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We apologize to any others we may have overlooked and thank all who have contacted us.

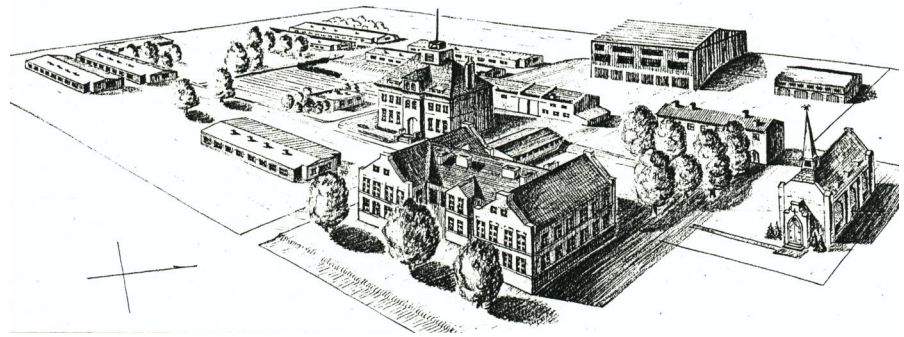
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Drawing by Jim Bickers, shown without barbed wire fences or guard towers

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

A tri-fold brochure with accompanying letter was recently sent by the Polish-American Foundation President and Chairman of Friends of Oflag 64 (our nonprofit) to all members of the Oflag 64 Family for whom we have street addresses. If you have not received one and would like to, please email us your street address and we will add you to our list.

The letter describes museum efforts that have been made both on the Polish side and on the American side as well as the progress on the museum project to date. The tri-fold describes the mission of the project, information about the Foundation, how to support the project through “Friends”, features two artists renderings of the new museum, and provides a brief description of the museum and its purpose.

Although the pandemic has slowed things down a bit, progress is still being made. The town of Szubin has worked with a Polish architect to create an exciting preliminary design for the museum, artifacts have continued to be donated, and the work is pressing forward.

Educational projects, artifact collection, transport and preservation have been made possible through financial contributions throughout 2020. We expect that to continue. If you haven't done so already, please consider making the museum project part of your annual giving at <https://friendsofotlag64.org/contact-us>.

Museum updates will be sent out in coming weeks through a BULLETIN by the ‘Foundation’ and ‘Friends’, and on a regular basis thereafter. Thanks to all for your support. Looking forward to a healthy and more stable 2021.

Our best to you always,
Elodie/Bill Caldwell
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A Little Company Business

Financial Donations

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



For contributions to the **Postage Fund ONLY** (which not only covers the cost of printing and mailing the ITEM to our remaining Kriegies or their widows, but also pays for running the Oflag 64 website), please make your checks payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, and send them to:

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MARCIA KANNERS
PAM WATERS

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

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

OR

to donate **ONLINE**. Visit the "Friends" website at:
<https://friendsofotlag64.org/cont-act-us>

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

<http://www.szubinpowcamps.org/en/foundation/support-us>

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

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

Thank You!

Researching Records

Researchers working under the name of Oflag 64 Remembered are involved in records research for the future museum. Currently they are creating Kriegy Bios.

If you have a Bio that has already been written about your Kriegy, they would love to have a copy. If not, they can help you create one. To write the Bios, the research group requests Kriegy early-life photos, WWII active-duty photos, later-life photos, as well as stories of capture and camp life. Digital scans of original photos, obituaries, gravestones, other documents, and unit patches or crests will be accepted for writing the Bios.

If you would like to help with writing Bios or researching our Kriegies, please contact me at elodie@oflag64.us. There is always work to do and the researchers would love your help.

Thanks to all who have contributed write-ups to date. They are definitely telling a story and will be great additions to the future museum.

Collecting Artifacts

If you are considering donating artifacts, please contact

Dave Stewart at:

dslvtx@gmail.com and see the donation form at the end of this issue.

If you have already donated via the Artifacts Committee, thank you so much. Descriptions will be written for each of them (with your help regarding information about the artifacts). The artifacts and write-ups will eventually be used in displays in the future museum. Look for artifacts-descriptions being posted on the Friends of Oflag 64, Inc. website at:

<https://friendsofotlag64.org/artifacts>

Check for museum news and other related information being posted on the Foundation website at:

<http://www.szubinpowcamps.org/en/>

Historical Information and Feedback Are Always Welcome

If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM or to post to our "Oflag 64 Remembered" website, please contact me at elodie@oflag64.us.

Digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg or .png format works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan them and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format. Suggestions are always welcome.

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



MAIL CALL



For those who receive the ITEM by US Mail, it has previously been sent to you in black and white. You'll notice from this ITEM, however, that it's in COLOR and on GLOSSY PAPER, thanks to a gift from our print company, Minuteman Press, owner Mike Vorse. We would like to express our gratitude to Mike for this wonderful gift!! Thanks also to Nate Howe and Samantha Lemire for their assistance with printing.

