps, ran across a copy of a letter from May 15, 1944 written by Colonel Thomas Drake (Camp Senior of Oflag 64 at the time) to the deputy of the American Red Cross. It's a summarization about the development and situation of the American POWs at the camp. There are 12 pages, but due to space limitations, only the first two will be included here. We apologize for the very small print which isn't very readable, but you'll get the idea. All pages will be added to the website soon.



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Food and Cooking:

The American Red Cross boxes No. 10 and 24 have proven the most practicable to supplement the German ration. All canned meats received thus far have been found in excellent condition. A decided improvement would be the substitution of a four or six ounces can of compressed oatmeal for the Sweet Life Orange powder in the No. 9 parcels. Said parcels could be further improved by the inclusion of a can of powdered coffee in each box, and a small can of cocoa. The margarine should be reduced to eight ounces and a like size can of Jam or peanut butter substituted for the remainder of the pound. This is important as there is too much margarine for the average man to use.

The German ration is predicated on the assumption that one meal per day, and that of soup, is sufficient for prisoners of war, along with a beverage of charred barley without milk. The ingredients are issued accordingly and never vary throughout the year. The usual ingredients issued are 40 grams which is about 1.5 ozs. meat, including bone, 25 grams barley, 75 grams leaves of cabbage, and occasionally some noodles. The barley issued this camp recently was found to contain much fecal matter of rats, which, besides being unappetizing, carries the accompanying risk of plague. This has since been replaced with clean barley.

No provision is made to furnish kitchen personnel by the Germans in this camp. Enlisted men assigned as ordelles are used as kitchen police, supplemented by officers.

Bulk shipments of flour and baking powder make possible the preparation of pies. The remaining ingredients necessary, such as raisins, margarine, etc., are already present in our No. 10 parcels.

Utensils are scarce in Germany. Two pie tins, actually frying pans, are available in this camp for the use of over 500 men. Bulk shipments of powdered onions, pepper, etc., would make the German soup more appetizing.

For the last several months we have not had three months reserve of Standard Food Parcels on hand that the American Red Cross desires in each prisoners of war camp. At the present time there is a total reserve of two months which we are issuing from no regular monthly shipment of GFP being made.

The packaging is generally in good condition on receipt. The only exception being puffing in approximately 1% and at infrequent times exposure to water causing damage.

Canteen:

The Oflag 64 Canteen opened its doors on the 19th of June 1943. Since then it has been a constant problem to keep it supplied sufficiently to warrant its existence. The Canteen is open daily from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and with the few superfluous items to sell such as cocktail mats, corn and callous remedy, toothache remedy and wooden combs, there is no need to remain open that long.

Other pages include information about: clothing, laundry and bathing facilities, medical, (including general physical conditions, surgical treatment, dental), building and equipment, invalid comforts and medical supplies, repatriation, medical personnel, spectacles, gastro-intestinal cases, religious activities, gardening activities, entertainment, sports, camp finances, Oflag 64 Library, educational activities, and mail,

It was a very comprehensive letter with detailed information. We thank Jan for sharing this document with us.

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.

1. **Americans Behind the Barbed Wire** by Frank Diggs, Story of Frank's trip across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Vandemere Press, P. O. Box 5243, Clearwater FL 22205 (New price is \$24.95/Hardcover) <http://www.vandamere.com/diggs.htm> or <http://www.amazon.ca/Americans-Behind-Barbed-Wire-Inside/dp/0743474821>
2. **Diary of A Kriegie** by Ed Beattie. Diary of Ed Beattie, A UPI Correspondent captured near the Moselle River in Sept '44. Publisher: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York NY <http://www.amazon.com/Diary-kriegie-Edward-W-Beattie/dp/B0007E4AUA>
3. **Escape to Russia** by Howard "BOOMER" Holder. Story of Boomer Holder as he went across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1
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. 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
5. **Home Was Never Like This**. Diary of Col Yardley. Publisher: Yardley Enterprises. Evergreen, CO. http://www.amazon.com/Home-Was-Never-Like-This/dp/0971743908/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411079953&sr=1-1&keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this
6. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005 http://www.amazon.com/Justifiable-Pride--Memoir-William-Stevens/dp/096732954X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1411080041&sr=1-1&keywords=Justifiable+Pride
7. **Kriegie** by Kenneth Simmons. Diary of an Air Force Pilot. Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons. New York NY. http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0
8. **Kriegsgefangener 3074 (Prisoner of War)** by Clarence Ferguson. Publisher: Texan Press, Waco TX http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17
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10. **Oflag 64: A POW Odyssey**, Robert Galloway, 2001. Instant Amazon Video to rent or buy at: https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B00WGYXZTG?ie=UTF8&keywords=OFLAG&qid=1442345037&ref=sr_1_1&s=instant-video&sr=1-1
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We are saddened to report the passing of **Kriegy Alan Dunbar (97)** on October 7, 2015, just shortly after his return from our New Orleans Reunion in September. At the time of this publication, his obituary information was unavailable. We will include it in the next ITEM. But you can read about him at: <http://www.hometownheroesradio.com/freedom-is-hard-bought/>

