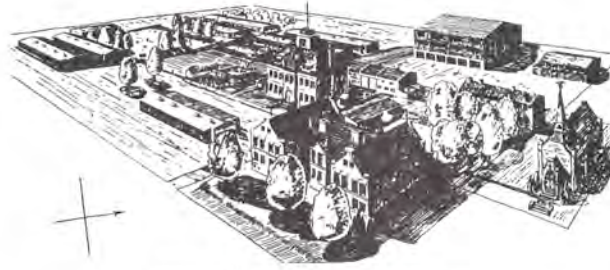


Post Oflag 64 Item



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

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Oflag 64

A NEW ORLEANS REUNION IN 2015?

The New Orleans Reunion Survey results are in. It appears that the majority of Oflag 64 families who responded are either very interested or somewhat interested in having another reunion in **New Orleans in 2015**. Several folks did not respond but from those who did, we have the following information:

Interest Level

26 were very interested
12 were somewhat interested
4 "other option"
1 not interested

Time of Year

21 Fall
14 Spring (other than May)
4 Winter
4 Summer

Day of the Week

23 weekend
20 weekdays

Speakers or Seminars

36 yes
7 no

Banquet/Formal Meal

34 yes
9 no

Possible Attendees - from Survey

84 including guests

Possible attendees - from Email

12 plus 10-20 guests

A definite decision still needs to be made, but as soon as we hear more and are able to make plans, we will let everyone know. Thanks to Pat Waters for the suggestion and for volunteering to host.

Our best to you always,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell



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A POSSIBLE SZUBIN TOUR

Due to the interest expressed by several of our Oflag 64 family members in taking a trip to Szubin, we have come up with a survey to assess everyone's thoughts and wishes. This survey will be an online survey and will be available for two weeks after the beginning of the year.

If you are interested in a tour but do not have access to a computer, using the contact information on the front page of this ITEM, please send a note expressing your interest and we will gladly include you in future communications regarding the possibility of a tour.

We have also contacted the Military History Tours people and they are willing to put a tour together and work with us to fine-tune it to our needs and wishes.

Several folks have already taken personal trips to Szubin and have greatly enjoyed their experiences.

Best to you,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell



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





MAIL CALL



JOHN ALBREE, LTC, USA (Ret.), (long-time friend of the late Kriegy John Creech and the late Norma Kuhn) provided contact information for Norma's daughter. Due to his diligence, we were able to send Norma's daughter, Peggy, a copy of the last ITEM containing Norma's obituary. *Thank you very much, John, for your kind words and also for the kindness and compassion you show to others. You're a great example to us all.*

ADRIENNE BANCKER (daughter of the late Kriegy James W. Bancker) recently found our website, totally by accident. When she saw a photo of John Creech, she knew that Oflag 64 was the prison camp from which her father escaped. She subsequently sent a photo of her father in later years. It is included in our website gallery. *Thanks Adrienne for writing and for sharing your father's photo. We are always overjoyed when families of our Kriegies find our site and the information they seek. His name has now been added to our TAPS list and his photo has been added to our Kriegies gallery.*

LISA BATTEN (great niece of the late Kriegy Clarence E. Simmons) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She is looking for information about her great uncle and his time spent in Oflag 64. She reported that he was captured in Africa and transferred to Oflag 64 where she heard he was a cook. After the war, he didn't talk about his experiences, so she would appreciate whatever information anyone has to share. *Thanks, Lisa, for sending the photo of your great uncle's gravestone and also for new information about him. Welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list as requested and an email query has been sent to our Oflag 64 family asking for information they may have to share. We would be interested in learning what you find out.*

PAT BENDER (daughter of Kriegy "Doc" Vincent DiFrancesco) sent information about the DK World War II Photo Project. The project



features photographs of the men and women who served in the war on the inside covers of *World War II: The Definitive Visual History*. The updated edition of DK's classic book will include all-new information on war memorials around the world and will publish in May 2015. *Thank you, Pat, for sharing. Sounds like a worthwhile project. Looking forward to learning more when it is published. Hope to see you in New Orleans.*



BARBARA AND EMMY LOU BICKERS (daughter and widow of the late Kriegy Jim Bickers) sent Christmas greetings along with a recent photo of the two of them. Barbara reported that the "Bickers girls are well in Mom's home by the fireside....We send our best wishes for the new year." *Thanks so much for the warm greetings and for the photo of you two beautiful women. Good to see you both looking well and happy!*



GAIL BROWN (daughter of the late Kriegy O.L. "Brad" Bradford) wrote about her recent trip to the northwest reporting that she particularly enjoyed the "ocean, harbors, harbor seals, redwoods, fresh seafood, breathtaking vistas, etc., etc." Her trip to Whidbey Island, where she stayed at a bed and breakfast log cabin, was one of the highlights of her trip. She also said she'd definitely attend a reunion in New Orleans if one was planned. *Gail, it was so good to hear from you again, as always. I was happy to hear that you enjoyed the Northwest. Of course, I'm partial to it because I live here, but I agree, there is a lot to enjoy. Hope to see you and many others at a New Orleans reunion. Let's cross our fingers.*

TOM DETMERS (son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers) commented on the recent Szubin video: "It's good to put a 'face' on a location

where Dad was during the war years.” [Thank you, Tom, for writing. It’s good to see it from a different perspective as well.](#)

JACK DOYLE (son-in-law of the late Kriegy Rev. E. Jerome Alexis) wrote to inform us of Jerry’s death in 2012. We are always saddened to hear of the loss of another great Kriegy patriot and hero no matter how long it’s been. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family who we are sure still miss him very much. [Thanks so much, Jack, for contacting us and letting us know of Jerry’s passing. It’s always difficult to lose our loved ones no matter when, but as time passes, hearts heal. We welcome you to our Oflag 64 family and have added you to our email list as requested. Please note that Jerry’s name now appears on our website TAPS list. If you have a clear photo of him, we would love to also add him to our Galleries page. A photo from wartime or a more current photo will be perfect.](#)

JANET STRAIGHT DYE (daughter of the late Kriegy Fay M. Straight) recently contacted us again and wrote: “Using my father’s war log that he kept while he was at Oflag 64, I can provide identifications of “Kriegies” in some pictures I recently found on your website.