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Kay Godfrey Cruise and her brother Brant Godfrey, children of the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey, wrote in response to an email about information for a bio the Kriegy Research Group was writing on

their dad. Early on, Kay sent a publication by her father which was very helpful. Subsequently, a short bio previously written by Brant was sent. Other information and photos of artifacts were included. (See the Kriegy News and Information section.) *Kay and Brant, thanks for all you have done and sent regarding your dad's bio. The photos were very helpful as well. We look forward to receiving the "compass button" and any other artifacts you're willing to donate in the future.*

Tom Detmers, son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers, recently sent a copy of the bio he wrote on his dad along with photos to accompany it. Additionally, he sent some artifacts which are presently being inventoried and will be shipped to Szubin soon. *Thanks so much, Tom, for the wonderful bio on your dad as well as photos and artifacts which so often have great sentimental value attached to them. Even though it's difficult to part with these mementos, they will live on at the museum and will continue to tell the POWs' stories for years to come.*

David Durgin and siblings Beth, Ann, and Jim, children of the late Kriegy George L. Durgin, in response to our request for MIS-X information as well as biographical information, got together to collect information about their father regarding a bio that the Kriegy Research Group was writing. It's amazing to read their memories of their dad's

experiences. Many are similar to other Kriegy experiences, but many are not. Each Kriegy is so unique. *Thanks very much, Durgin family, for all your help and suggestions along the "biography" path. Looking forward to more photos, military documentation, and artifacts if you have some to share.*

Janet Straight Dye, daughter of the late Kriegy Fay M. Straight, wrote in response to a previous question we had about where Kriegies marched and when, since all didn't end up in the same place. She responded: "My father, Fay M. Straight was marched out of Oflag 64 on January 21, 1945. The group he was with arrived in Luckenwalde on February 20, 1945 by train. He had dysentery and stayed in Luckenwalde until liberated by the Russians in late April (21st, I think) and walked/rode a bicycle to the Allied lines by May 5, 1945." She also commented that she has his War Log which documents the long march, line by line, from January 21, 1945 to February 20, 1945. He entitled it "Diary of Move from Oflag 64". *Janet, information is gladly received no matter when it comes. Thanks for all the information you've shared so far. Would you consider writing your father's bio and donating any of his artifacts? Let us know and we'll fill you in on the process.*



Mark Evans, son of the late Kriegy Warren "Bing" Evans, sent his dad's Wartime Log along with several letters from Warren to his future wife and vice versa. These artifacts are such treasures and we are indebted

to Mark for donating them to the new museum. (See the Kriegy News and Information Section.) Wartime logs, no matter who provided them for the Kriegies during the war, are great historical sources and are cherished by the recipients of the donation. *Mark, we can't thank you enough for your selfless donation to the museum. We will take the utmost care of the donations so that your father's memories live on and on.*

David Glendinning, son of the late John A. Glendinning, in response to our request for his dad's wartime log and diaries, after speaking with his siblings, shared that the family would be

happy to scan the documents (which will be extremely helpful for research) and send the scans, but would like them to be available to a larger base here in the states. *We certainly understand your desire, Glendinning family, to keep the diaries together and to maintain the greatest accessibility possible. Thank you so much for your gracious offer to scan the documents. We look forward to receiving the scans.*

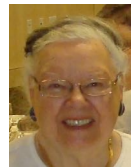
Daniel Habig, son of the late Kriegy Francis M. Habig, wrote to let us know of a documentary on Netflix called WWII in HD narrated by Gary Sinise. Season 7's episode features Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya who was captured in France in October 1944 and transferred to Oflag 64. The documentary showed original video footage of several of the prisoners of the camp and described the forced march in January 1945. Some may remember this when it first came out, but it's always a pleasure watching these documentaries again. *Thanks so much, Daniel, for sharing this information with us. Our Kriegies deserve the great recognition they receive through documentaries such as these. We hope others will be able to access these episodes as well.*

Ann Hart-Otterbein, daughter-in-law of the late Kriegy Louis Otterbein, wrote with updates on her family and also about the video disc she received from David Palluconi. David's dad, Amelio Palluconi, and Louis Otterbein shared some of the same experiences during the war. It's great when "Kriegy Kids" can likewise share experiences with one another that relate to their dads. *Ann, thanks so much for your updates. Hope everyone is staying well. Congratulations on your new grandson, by the way!*



Warren Jones, son of the late Kriegy Charles L. Jones, wrote that he is a retired court reporter but still has skills to transcribe documents from audio sources and would be glad to help transcribe videos for the Foundation. That was exceptionally wonderful news to hear, especially as it relates to the process of creating Polish subtitles for English videos of our Kriegies. With his skill, turnaround time will be reduced significantly. Mariusz, who is heading the subtitles project, is most grateful for this service. *Warren, we couldn't be more thrilled and thankful for your generous offer and*

for what you've contributed already. We hope you don't overdo and that you are able to take care of your other projects as well.



Marcia Kanners, widow of the late Kriegy Victor Kanners, sent a Postage Fund check by way of her daughter Marilyn Beckham. Marcia attended our reunions for many years even after Victor passed away. She turned 100 this past Thanksgiving Day. *Marcia, thank you for your Postage Fund check. Much appreciated. And CONGRATULATIONS on 100 years. What a milestone!!*



Anne Hoskot Kreutzer, daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel R. Hoskot, sent a newspaper photo/caption she found in her dad's belongings. Interestingly, it was a photo of John Glendinning alongside a photo of the No. 1 beauty in a contest conducted at Oflag 64. (See the Kriegy News and Information Section.) The beauty's photo graced the cover of "The Item" which was published by Kriegies at the camp. The Glendinning family was contacted about the photo. David Glendinning said he has a similar clip and even the original 8 x 10 photo that was used by the news outlets. *Anne, what a great find. Thanks for sharing this memento with us. Interesting that our Kriegies kept things relating to other Kriegies. We hope you'll donate it to the museum.*