The following is a list of all those whose names were announced at the reunion in New Orleans. The first set of names are those we've learned of since the 2011 Reunion. The second set beginning with 2011 are those we've received word of since the 2011 Reunion.

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| 1948 | Leland V. Smith | 2011 | Milton Koshiol |
| 1962 | Charles R. Porter | 2011 | Thomas E. Lawson |
| 1965 | Paul J. Thriffley Jr. | 2011 | Lloyd L. LeClair |
| 1968 | Roger C. White Jr. | 2011 | Donald A. Ohl |
| 1968 | Keith Willis | 2011 | Richard B. Parker |
| 1969 | William M. Hammer | 2012 | E. Jerome "Jerry" Alexis |
| 1970 | Ernest L. Dilburn | 2012 | James P. Forsyth |
| 1970 | George H. Dunkelberg | 2012 | Donald O. Graul Sr. |
| 1972 | Thomas B. Finan | 2012 | Edgar H. Kummer |
| 1975 | Anthony F. Bucci | 2012 | Anthony R. Libertore |
| 1975 | John A. Groen | 2012 | William R. Notbohm |
| 1978 | Louis E. Moore | 2012 | Boyce "Boo" Nunnally |
| 1979 | Howard K. Hinds | 2012 | Walter S. Parks |
| 1980 | John B. Carpenter | 2012 | Robert W. Rivers |
| 1982 | Charles Rex Allison | 2012 | Ira R. "Ike" Slagter |
| 1983 | Robert Blatherwick Jr. | 2013 | Abraham J. "Abe" Baum |
| 1984 | John J. Kent Jr. | 2013 | Edwin J. "Jim" Betts |
| 1985 | Robert P. Breazeale | 2013 | Robert L. Corbin |
| 1987 | John W. Simmons Sr. | 2013 | Louis P. Gendron |
| 1989 | John F. Lanzendorfer | 2013 | Thomas Griffin |
| 1989 | Milton M. Moore Sr. | 2013 | Thomas M. Holt |
| 1990 | David W. Clifton | 2013 | Robert G. "Bob" Moorhead |
| 1993 | Wilcher C. "Bill" Stotts | 2013 | Edmon L. "Ted" Rinehart |
| 1994 | Carmen A. Williamson | 2013 | William A. "Bill" Shular |
| 1997 | Malcolm A. Baldwin Jr. | 2014 | J. Francis Hesse |
| 1997 | James F. Callahan | 2014 | Herndon Inge Jr. |
| 1998 | Lloyd A. Brown | 2014 | Curtis S. Jones |
| 1998 | Russel M. Ford | 2014 | Richard H. "Dick" Kellahan |
| 1998 | Harry J. O'Connor | 2014 | Ray J. Klinkenborg |
| 1998 | Floyd M. Saxton | 2014 | Royal I. Lee |
| 2000 | Seymour Shefrin | 2014 | Edor C. Nelson |
| 2003 | Grover C. Roberts | 2014 | Joseph P. Savage |
| 2006 | Lorin Grisct | 2014 | John W. "Jack" Stewart |
| | | 2014 | Robert T. "Bob" Thompson |
| 2011 | Alexander R. Bolling Jr. | 2014 | Sid Waldman |
| 2011 | O. L. "Brad" Bradford | 2014 | Darwyn E. Walker Sr. |
| 2011 | William R. Cory | 2015 | Warren E. "Bing" Evans |
| 2011 | Herbert L. Garris | 2015 | Thomas R. Johnson |
| 2011 | Larry M. Hewin | 2015 | Joseph E. Seringer Jr. |
| 2011 | Hugh G. Hogan | 2015 | John Cecil Simcik |
| 2011 | Kenneth W. Hyatt | 2015 | Joseph J. Zelazny Jr. |

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