In his Log, my father has the same picture of skaters (third from left on your home page) which he entitled “Skaters at Altburgund” and he lists the names from left as Lt. Frazee, Lt. Guest, Lt. Creech, Lt Burghardt, Lt. Perry, and (my dad) Lt. Straight.

Then, in your Galleries section, I notice the 34th picture is also in my dad’s War Log. He entitles it “Room 8Q--Barracks 3-A” and the men are: front row, left to right, Capt. Walters, Capt. Fitton, my father, Lt. Straight, Lt. McLoughlin. On the second row, left to right are Lt. Bonomi, Lt. Weigand, Lt. C. S. Jones.

And, lastly, could you please add my father’s name to the names of the deceased “Kriegies” on your TAPS page. His name is Fay M. Straight, and he died in 1996. Thank you.” [What great information Janet! Thanks so much for sending it along. We have updated our website gallery and show these Kriegies now identified. We have also added your dad’s name to our online TAPS list.](#)

DAVID FERGUSON (nephew of the late Kriegy Clarence Ferguson) responded to an email

request by Mariusz Winiecki for a copy of his uncle’s book: [Kriegsgefangener 3074](#). David also volunteered to send a copy of a DVD interview that a niece did as a history project at the University of Texas. [Thank you very much, David, for responding to Mariusz’ request for a copy of the book. He sent warm thanks for your contribution. We hope the two of you are able to have other exchanges over time.](#)



VICTORIA HERRING (daughter of the late Kriegy Clyde Herring) is asking for help identifying photo locations and people. Some are from Oflag 64 and others are from elsewhere. She emailed: “All of

these photos were in my father’s scrapbook. I put them in Private galleries on my photo website and they can only be accessed thru the following links. If anyone has any information they can reach me at this email or Victoria@JourneyZing.com - or phone 515-255-4475. If people can identify anyone that’d be great = and if people want copies of the photos, I can do that in response.”

Camp Claiborne LA

<http://gallery.journeyzing.com/Other/Private/Clyde-E-Herring-Images-WWII/Claiborne-Images-WWII/n-FfPnR>

North Africa

<http://gallery.journeyzing.com/Other/Private/Clyde-E-Herring-Images-WWII/North-Africa/n-tqGKz>

POW Camp

<http://gallery.journeyzing.com/Other/Private/Clyde-E-Herring-Images-WWII/POW-Camp-Oflag-64/n-9pDCg>

[Thank you, Victoria, for sharing these photos with us and for being willing to provide copies for those who can help identify photos/individuals. It takes everyone to put things together sometimes.](#)



NORMA JONES (widow of the late Kriegy Curtis S. Jones) sent a donation to the Postage Fund along with a nice note letting us know about the continued compliments

she receives for “the lovely, healthy plant sent by the Oflag 64 family at Curtis’ passing”. [Thank you so much, Norma, for your generous and thoughtful donation to the Postage Fund. And thank you also for your sweet comments. We’re pleased that you’re enjoying the plant.](#)



ANNE KREUTZER (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot) wrote to express her interest in attending a New Orleans reunion.

Anne, it was great hearing from you again and if we are successful at organizing and scheduling another reunion, it will be great to see you again as well.



HERM LITTMAN (Kriegy) keeps in contact on a regular basis and recently sent thanks again for what we do. He reports that he is "still alive and ornery as ever".

It's always a pleasure to hear from you, Herm. Please keep it up, stay in good spirits and keep hunting and pecking on that computer gizmo of yours. And thank you for your kind words. Much appreciated.

KATHRYN MORTON (daughter of the late Kriegy Robert Krall) wrote that her father had an old radio transcription disc on Oflag 64 which she found after he died. She is still in possession of it and is wondering if this medium is readable anymore, even with modern technology. She's asking if anyone has an idea of what this could be. Is it possible that it's from the June of 1944, International YMCA, recording made by Henry Söderberg, "The Welcome Swede"? *Thank you, Kathryn, for writing and for your patience with our response. We're hoping to have an answer for you soon.*



ANNETTE SECOR NELSON (widow of the late Richard Secor) sent a very nice thank you card not long ago with kind words for what we do for the survivors and families of Oflag 64.

Thank you very much, Annette, for your kind words. We are happy to do what we can for our wonderful Kriegies and their families who have given and sacrificed so much in ways that many of us will never know.