Dennis Lennon, son of the late Kriegy Woodrow W. Lennon, after reading the last ITEM about the occasional absence of Kriegy information on our website, wrote to let us know that his father's name was not listed in the database. We have since been able to gather the data and add the information to the database and TAPS lists. Dennis also mentioned that he has the daily log his father kept of the journey back into Germany with kilometers marched, places stayed, type of weather and daily rations provided. *Thanks very much, Dennis, for sending your father's information. We know that some Kriegies, depending on their arrival date at Oflag 64 especially within two weeks of the long march, were not listed on some rosters, so without the help from families, we might never become aware of missing names. Regarding your father's daily log, we would love to have scanned copies of it or*

the actual log for the future museum. If your family would consider donating it, the Foundation would be most grateful. We would also be interested to know if you would like to write a bio for your dad.



John R. Rodgers, Sr., Kriegy, was interviewed a while back by the Witness to War program and subsequently shared the video of his interview with us. With permission from the Witness to War organization, it was uploaded to our website. It was likewise of great interest to the Polish-American Foundation who also received permission from the Witness to War organization to edit the video and provide Polish subtitles in preparation for the future museum. Subtitles have since been added and the video has been posted to the Foundation's YouTube Channel. (See the "Foundation" News Section.) Additionally, John has sent the Kriegy Research Group a great deal of information for creating a bio for him. Kriegy bios are being created for use in the future museum. *Thanks so much, John, for your continued help and for all the information you have shared over time. You have an amazing story to tell and it is a pleasure to share it with the Foundation as they prepare for displays and exhibits in the museum.*

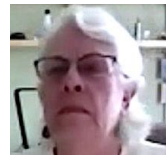


Ted Roggen, Kriegy, keeps in touch either by phone call or letter from time to time. AT NEARLY 103, he keeps busy each day. He and his wife Sydney are doing well but like most of us are staying home most of the time. I was recently a recipient of a very delicious gift from Ted. *Thank you very much, Ted, for your thoughtful gift which my family and I enjoyed very much. Thanks also for keeping in touch. It's always a pleasure hearing from you. Stay well!!*

Carrie Seringer and her sisters Pat Grove and Kathy Stokes, daughters of the late Kriegy Joseph E. Seringer, Jr., in response to our request for MIS-X information and a bio on their dad, sent us a copy of Joe's memoirs entitled "My Saga". *Thanks so much, Seringer family, for being willing to share your dad's story with us. Each one, although similar to others, is unique and helps to tell the whole story.*

Jaine Herring Summers, daughter of the late Kriegy Clyde E. Herring, recently contacted the Artifacts Committee about donating her father's

WWII jacket. It was definitely worn at Oflag 64, but has an interesting story attached as patches and buttons on the jacket are from different countries. In subsequent weeks the jacket was received by the Artifacts Committee and is currently being prepared for shipment to Szubin. (See the Kriegy News and Information Section.) *Thanks so much, Jaine, for sharing your father's treasure with us. We're always very interested in the stories the artifacts tell which, in turn, help put together a more complete Kriegy story.*



Anne Meltesen Trujillo along with her siblings, Lynne, Gayle and Jay who are children of the late Kriegy Clarence R. Meltesen, wrote a wonderful bio on their dad, complete with photos. Additionally, they included a photo of a map, which was done by Anne's brother-in-law, showing each stop made on the long march. (See the Kriegy News and Information Section.) Separately, Anne has joined the Kriegy Research Group bio-writing team. Some of you may hear from her in the future. *Thanks, Meltesen siblings for the amazing bio on your dad and for including the map, which will be extremely helpful to many in seeing where the Kriegies marched and how far between stops, etc. We welcome Anne with open arms to the research group and look forward to more of her great writing skills.*

Gordon Valentine, grandson of the late Kriegy John L. Peyton, previously sent a photo of his grandfather with his Armored Regiment. Since then, we have been in communication a few times and Gordon has agreed to write a bio on his grandfather. *Thanks, Gordon, for so willingly agreeing to write your grandfather's bio. There is much to learn from our Kriegy POWs. We hope the bio examples we sent have been or will be helpful to you. We look forward to receiving the bio when completed.*

Pam Waters, daughter of the late Kriegy Bertrum A. Wheeler, sent a donation to the Postage Fund for a copy of the "John K. Waters Story" along with a great link to her father's 9th Infantry Division webpage. Please take a moment to learn about another one of our great Kriegies. <https://9thinfantrydivision.net/bertrum-a-wheeler/> *Pam, thank you very much for sending us this great link. Thanks likewise for your Postage Fund check. You'll enjoy the book!*

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to Bret Job, our Oflag 64 Treasurer, for "keeping the books". We appreciate his commitment and willingness to managing the Oflag 64 Postage Fund.

Deposits reflect personal check donations from Oflag 64 Family members to the Postage Fund.

Withdrawals in red reflect the cost of printing and mailing the ITEM each quarter, miscellaneous mailings, as well as the expense of keeping the Oflag 64 Remembered website up and running.