JIM OLSON (nephew of the late Kriegy Clayton Kallander) sent information recently about his uncle stating: "He was a Kriegy in Oflag 64 from late 1944 until he escaped during the March to Moosburg. He made the home run through Odessa after fighting along with the Russians back toward Germany. He told me that he and another ex-POW deserted from the Russians

and walked to the U.S. Consulate in Odessa. They made it back to England via ship. After the war, he married my Aunt Mary. They had 3 children. He ultimately retired from the C.I.A. in the 1970's. He passed away in the mid 1980's." In a subsequent email Jim wrote: "I was born on Andrews AFB in MD and knew him well enough that when we went to visit he noticed that I was reading the book *The Great Escape* by Paul Brickhill recounting the escape from Stalag Luft 3 by 76 RAF POW's. The Gestapo shot 50 of them upon re-capture. He had never before told my aunt or any of his children much about his experiences as a Kriegy. One afternoon he and I were alone while the rest of the family went sightseeing in D.C. He went into a storage room in their basement and brought out his identification card (issued by the Germans), his POW dog tags, his coffee cup and silverware also issued to him by the Germans. That was when he told me many stories of his time in Oflag 64, as well as the story of how he finally escaped. I will get in touch with my aunt and see if I can get her to send me copies of these relics. They should be shared with others." *Thank you so much, Jim, for sharing the stories of your uncle. What a blessing to be able to hear them directly from him. We're looking forward to receiving copies of any war stories, etc. you may continue to find.*

DIANE AND DENNIS O'NEILL (daughter and son of Kriegy Bob O'Neill) have informed us that Bob has moved from his home in Prescott AZ to an assisted living facility. He no longer has a computer so will not be able to continue emailing but would appreciate any hand-written communications folks are willing to send. Please let me know if you need his contact information. *Thank you very much, Diane and Dennis for sharing the address change. We will miss receiving Bob's emails but look forward to sending him the quarterly ITEM and other communications as time goes by.*

BOB RITTNER (nephew of the late Kriegy Harry O'Connor) wrote to inform us of his uncle's passing in 1998. *Bob, thanks for writing and providing the information about your uncle. Even though time passes, we still miss them. We have also added his name to our website TAPS list.*

TED ROGGEN (Kriegy) sent a very interesting story about the Oflag 64 “great escape” that failed along with another story that happened at the camp. Please see the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM for the stories. *Thanks so much, Ted, for sharing your experiences. It’s always good to hear from you and to learn more of those days during WWII.*

BRIAN ROSE (grandson of the late Kriegy Robert J. Rose) is looking for original (higher resolution) photos of the camp taken by Robert Keith. If you have original copies or are aware of where we might obtain copies, please let us know. *Thanks, Brian, for asking. We would also love to have higher resolution photos to post to our website. Hopefully both of us will hear something soon.*



JOE SERINGER (Kriegy) sent Christmas greetings and an address update along with a donation to the Postage Fund. He wishes all Kriegies and families a great holiday. He reports: “I’m still hanging in there.” *Thank you very much, Joe, for your thoughtful donation to the Postage Fund. We appreciate such great support. And we thank you for your updates and Christmas wishes. We have made changes to our address list so you should receive the next ITEM at your new location. Keep “hanging in there.”*

MARK SIKES (collector and military history buff since early childhood) found our website recently and asked if we had any information on Lt. Eugene Clegg to share. Mark is currently the custodian of one of Lt. Clegg’s dog tags and he would like to find out everything he can about Lt. Clegg. We know that he was awarded both a silver Star and Bronze Star before being taken as a POW. We also know that he was from St. James Missouri. Please contact me if you have information to share. *Thank you, Mark, for contacting us. We’ll let you know if we hear anything about Lt. Clegg.*

PAUL J. THRIFFILEY III (son of the late Kriegy Paul J. Thriffiley, Jr.) after seeing the recent Szubin video thanked us for sending it, then wrote to share the following information about his father: “I always remember my late father, 2d Lt. Paul J. Thriffiley Jr., during the Thanksgiving

and Christmas holidays, of course. And I think of him and his fellow Kriegies so far from home in Oflag 64 during Thanksgiving and Christmas of 1944. My father arrived at Oflag 64 in October 1944, after being captured in France in late August of that year, having served in N. Africa and Italy. We have a Stalag XII-A identification tag, and assume he was there at some point before reaching Oflag 64.” In a subsequent email, he sent a couple of newspaper clippings with this explanation: “This is an old New Orleans newspaper article from Spring 1945 about my father, Kriegy 2d Lt. Paul J. Thriffiley Jr., Kriegy 1st. Lt. Alphonse Elmer, and four other former POWs from different European camps, returning home to New Orleans. I believe it is from the old New Orleans States-Item, an evening newspaper. One of my father's sisters gave this to me probably 25 years after my father's death in 1965.” The clippings can be found in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Paul, thanks for writing and for all the information you shared about your father. It’s difficult to think about what the Kriegies endured and how they felt, especially during the holidays. They were amazing men!*

DARWYN WALKER JR. (son of Kriegy Darwyn Walker Sr.) wrote to let us know that his father had moved to another location. Please contact me if you need the updated information. *Thanks so much, Dar, for keeping us updated. It’s sometimes difficult to keep on top of all the moves, but we’ve made the change in our records and your dad should receive the ITEM at his new address.*



PAT WATERS (son of the late Kriegy John K. Waters) wrote regarding the recent video of Szubin stating: “This was wonderful.” He said it had changed since he was there but that he did recognize the old church. *Pat, thanks for writing. It was good to hear from you again. Please let us know if you’re able to go ahead with plans for a New Orleans reunion. There seems to be a great deal of interest. We will provide whatever assistance we can.*

DIANE WATSON (daughter of the late Kriegy William Martin Hammer) recently found our website and possibly has identified her father in

one of the photos on the top of the homepage. She also asked to be added to our email list. *Diane, thank you very much for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have added you to our email list so you will be hearing from us again soon. We're looking forward to receiving other information from you as well as confirmation regarding the homepage photo.*



MARIUSZ WINIECKI (Oflag 64 researcher and good friend from Poland) has sent several emails either providing valuable information to us or asking for assistance with obtaining information for his research.

1. He is still trying to locate a copy of the videotape of the Kriegies' return to Szubin in 1971. If you have a copy or know where we might obtain one, please contact me (Elodie) and we'll send Mariusz a copy to go with the 1971 radio interview that is now on our website.

2. Mariusz also wrote that he now possesses three letters that were found during the renovation of the "White House" in 1978/1979 hidden under the windowsill. They were addressed to the late Kriegy George Durgin. He is hoping to connect with a member of the Durgin family to return the letters. If you have contact information for anyone in the Durgin family, please let us know.

3. In a subsequent email, Mariusz sent the link to a short video about Szubin. If you haven't had an opportunity to view it online, please go to this link: http://youtu.be/GmR3K_e5StU

4. And in another email, Mariusz reported that the English translation of the Polish portions of the 1971 radio interview "From USA to Szubin" was available. Thanks to Mariusz for translating from Polish to English and to Glenn Burgess for proofreading. The final document is 11 pages and can now be found on our website. A small portion is included in the Kriegy News and Information section to pique your interest. Please let me know if you are not able to access the information online.

5. Lastly, please see the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM for a photo history of the site of Oflag 64 also sent by Mariusz. Very interesting!!

Mariusz, we always enjoy hearing from you and greatly appreciate your continued diligence in finding and sharing new information with our

Oflag 64 family. The 1971 radio interview is definitely a very interesting and valuable historical find. Thank you for your translation; a huge task for sure. Thank you also for your willingness to share the letters found in the White House windowsill and also the historical photos of the site of Oflag 64. Several have written about how much they enjoyed the Szubin video and that they were able to see Szubin today as opposed to the Szubin they remember from decades ago. We look forward to assisting you with further projects and are always happy to help in any way we can with information you seek.

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Thanks to all who participated in the online Reunion Survey and also to all who responded by email. Much appreciated.

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Great Quotes sent by John R. Rodgers, Sr.

"I said if I can do it, I'm gonna try." - James Henry Arruda taught himself to read at 92 and wrote and published a book at 96.

"As you grow older, if you don't move, you won't move." - Yvonne Dowlen, 88-year old figure skater.

"Why stop doing what you love?" - Ardith Bruce, 84-year old barrel racer.

"We have confused illness with the process of aging, which can be thoroughly healthy. Illness is not a necessary part of aging!" - Dr. Charles Eugster, 94-year old World Masters Rowing Champion

"I listen. I love. And I live. Your body knows what to do. Your mind gets in the way." - Phyllis Sues, 91-year old Yogini, dancer, writer, singer, musician, and trapeze artist.

"I used to think 50 was old. I was wrong. Not even close." - Harriet Anderson, 79, the oldest female to ever finish the IRONMAN World Championship

"I never use that word, retire." - B. B. King, 89

COMMENTS

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

THANK
YOU!

I was so touched with my recent copy of the Oflag 64 news. You both do a wonderful job!! ~ **Norma Jones**

Keep up the excellent job you are doing. ~ **Herm Littman**

This little card can hardly tell you how much I appreciate what you do for the survivors and families of Oflag 64. ~ **Annette Secor Nelson**

You and your staff do a tremendous job in publishing the Oflag 64 ITEM. A special thanks for your stellar work. With gratitude... ~ **Ted Roggen**

OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

Hi! THIS IS FANTASTIC! Thank you all so much for the work and dedication put into this site! Keith Willis is my Great uncle and we have known very little of his service and what happened to him- until now! ~ **Hunter Willis**

New visitors to our website –

Adrienne Bancker – Daughter of the late Kriegy James William Bancker

Lisa Batten – Great niece of the late Kriegy Clarence E. Simmons

Jillian Davis – Outreach Coordinator for MesotheliomaLawyerCenter.org

Jack Doyle – Son-in-law of the late Kriegy Rev. E. Jerome Alexis

Bob Rittner – Nephew of the late Kriegy Harry O'Connor

Mark Sikes – Collector, military history buff, and custodian of the late Kriegy Eugene Clegg's dog tag, looking for information

Diane Watson – daughter of the late Kriegy William Martin Hammer

Hunter Willis – Great nephew of the late Kriegy Keith Willis



KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION

Mariusz Winiecki, our good friend from Poland, has sent some interesting historical photos, with accompanying explanations, regarding the site of Oflag 64. What do you notice?



The “hospital” building was established in 1888, but not used as a hospital (lazaret) at that time.



In 1910, the Minor (Hospital) and Main (White House) Residences together comprised the Provincial Social Welfare and Childcare Centre.



This is the White House (or Main Residence) in 1910.



This is the camp hospital (or Minor Residence) in 1910.



In 1928 the Martial Training Regiment was opened and the facility became a School for Boys.



This is a 1928 photo of the "White House". Notice the boys by the fence.



This is the "Hospital" in 1928.

During the years between 1939 and 1945, the facility was known by several different names and not only held Polish prisoners but also served separately as a Prisoner of War Camp for French, British, and Americans.



This photo was taken in 1942 or 1943 and shows the main gate.



The date of this photo is unknown but shows German soldiers during appell at the site.

In 1945 an orphanage was established for children who lost their families during WWII or who were war victims. After WWII this facility became known as the Reform School for Young Offenders' Institution. The camp hospital became the school building and the White House became a dormitory.

Since the 1990s, or even earlier, the building known as the hospital has no longer been in use because of its deterioration. It is currently subject to renovation or possible demolition. For now it is private property. The building known as the White House also no longer is the property of the Reform School.