	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Jan 1 2020	\$4,070.69		\$391.85	\$3,678.84
Feb 1 2020	\$3,678.84	\$30.00		\$3,708.84
Mar 1 2020	\$3,708.84	\$0.00		\$3,708.84
Apr 1 2020	\$3,708.84	\$0.00	\$329.24	\$3,379.60
May 1 2020	\$3,379.60	\$0.00		\$3,379.60
Jun 1 2020	\$3,379.60	\$25.00		\$3,404.60
Jul 1 2020	\$3,404.60	\$100.00		\$3,504.60
Aug 1 2020	\$3,504.60	\$200.00	\$201.37	\$3,503.23
Sep 1 2020	\$3,503.23	\$50.00		\$3,553.23
Oct 1 2020	\$3,553.23	\$115.99	\$406.21	\$3,263.01
Dec 1 2020	\$3,263.01			\$3,263.01
		\$520.99	\$1,328.67	

Kriegy News and Information



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



to our great **KRIEGY PATRIOTS AND HEROES**



Ed Graf
January 7 – Age 99



John R. Rodgers, Sr.
February 9 – Age 98

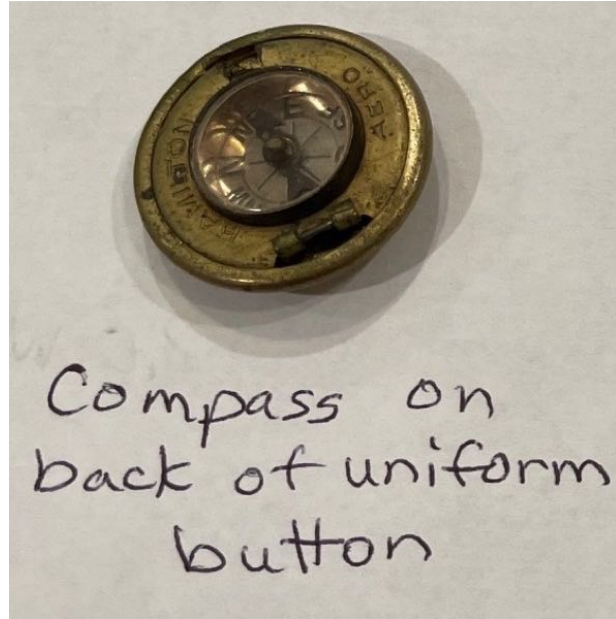
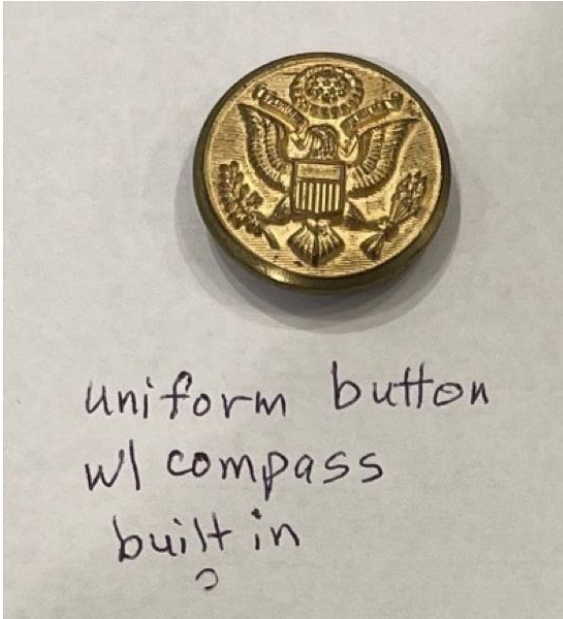


Ted Roggen
February 22 – Age 103

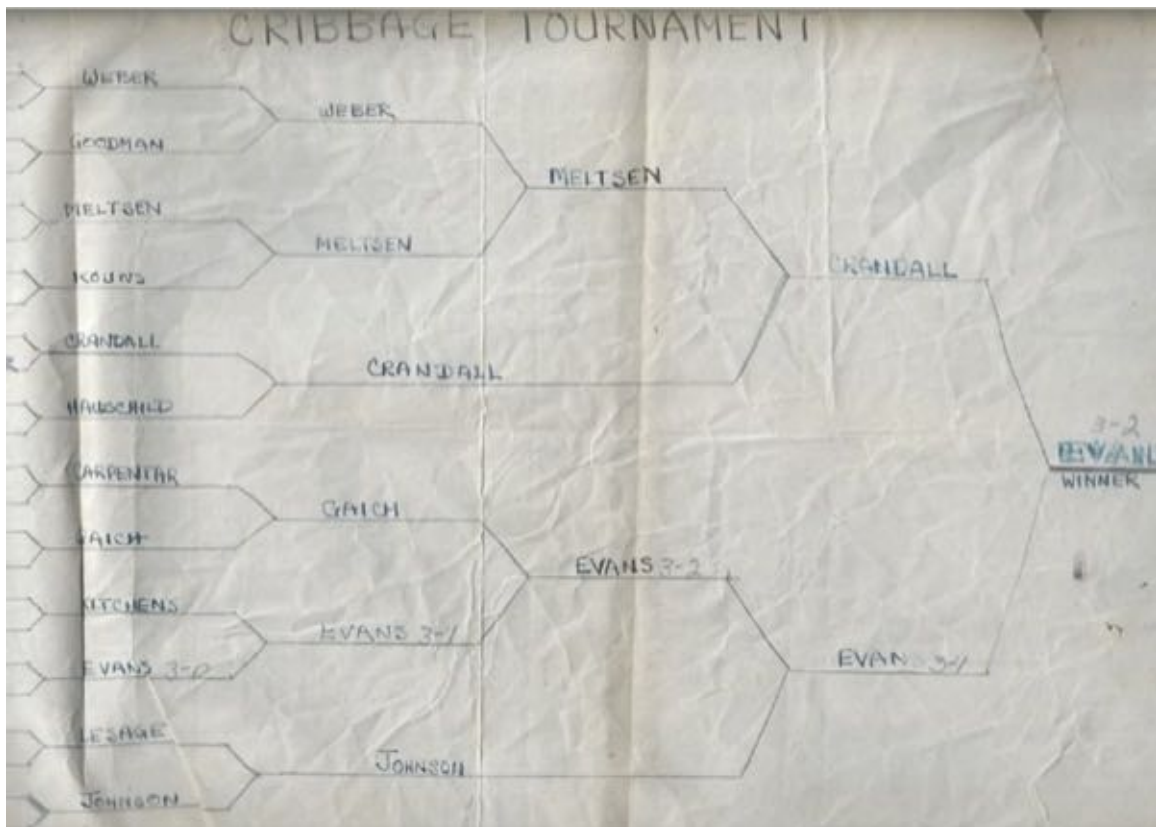
We wish you all the very best!!