Photo taken in 1990

Photo taken in 2010

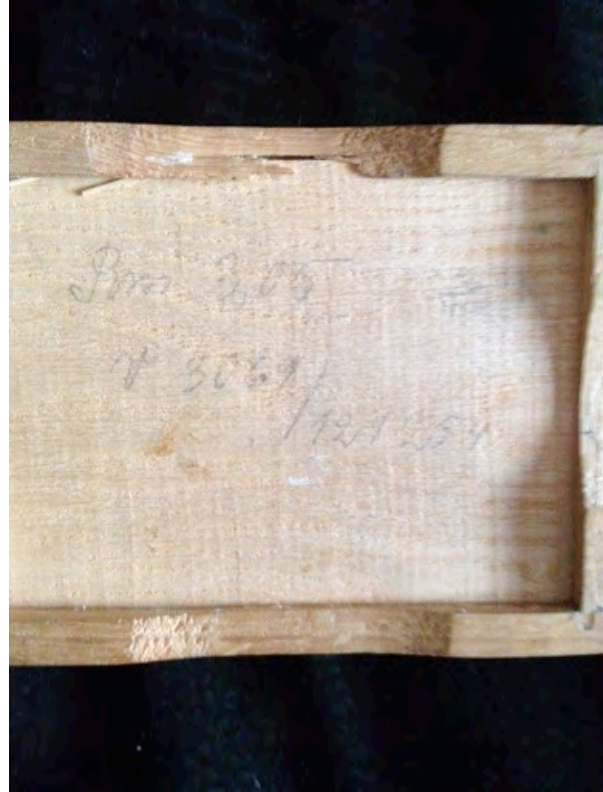


Photo taken in 2013

If you know what this box is or have information to share, please contact me, Elodie Caldwell. It belonged to my father and was part of his WWII collection. I recently came to be in possession of it and would like to know more about it. The part with the diagonal handle is a detached lid and the whole box on the outside measures 4 3/4 x 3 1/2 x 1 1/4. It appears to be hand made.



The lid (lower left photo) shows writing in red but I can't make it all out. My father was at Oflag 64 from January 24, 1944 - January 21, 1945, but briefly in other camps prior, if that helps in the identification process.



The bottom of the box (lower right photo) shows writing in what appears to be lead pencil. I can make out the writing, just barely, but don't know what it means.

Ted Roggen, one of our Kriegies, shared the following Oflag 64 experiences.



“I am writing to all the Kriegies who were at Oflag 64. I don't think any ever heard of the "Great Escape" that failed. Here goes. Col. Waters selected a group of Kriegies to participate in an "escape". You were screened by an Oflag committee to attempt this mission. A barracks near the latrine was chosen. Kriegies were asked to give three bed boards to hold the dirt from the tunnel. The huge cover over the washtub at the end of the barracks was the starting point. Kriegies who were shod thin were the important cogs. The dirt from the tunnel was placed in the empty Red Cross boxes and then placed in the barracks attic. A funny thing happened. Lt. Hollis Wood, now deceased, was in the attic when suddenly he fell through the ceiling to the floor. He was not injured, but he left a huge hole in the ceiling and we prayed that following morning, when we had the usual "inspection", the German Gook would not look at the ceiling, and he did not. The escape group was supplied with German Marks, pepper to be used against the guard dogs, and wire clippers. These products came in separate packages addressed to certain Kriegies at Oflag 64 and were sent by US Intelligence. Some of the participants were Ted Roggen, Lt. Hugh Hogan (deceased), Lt. Steven Byars, Captain Richard Rossbach (who spoke fluent German) Amon Carter, Jr. and eight others. Our West Point grads figured the distance from the end of the Barracks to the barbed wire was about 55 feet, which was obtainable, Above the escape route was the huge German Tower with an armed rifle. Everything was "green to go", but the unexpected happened. Urine from the latrine caused a "cave in" of the tunnel. We were saddened. The Germans never found out about the tunnel. The heavy lid over the washbasin was put back in place. My biggest regret about the whole project was not hiding in the tunnel when the Kriegies were ordered out of Oflag 64 in January 1945 in the bitter cold, and not knowing where we were going. I personally asked several of my Kriegie friends to stay behind in the tunnel, but their answer was 'we are too close to freedom to take the chance'.” - Captain Ted Roggen, Houston. Texas. a good friend of the late John T. Jones, and Amon Carter, Jr.

Here's another “hair raising” story that took place in the camp. Administrators of Oflag 64 opened a new Recreation Barracks upon the hills of the camp, There was a ping pong table as part of the equipment. I was a ping pong player. The table was too high for me. I went to the camp shop and withdrew a handsaw. I cut two of the legs down to my size. A German guard noticed that the table legs had been shortened and reported this to the camp commandant. A big investigation started. Colonel Waters found out that I was the Kriegie who "cut the legs down to size”. He informed me that the Germans were upset, and even stated that the guilty person could be severely punished. I don't know how Col. Waters solved this issue, but he saved me from some unknown punishment. Thank you Col. Waters. - My wife and I later became close friends with Col. Waters.



The young sergeant, well-rounded again from "American chow" and none the worse for wear after months in a Nazi prison camp, leaned back in his chair here and commented laconically:

"Yeah, it wasn't until a woman stuck her head out of a tank and yelled, 'Americanskis,' that we knew the Russians had arrived and we were free."

A staff sergeant, still unable to believe "I'm actually back in New Orleans," dropped another verbal bombshell.

"After the Russians liberated us, we went back through Poland and a lot of our boys married Polish girls and decided to stay there," he asserted.

Starvation Diet

A strapping young lieutenant, still in the process of putting back on the 60 pounds he had lost as a Nazi prisoner, described the food in a German prison camp as "a bowl of thin soup, a seventh of a small loaf of black bread and three little potatoes a day."

These were but a few of reports brought back by a group of eight excited New Orleans men, all of whom returned last night.

In the group are Lieutenant Paul Thriffiley, Jr., 31 Allard Boulevard; Staff Sergeant Camile W. Lafleur, 1426 Chartres street; Sergeant Irwin A. Flad, 636 South Rendon street; Technician Fifth Class Fred P. Bernos, Jr., 4525 Baudin street; Lieutenant Alphonse Elmer, 2738 General Pershing street; Staff Sergeant Adrain J. Subervielle, 317 Deckbar avenue; Sergeant Calvin K. Benedict, 2124 Calhoun street, and Private Ralph Guglielmo, 1211 Touro street.

Freed by Woman

Sergeants Lafleur and Elad and Technician Bernos were all liberated from III C camp, about 50 miles northeast of Berlin, and laughed at the recollection of the woman tank officer.

"You might know it would take a woman to free a bunch of Americans but we were surely surprised when we saw a female

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With the hell of long imprisonment in German prison camps plainly etched in their faces, three New Orleans boys began to find out again today what its like to be home.

And the bright April sunshine outside couldn't hold a candle to the sunshine in the homes of Lieutenant Alphonse Elmer, 2738 General Pershing street; Staff Sergeant Adrian J. Subervielle, 317 Deckbar avenue, and Private Ralph Guglielmo, 1211 Touro street.

Brunet, handsome Lieutenant Elmer sat quietly in his living room and told a story of imprisonment, escape and an exciting journey through snows in Poland that would knock the stuffings out of a movie script.

Captured at Casino

His capture took place in the historic Battle of Cassino in Italy. When he and six of his men attempted to take a hill, they were outflanked by the Germans, who killed two of the men.

Rounded up by the Germans, Lieutenant Elmer said he felt "pretty disgusted at being a prisoner and very thankful I was still living."

There was no way of knowing that day, December 15, 1943, that it would be January in 1945 before he would be out of the hands of the Germans, nor could he know what an exciting route home the journey would be.

When the prison train reached Leipzig, air raid warnings screamed, signifying an American raid. Lieutenant Elmer and his companions were led into a shelter at the station where German civilians were crammed.

Civilians Beat Soldiers

"They took it pretty calmly and didn't show us any animosity," he related. "I had heard of cases where the civilians would beat up American soldiers."

He arrived at Oflag 64 near Szubin in Poland on February 6. Then began the tedious, monoton-

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S. SGT. A. J. SUBERVIELLE

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ous routine which is life in a prison camp.

Food was sketchy and poor — soup, potatoes, occasionally a little meat. Red Cross packages kept them going and alive. The prisoners were mostly ignored and not mistreated by the German guards.

But when day dawned January 25, 1945, the camp was in great excitement — the Russian troops were closing in. Hurriedly the guards began marching the 1400 prisoners back to Germany.

Escape in Confusion

Confusion was so great, Lieutenant Elmer said he and two other soldiers, including a colonel, escaped. For a week they pushed through the snow in Poland, fed by the Polish people and given shelter at night. Not once did they see a German soldier.

Exhausted, they found Russian troops, who gave them a place to stay and promised transportation back. But transportation was slow and the escapees took matters into their own hands and hitchhiked on army vehicles and trains into Russia, where they boarded a boat for Odessa.

Surrounded by his friends at a corner grocery, Private Guglielmo another New Orleanian, said his weight dropped from 156 to 98 pounds while a prisoner at Stalag 11 B. Forced to work from dawn until late at night, he told a story of German cruelty.

Too tired to work, he said he was beaten with a rifle butt, which left his arm numb for three days.

"I never thought I would come home alive," he said.

Sergeant Subervielle was catching up on old friendships today. Members of his family said that he also weighed less than 100 pounds at one time.

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crawling out of that first tank," one commented.

Fighting all around them was heavy, they said, and twice the Germans tried to evacuate the American prisoners but after trying in two different directions realized that the Russians were hemming them in and fled themselves.

"After that most of us started out but artillery fire was so heavy about 1400 of us went back into camp; about 500 continued on and we never have learned what happened to them," Sergeant Lafleur said.

Too Busy to Fraternize

Busy with fighting, the Russians had little time for the liberated Americans, telling them to work their way back.

"We made our way back through Germany, living off the land and what we could pick up anywhere along the line, then when we hit Poland the Poles were swell. They didn't have anything themselves but what they had they shared with us," Technician Bernos said.

Many of the Americans were taken into Polish homes and romances resulted in a number of marriages, Sergeant Lafleur reported.

Sergeant Flad, 27-year-old glider trooper, told of how the young guards at their camp had been replaced by old men and stated emphatically, as did the rest of the liberated men, that Red Cross parcels were life-savers.

Better Get Rest, Quick

"All I can say is that they had better get the rest of the Americans out of the camps in Germany as fast as they can because they will never live long on the food the Germans give them," he commented.

Technician Bernos lost about 50 pounds in the camp; LaFleur, about 40, and Flad, 30.

Lieutenant Thriffiley, 24-year-old officer in armored artillery, was captured in the Southern France invasion, sent to a camp in the Polish corridor and escaped.

"I lost about 60 pounds over there but the camp wasn't so bad. A Colonel Drake had been there before and really made the Germans toe the line in our regard. They were sort of scared of us," he asserted.



LIEUTENANT ALPHONSE ELMER STAFF SERGEANT CAMILE W. LAFLEUR
PRIVATE RALPH GUGLIELMO SERGEANT IRWIN A. FLAD LIEUTENANT PAUL THRIFFILEY, JR.

'Americanskis!' Russian Tank Woman Rescues 8 Orleans Soldiers from Nazis

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These clippings from the Times-Picayune printed in February or March 1945 were sent by Paul J. Thriffiley III. We apologize for the small size. Paul's father is shown at the bottom right of the small clipping. Alphonse Elmer, also an Oflag 64 Kriegy, is shown top left.