Artifact Updates

These photos were sent by Kay Godfrey Cruise and her brother Brant Godfrey. The compass buttons were to be used as escape aids when possible and were from one of the uniforms worn by their father, the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey. Kay and her brother are donating the button to the museum. Kriegy James T. Godfrey wrote his own explanation of the cigarette boxes shown below.



Mark Evans, son of the late Kriegy Warren Evans, recently donated various artifacts, including his father's wartime log, to the new museum in Szubin. In the log was a record of a cribbage tournament showing Warren as the winner. You may recognize other Kriegy names as well. Playbills, photos, track meet programs, a calendar marking off days in camp, original ITEMS, a drawing of Warren at Luckenwalde, and a script for "Midwinter Melodies" in which Warren had a role, were some of the other things included.





SHE'S PINE-UP QUEEN AT PW / CAMP—Friend of Lt. John E. Glendinning, prisoner of war at Camp Oflag 64, somewhere in Germany, Nancy Reid, Evanston, Ill., has been picked as the No. 1 beauty in a contest conducted at the camp. Her picture graces the cover of "The Item," monthly magazine published by captive Americans at the camp. The photo of Lieutenant Glendinning was made by the Germans and sent by the officer to his mother, Mrs. Richard E. Glendinning, New York. (International Photo.)

This newspaper photo was found among the late Kriegy Nathaniel R. Hoskot's mementos and was sent to us by his daughter, Anne. The Glendinning family reports that they have the original.



This jacket, which was worn at Oflag 64 by the late Kriegy Clyde E. Herring, was sent by his daughter, Jaine, and will soon be shipped to Szubin.



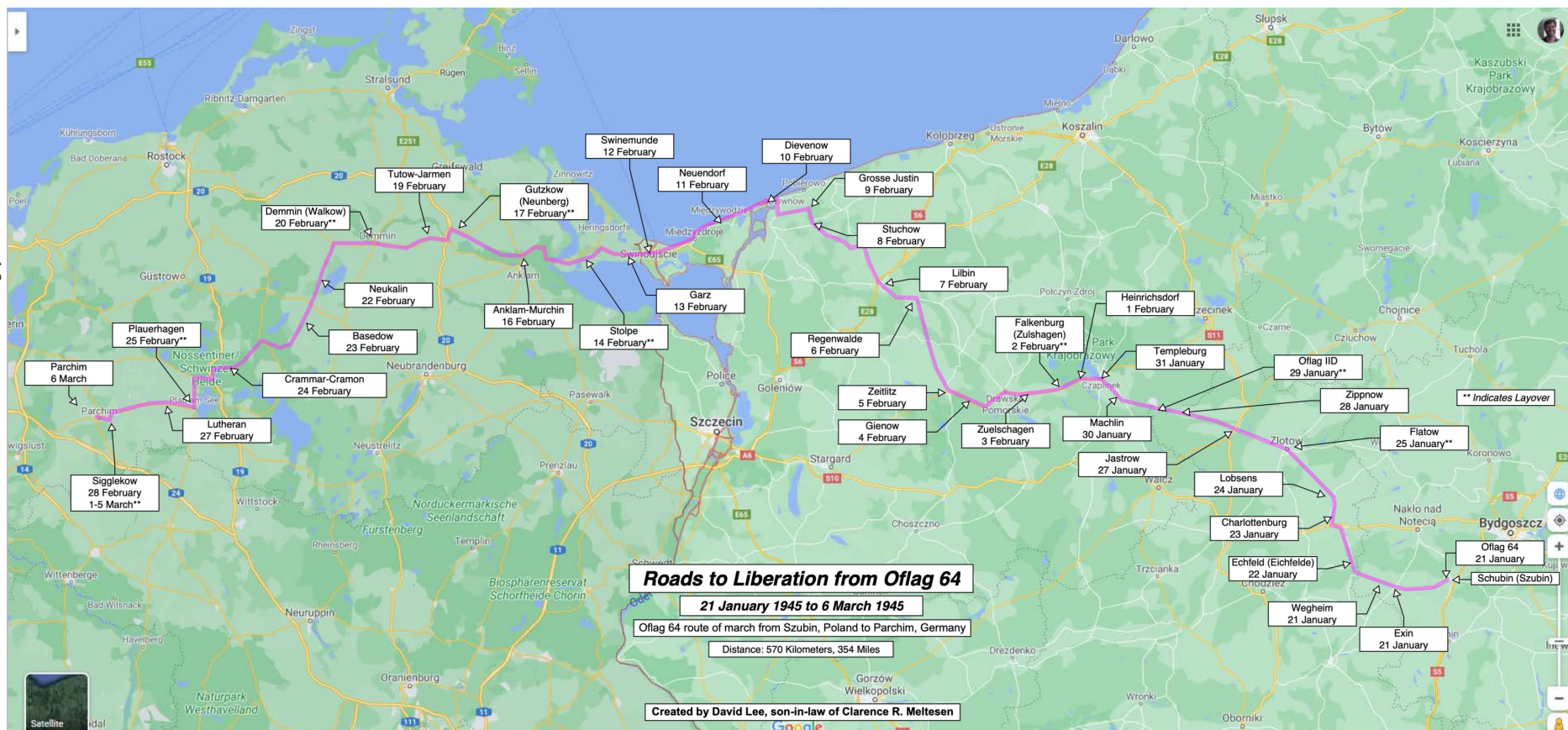
This German Field M31 Mess Tin Canteen, used by the late Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya at Oflag 64, was donated by his widow, Lynn, and is now in Szubin.



This knapsack was handstitched by the late Kriegy H. Randolph Holder in preparation for an "escape". It was donated by the Holder family and is now in Szubin.

The children of the late Kriegy, Clarence R. Meltesen, recently finished writing a bio on their dad. This amazing march map was created by David Lee, a son-in-law, showing the march route and how many stops and days in between each stop.

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The following narrative and photos were provided for us by Lucy Lussenden following her 2005 trip to retrace her husband Don's steps along the path of "The Long, Cold March". Photos of town names appear before the photos of barns, churches, train stations etc. at each town. Photos begin in Mecklenburg and end in Hammelburg with a view of Hammelburg hill just before the last photo of the train station. See additional photos and larger versions at: <http://www.oflag64.us/lussenden-long-march-trip.html>

THE LONG MARCH REVISITED - 2005

by Lucy Lussenden

I have long wanted to visit the villages where Don and the other men of Oflag 64 spent their nights on the march during the winter of 1945. Don described the crowded and uncomfortable sleeping arrangements in barns and various other buildings. My wish became possible when the former East Germany became part of the reunited country again.

In June 2005, my friend, Charlene, and I rented a car in Berlin and drove north towards the Polish border at the Oder River near Swinemünde. We did not want to venture into Poland. Prior to leaving home, we plotted an approximate plan of travel. We hoped that we would find locals who remembered those difficult days and the American POWs.

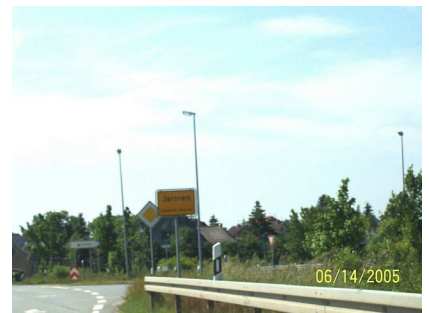
Garz was the first village we visited, and as far east as we drove. From there, we followed the March route and photographed barns, churches and other buildings where we thought the POWs had likely spent their nights. We missed only a couple of villages along the way between Garz and Parchim.

We observed that very little development had occurred in this area of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern during the 40 plus years of Communism. We felt that this was to our advantage, because we were able to capture the buildings in photographs much the way they probably looked when the POWs were there. The only improvements we found were where people had "cleaned up, fixed up, and painted up" their hotels, restaurants, and homes. The main roads and autobahns were in excellent condition, no doubt having been improved since being reunited with the West.

Wherever we drove, we saw very few people. Everyone seemed to be keeping a low profile and staying out of sight. Maybe this is a habit developed for survival under the old regime! The people we did see and stopped to talk with were too young to remember anything about the war--except for one man in his sixties, but who looked to be much older. We saw him standing on a corner outside of town and thought he would be our "likely candidate." We pulled alongside, rolled down our window, and asked if he spoke English. Imagine our surprise when he slapped his knee and, with a big smile on his face said, "Goddammit! Goddammit!" We don't think he ever expected to hear someone speaking English. It seems he had grown up in Chicago, after having been born in Germany. Eventually he and his parents moved back to Germany, where he was "stuck" and not able to return to the States. So, he was not there at the end of the war and was no help to us at all. We sure did get a big laugh out of that encounter!