FROM USA TO SZUBIN

The following is a portion of the Polish to English translation of the 1971 radio interview with Kriegies returning to Szubin from the USA. The remainder of the translation can be found on our website at: www.Oflag64.us. Once you're on our website, go to Archives, then to "Post-War Documents, Articles, Essays, Interviews". The link to the interview is at the bottom of the page. Thanks once again to Mariusz Winiiecki for providing the Polish to English translation and to Glenn Burgess for proofreading. The audio portion can be found separately by going to our Links page. It is the first link under "Stories".

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Z USA do Szubina / From USA to Szubin *radio coverage* by Ryszard Jankowski

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Date of first broadcast: 05/13/1971

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Legend –

Black: Polish translation to English

Blue: English as spoken during the interview

Narration [00:00-01:20]:

Szubin, a small county city in Bydgoszcz Voivodeship, was still beautifully decorated after the celebrations of the 26th anniversary of Victory Day (9th May 1945), when the unusual guests arrived at the courtyard of the Reform School. Their long travel route was from the other side of the ocean, from the USA, directly here, where during WWII there used to be the POW camp known as Oflag 64. British, American and Russian officers were imprisoned here. Memories about them will last eternally amongst the citizens of Szubin, since the memorial obelisk standing by the entry to the former camp terrains commemorates it. So, on the 11th of May, about 30 former POWs and Veterans of WWII entered the camp gate for the second time in their lives. It was the first trip in a series organized for the former POWs by Dana Travel Agency from NY and the Polish Travel Office "Orbis". Therefore, we are moving to the site of the former camp. Will this place be recognized by the people who were imprisoned here more than 25 years ago and who today, traveled to this place from the other side of the ocean?

Reporter (while waiting for a group of ex-Kriegies) [01:20-01:30]: We are waiting for the group of former POWs. They are preceded by Mr. Carter, who is already here. It is not the first time that Mr. Carter has stayed in this city, is it? *Then he talks with Mr. Carter in English.*

Reporter: Of course you are not here for the first time; this is the second visit I hope.

Amon Carter, Jr.: No, I was...Yes, I was here for 20 months in 1944 and 1945 and we made many friends with our Polish friends and they were living under bad conditions but they tried making our lives more happy here in the camp. They tried helping us and we've always liked the Polish people. We have many good Polish people in America and we wanted to come back and say hello to our Polish friends. There are 50 that are coming from Poznan. There are 50 more. There are 30 prisoners and some of them have their wives with them. But the camp has changed and Szubin has many more people. Szubin is growing.

PUBLICATIONS

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

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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
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10. **Passages to Freedom**, Joseph Frelinghuysen, 1990, Publisher: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan KS 66502-4228, 800-258-1232 (\$17.95, includes S & H) http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1
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Vic Kanners Diary. Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619, dkanners@comcast.net

Roads to Liberation by Clarence R. Meltesen is available free of charge except for approximately \$6 per copy shipping fee. Please contact Elodie Caldwell at the contact address on the front page of this ITEM. (Thank you Meltesen family.) Also available on www.Amazon.com

The Waters Story. Contact Pat Waters, 412 Rice Hope Drive, Mt. Pleasant SC 29464-9273

A **1947 Oflag 64 Reunion Photo** is available for a \$5 donation to the Postage Fund. Send your donation and request to Elodie Caldwell at the contact address on the front page of this ITEM. (Thank you Judy Fletcher.)

E. Jerome Alexis

1924 ~ 2012



The Rev. Dr. E. Jerome Alexis, formerly of Johnsonburg, passed away at home peacefully on Saturday (May 19, 2012) on his 88th birthday.

He was born in Johnsonburg on May 19, 1924, to Axel and Edith L. Alexis.

Rev. Alexis grew up in Punxsutawney, where he graduated from high school in 1941. While studying at Drexel Tech he was called to active duty in April 1943, serving as a combat infantryman with Co. B, 110th Infantry, 28th Division, ETO. He was captured on Nov. 12, 1944 during the Battle of the Huertgen Forest, Germany. He was liberated April 29, 1945 from Stalag VIIA, Moosburg, Germany. As a POW, he marched 500 miles and traveled 1,000 miles by rail between seven POW camps. After the war, he remained in the U.S. Army Reserve, Chaplain Corps, until his retirement as colonel in 1978.



He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1948 and the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg in 1951, and was ordained in July of that year. He received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Thiel College in 1974.

Rev. Alexis served at Evangelical in Frederick, Md., English Lutheran in Zelienople, Mount Zion, North Side, Assistant to the President of the Southwestern Pennsylvania-West Virginia Synod, and Christ Lutheran in Ross Township, Pittsburgh.

Upon retirement, he was active in the Pittsburgh Chapter, Ex-Prisoners of War, the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh, Meals on Wheels, Lenzner Tours, as well as ministry in the church as needed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Marjorie K. Alexis; children, Lynn (Jack) Doyle, the Rev. Maren Alexis, the Rev. Lans (the Rev. Sandy) Alexis and Joel (Debi) Alexis; grandchildren, Maureen, Patrick and Kevin Doyle and Lara, Sara Abby and Erik Alexis; sister, Joyce Steiner; and brother, Roger (Patti) Alexis.

He was preceded in death by son, Niel; and grandson, Ian-Leif Plowes.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Beaver Falls, where the funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Kimberly Rapczak presiding and Bishop Kurt Kusserow preaching. Burial will take place at a later date at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be sent to Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church; or the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Hill & Kunselman Funeral Home, 3801-4th Ave., College Hill, Beaver Falls.