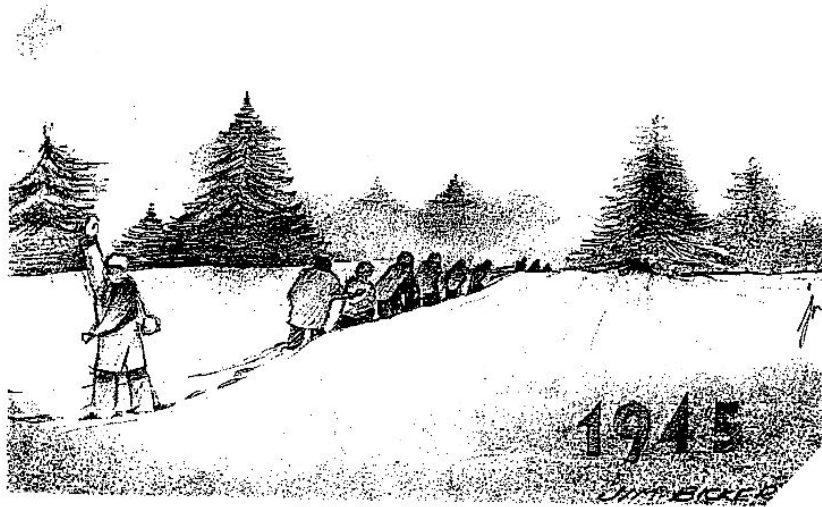
We visited Hammelburg during the "Bonnfest," festival. Peter Domes met us and showed us an impressive special display of the route taken by Abe Baum and his Task Force, and the resulting battle in the Task Force's effort to free the American POWs at Oflag XIII-B.







Long, Cold March drawing by the late Kriegy Jim Bickers



TAPS



Over the last year we have learned of the deaths of the following Kriegy Patriots and Heroes. We mourn their passing and honor them for their great service and sacrifice during WWII.

- 1970 Elmer Childers
- 1981 Henry J. Weintraub
- 1982 Robert T. Hazlett
- 1985 David E. Crocker
- 1994 Woodrow W. Lennon
- 1995 John R. Martin
- 1997 Anthony L. Vetrano
- 1998 James C. Young
- 1999 Francis M. Habig
- 1999 Jerome Jacobs
- 2001 Robert J. Rankin
- 2003 Robert E. Davis
- 2007 Wilfred M. Boucher
- 2008 Louis J. DiBella
- 2008 George M. Muehlbauer
- 2012 George Myron
- 2013 Mervin G. Danielson
- 2017 Lloyd Martin Jones
- 2018 Anthony J. DeSanto
- 2019 Joseph F. Barrett
- 2020 Henry M. Desmond
- 2020 Rocco P. Pravidica

Valentine on May 17, 1975 in Rockford Illinois. A longtime member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church and the Eagles Club, Rocco also enjoyed fishing, golfing and was a big Notre Dame and Packers fan. He was a very intelligent and humble man, every person Rocco met he treated as a friend.

He will be missed by those who loved him most, his wife of 45 years, Lois; his son, Martin (Sue) Pravidica; his daughter-in-law, Colleen Pravidica; his stepsons, Luke Cannella and Marc (Cindy) Cannella; grandchildren, Eric (Kelsey), Denise, Danette (Dan), Kiera (Daren), Bianca (Chris) and Nicolas; his great-grandchildren, Nora, Eamon, Jake, Cade, Brynne, Kamryn, Keaton and Bronson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and son, Dennis Pravidica.

Funeral Mass for Rocco will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 2400 Bell Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61103. Burial at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to be established at a later date. To send online condolences, please visit www.fitzgeraldfh.com See more at: <https://www.fitzgeraldfh.com/obituaries/Rocco-P-Pravidica?obld=18801688>

Rocco P. Pravidica

1921 ~ 2020



Rocco P. Pravidica, 99, passed away on October 30, 2020 surrounded by loving family. Born September 22, 1921 in Centerville, Iowa he was son to John and Elizabeth (Sacco). He also had three siblings, Elizabeth, John and Charlie. A 1939 graduate of Centerville High School, he spent some time at Indian Hills Community College before joining the US Army. Rocco ended up being a Prisoner of War for 27 months in Germany before being able to come home to the United States. He married Lois

Kriegy Widows

Winifred L. Ball

1919 ~ 2019



Winifred Lloyd Ball, of Tryon, North Carolina died Saturday, May 23, 2020 in the Hospice of the Carolina Foothills in Forest City, North Carolina. Winifred celebrated her 100th birthday on Thanksgiving Day, 2019.

The daughter of Willard and Winifred Lennon Lloyd, Winifred was born and raised in Yonkers,

New York where she graduated from Gorton High School. Winifred was married to the late James A. Ball, also of Yonkers. The couple lived in many locations as Jim was a career Army officer.

Prior to her move to North Carolina, Win and Jim lived in Califon, New Jersey. Win was the first lady of Califon when Jim served as Mayor there. After Jim's death, Win moved to Tryon. She did live in Connecticut for a few years, but when she returned to Tryon, friends were glad to welcome her "home". Win enjoyed many activities including visiting local places of interest, acting in original plays written by other residents, and becoming an expert at Rummy Cube!

Win was the matriarch of many generations of Lennon cousins who were so proud to be her family. The family is truly grateful to her caregivers, Mary Ann Sain and Loretta Smith and all those who lovingly cared for her from Hospice and St. John the Baptist Church where she was a member.

Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Yonkers, New York. Contributions can be made to charity of your choice in the name of Winifred L. Ball.

See more at:

<https://www.tryondailybulletin.com/2020/05/26/winifred-lloyd-ball/>

Edith E. Edsall

1919 ~ 2020



Edith E. Edsall, 101, of Piqua, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at the Dorothy Love Retirement Community.