Online condolences may be made at www.hillandkunselman.com

See more at:

- <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bradfordera/obituary.aspx?n=E-Alexis&pid=157732227#sthash.GtPhlka.dpuf>

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Milton B. Koshiol

1924 ~ 2011



Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 1, 2011 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville for Milton B. Koshiol, age 86, of Paynesville. Milton passed away peacefully on March 28 at his home. Reverend Glenn Krystosek and Reverend LeRoy Scheierl will officiate. Burial will take place in the St. Louis Parish Cemetery with full military honors.

Relatives and friends may call from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday and after 9:30 a.m. on Friday at the St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville.

Milt was born September 11, 1924 in St. Cloud, MN to Paul and Bertha (Horsch) Koshiol. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII with Company A, 10th Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th

Armored Division and veteran of the "Battle of the Bulge". He became a P.O.W during the "Hammelburg Raid" in 1945.



He married Rosemary Zapf on October 6, 1947 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville. He owned and operated Zapf Leather and Western Wear in Paynesville.

He was an active member in his community, having served 32 years on the Fire Department, a local firearms safety trainer for 42 years, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and local sportsman's clubs. He was a life member of the Paynesville American Legion and drill squad, life member of VFW Granite Post 428 and Past Commander of the Paynesville VFW. He was an active member at St. Louis Catholic Church where he was an usher and was a member of the St. Louis Knights of Columbus Council 3820.

Milt was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed camping, skiing and golfing. Above all he'll be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was also known as "Uncle Miltie" to many who knew him.

Milt is survived by his wife Rosemary of Paynesville, children Chuck (Tiff) of Paynesville, Margaret Tchida (Al Gully) of St. Cloud, Tom (Patrice) of Paynesville, Karen Koshiol (Bryan Breuer) Glendale, AZ, Jeannie (Mark) Bolke of Eagan, and Donnie (Darcy) of Eden Prairie, 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, brother Frederick "Fritz" (Gerry) of New Hope, and sister Mary Ann Frey of Arden Hills.

Preceding him in death were his parents, sisters Virginia Deckert and Margaret Koshiol, and infant brother Joseph.

Milt's family would like to thank Carol Jack for her love, dedication, and special care.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sctimes/obituary.aspx?n=Milton-B-Koshiol&pid=149789411#sthash.rYY7umsD.dpuf>

Tony R. Libertore

1917 ~ 2012

Tony R. Libertore, age 94, of High Point, N.C. passed away peacefully at W.G. Hefner VA

Medical Center in Salisbury, with his sons at his bedside. Praise God. Tony was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio on Dec. 10, 1917 to the late Nick and Florence Marchione Liberatore. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Louise and siblings, Albert, Mary Rose, Jenny, Corden, John, Eugene and Elizabeth.

A World War II United States Army veteran, Tony was captured by German forces in Italy and was marched to Oflag 64 in Poland where he was held for 15 months.



After the war, Captain Libertore returned to Charleston, S.C. where he was greeted by Louise and someone he had never met, his son, Donald. In 1947 the family moved to Winston-Salem, N.C. and then in 1954 to High Point, N.C., where Tony worked as national sales manager for a local furniture manufacturer. Later he owned and operated a furniture sales company, furniture manufacturing companies and a bedding manufacturing company. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, American Business Club, High Point Rotary Club, Elks Club and Emerywood Willow Creek Country Club. In his younger years, he was active with Little League baseball and the Boy Scouts. He also enjoyed fishing, playing card games, hunting and, of course, golfing.

Tony is survived by sons, Donald (Concetta), Ray (Linda) and Willie; grandchildren, Lorenzo, Lorena (Sean), Christopher (Luann) and Brad (Erica); great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Elena, Eva, Aaron, Emelia and Marcus; a sister, Regina Sliger of Las Vegas, Nev.; and a brother, Dominic Liberatore of LaPorte, Ind.

A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 4145 Johnson Street, High Point, N.C., with Father Vincent Smith officiating. Placement of Tony's ashes in the church's columbarium will follow immediately. After the services, everyone is invited to partake of food and refreshments with the family in the church's "Gathering Place". In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Building Fund, 4145 Johnson Street, High Point, NC 27265; or Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

We, his sons, are very grateful to the doctors, nurses and staff of VA Outpatient Clinic

in Winston-Salem and W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury for their personal care and respect given to our family over the course of many years and especially during his last weeks.

Lyerly Funeral Home is serving the Libertore family. Online condolences may be made at www.lyerlyfuneralhome.com
Lyerly, 704-633-9031

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During 2014, we were notified of the deaths of the following Kriegies. Obituaries were previously printed in the ITEM for those we were able to locate. We are so appreciative of their service and sacrifice both during wartime and thereafter. We would like to honor each Kriegy named here.

- 1996 Fay M. Straight
- 1998 Harry J. O'Connor
- 2003 Grover C. Roberts
- 2005 Vinton Thomson
- 2010 Charles G. Eberle, Sr.
- 2011 Alexander R. "Bud" Bolling, Jr.
- 2011 Hugh G. Hogan
- 2011 Milton Koshiol (obituary above)
- 2012 E. Jerome Alexis (obituary above)
- 2012 Anthony Libertore (obituary above)
- 2012 William R. Notbohm
- 2013 Robert G. Moorhead
- 2014 Curtis S. Jones
- 2014 Richard H. "Dick" Kellahan
- 2014 Ray J. Klinkenborg
- 2014 Royal I. Lee
- 2014 Edor C. Nelson
- 2014 John W. "Jack" Stewart
- 2014 Robert T. "Bob" Thompson

If you are aware of any we have missed, please let us know. We would like to remember and honor all our deceased Kriegies.