She was born Jan. 8, 1919, in Miami County to the late Lester J. and Ethel (Anthony) Morrow. She married her high school sweetheart, Lester K. Edsall Nov. 2, 1941, in Piqua, he preceded her in death May 28, 2017. Survivors include a son, Kenneth (Mary Anne) Edsall, of Circleville; two daughters, Karen (late Raymond) Hipsher, of Hilliard, and Nancy (Richard) Paul, of Columbus;

five grandchildren, Allison (Jason) Alexander, Aaron (Inna) Edsall, Melanie (expecting 10/20) Edsall (Luke) Schumacher, Courtney (Mike) Van Voorhis, Lindsay (Greg) Kaps; and eight great-grandchildren, Anneliese Alexander, Blake Alexander, Kaitlyn Alexander, Maxim Edsall, Kostya Edsall, Dorian Van Voorhis, Finn Van Voorhis and Evelyn Van Voorhis. She was preceded in death by a sister, Irma White.

Mrs. Edsall was a 1937 graduate of Piqua Central High School, worked at Troy Sunshade Company for a few years and was a wonderful seamstress and homemaker. She was a member of the Lewis-Boyer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, First Families of Miami County, ABC Mothers Club, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 320 where she served as its Worthy Matron, and life member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church having been a descendant of Richard Morrow who was one of the 1816 Charter members of the Church. She was a giving person as evidenced by her volunteer work with the local Meals on Wheels program, Rehabilitation Center for Neurological Development, the Red Cross Gray Ladies for forty-five years and the Auxiliaries' of Piqua Memorial Hospital and Upper Valley Medical Center.

A service to honor her life will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at the Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home with the Rev. Todd Allen officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Private burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 325 W. Ash St., Piqua, OH 45356, Piqua Education Foundation, P. O. Box 201, Piqua, OH 45356 or the Rehabilitation Center for Neurological Development, 1306 Garbry Rd., Piqua, OH 45356.

Guestbook condolences and expressions of sympathy, to be provided to the family, may be expressed through jamiesonandyannucci.com. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

See more at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sidneydailynews/obituary.aspx?n=edith-edsall&pid=196817573&fhid=17947>

Betty Marable

1926 ~ 2020



Betty Lou Lewis Marable, 94, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 3, 2020. A service to celebrate her life will be held in January at a date and time to be posted on the Wilkison-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home website. The service will be livestreamed at www.WHBfamily.com.

Betty was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma, and grew up with her twin sister, two other sisters, and two brothers in Illinois, Oregon, Alabama, and Oklahoma. During World War II, she sang in "The Lewis Trio," which broke up in 1946, when she married Paul Davis Marable, Jr., a recently liberated prisoner of war – although she never stopped singing. Betty and Paul sang together for many years in the First Methodist Church Choir and in the Baylor Singing Seniors.

In addition to singing and leading Bible study groups, Sunday school classes, and Girl Scout troops, and speaking to Stonecroft Ministries groups from Alaska to Florida, Betty was an accomplished composer, painter, gardener, cook, seamstress, furniture-maker, upholsterer, and rock wall builder. She designed and oversaw the construction of both houses her four children grew up in and could pack a car trunk so adroitly that only she could repack it. She was beautiful - and her outward beauty was matched by a purity of soul and a strength of faith that inspired everyone who knew her. Of all her many gifts, her greatest one was love.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Davis Marable, Jr., in 2013; her parents; and her six brothers and sisters, including a sister who died four days before she did.

Survivors include her four children, Betty Sue Marable Flowers of New York City; Paul Davis Marable III of Valley Mills, Texas; Linda Ruth Marable Murdock of Buda, Texas; and Robert Lewis Marable of Austin, Texas; as well as ten grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Paul D. Marable, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund at McLennan Community College Foundation. The family

invites you to leave a message or memory on our "Tribute Wall" at www.WHBfamily.com

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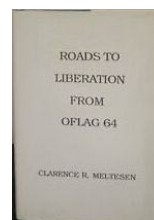
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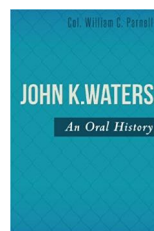
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Lynne Meltesen, daughter of the late Kriegy Clarence Meltesen, has sent us a few more copies of his fantastic resource book, **"Roads to Liberation"**. If you would like a copy, please contact Elodie at elodie@oflag64.us. We have also learned that Cindy Burgess has several copies. Contact her at: cindy.burgess@szubinpowcamps.org (Thank you Meltesen family for this service.)




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

Polish-American Foundation News

The screen shot below precedes the video interview of John R. Rodgers, Sr., one of our Kriegies, who shared his war experiences with the Witness to War project. The interview has been edited to include only those portions that deal with John's experiences when captured, while in captivity, and following the evacuation of Oflag 64 in January 1945. The excerpt is used with permission from the Witness to War project as well as from John himself. [Check it out on the Foundation's YouTube channel at: https://youtu.be/voJRYspigaA](https://youtu.be/voJRYspigaA) The video is in English but the subtitles are in Polish. Thanks to Mariusz and his translating team for making this possible.




<http://www.szubinpowcamps.org/en/>



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Separately, but related, Veteran's History Project videos will eventually become available for viewing as well. The project has given us permission to post them once we have consent from the Kriegies themselves or from the next of kin. If your Kriegy family member has a Veteran's History Project video, please let us know. If you haven't already signed permission for its use, please contact me at: elodie@oflag64.us



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