

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

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## SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Site of the 2013 Oflag 64 Reunion, September 19-22



Dear Oflag 64 Family,

Great things are in store for everyone at the Oflag 64 Reunion to be held in Seattle this September. Lynn Kanaya with the assistance of Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., is working tirelessly to provide a great reunion experience for each of us. We greatly appreciate their efforts.

On the next few pages you will find a registration form, a reunion schedule, banquet and hotel reservation information, etc. Please pay attention to deadline dates and information relating to special accommodation needs.

We're looking forward to seeing as many Kriegies and their families as possible this year. As with our previous reunions, this will be a reunion you won't want to miss.

You can also access reunion information on our website, including a registration form, information about the banquet, hotel reservations, and the reunion schedule. Go to [www.oflag64.us](http://www.oflag64.us) and click on the Reunion Blog page.

Looking forward to seeing you in September. Please contact me at the contact addresses on this page if you have questions.

Best Regards,  
*Elodie Caldwell*, ITEM Editor  
(Daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth)



## OFLAG 64 ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.afr-reg.com/oflag2013](http://www.afr-reg.com/oflag2013) (3% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 16, 2013. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: OFLAG 64**

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

<b>CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/16/13</b>	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b><u>TOURS</u></b>			
FRIDAY: SEATTLE CITY TOUR	\$40		\$
SATURDAY: NORTHWEST TREK TOUR	\$53		\$
<b><u>BANQUET</u></b>			
SATURDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			\$
Grilled Top Sirloin	\$38		\$
Lemon Seared Salmon	\$38		\$
Vegetarian	\$38		\$
<b><u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u></b>			
Covers various reunion expenses	\$50		\$
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT YOUR NAMETAG TO READ**

KREGIE NAME (for nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)*

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).  YES  NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES  NO  ARE YOU FLYING?  DRIVING?  RV?

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays)**. Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.afr-reg.com/oflag2013](http://www.afr-reg.com/oflag2013)

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SEATTLE AIRPORT – SOUTHCENTER  
(206-575-8220) use GROUP CODE: OFL**

The Doubletree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport is an all suites hotel located at 16500 Southcenter Parkway Seattle, Washington 98188. Call the hotel for accurate driving directions. The hotel is located 3 miles from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

At the Doubletree by Hilton Seattle Airport, each guest room offers guests a modern and contemporary room with amenities that will make them feel right at home. Some of the amenities include high speed internet access, flat screen television, refrigerator, coffee maker with complimentary coffee/tea, iron with ironing board and a hairdryer. The complimentary indoor pool and health club facilities offer guests the opportunity to exercise, relax and unwind. The hotel also offers two Racquetball Courts, a Sauna and a Spa Tub. **Cyber Café**, opens at 5:30am, is a great place to start your day off with either coffee, espresso drinks, pastries, fruit and more. **Northwest Landing Restaurant**, is a full service restaurant for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Atrium Lounge/Bar**, is a perfect place for guests to relax in the evening and grab a signature drink. Room service is available from 6:00am-11:00pm. The hotel offers handicapped accessible rooms, which are based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation.

Hotel check-in is at 3:00pm; check-out is at 12:00 noon. Complimentary self-parking is offered to guests. Valet is unavailable. The hotel also offers complimentary airport shuttle to and from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The complimentary Sea-Tac Airport Shuttle Service runs 24 hours. Guests should call the hotel when they arrive at the waiting areas at Island # 1 or Island # 3 only. This is located one floor above baggage claim. **Important note:** Be sure to get on the smaller shuttle van for the DoubleTree at Southcenter, and not the large buses for the DoubleTree at the airport. **Our vans are 11 passenger vans with the #3 posted in the window.** **NOTE: OUR SHUTTLE IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO TAKE YOU TO LOCATIONS WITHIN A 2-MILE RADIUS OF HOTEL. REQUEST YOUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AT FRONT DESK.**

For RV hookup service, Bryn Mawr Beach RV Park, offers full hookup and is located approximately 7 miles from the hotel. Please call (206) 772-3064 or visit <http://www.brynmawrbeachrvpark.com> for reservations, information or directions.

Should you require a wheelchair ScootAround rents wheelchairs. Please call (888) 441-7575 for information and to make any reservations.

\*\*\*\*\* CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL \*\*\*\*\*

**OFLAG 64 ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATIONS  
REUNION DATES: SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2013**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM DEP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ROOMS NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair accessible room \_\_\_\_\_

King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Double Beds \_\_\_\_\_ Bed types are not guaranteed

**RATE:** \$114 + tax (currently 12.4%) Single/Double Rate \$124 + tax (Triple Rate) \$134 + tax (Quad Rate)

**CUT OFF DATE:** 08/23/13. Reservations received after this date will be processed on a space available basis, at the prevailing public rate. Rate is offered 3 days before and after reunion date, subject to availability.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 24 hrs in advance of arrival date. Record your cancellation number. Call (206)575-8220

**GUARANTEE:** Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ AMERICAN EXPRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Doubletree by Hilton Seattle Airport, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188 Attn: Reservations  
Or Visit [www.seattle.doubletree.com](http://www.seattle.doubletree.com) and Use Group Code OFL

**OFLAG 64**  
**SEPTEMBER 19 – 22, 2013**  
**DOUBLETREE SEATTLE AIRPORT/SOUTHCENTER – SEATTLE, WA**

**Thursday, September 19**

6:00am – 11:00am Complimentary Breakfast available at hotel  
 3:00pm – 7:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**

**Friday, September 20**

6:00am – 11:00am Complimentary Breakfast available at hotel  
 9:00am – 10:00am **Reunion Registration Open**  
 9:00am – 10:00am **BUSINESS MEETING**  
 10:30am – 4:30pm **SEATTLE CITY TOUR** (description follows)

**Saturday, September 21**

6:00am – 11:00am Complimentary Breakfast available at hotel  
 9:30am – 3:00pm **NORTHWEST TREK TOUR** (description follows)  
 6:00pm Cash Bar  
 7:00pm – 11:00pm Banquet served

**Sunday, September 22**

6:00am – 11:00am Complimentary Breakfast available at hotel  
 9:00am – 10:00am Remembrance and Farewell Gathering  
 11:00am Hotel check-out



**SEATTLE CITY TOUR**

Known as the Emerald City, Seattle's fascinating tour will highlight the international district, named for its cultural diversity; Pioneer Square; the Space Needle and a stop at the famed salmon ladders. A visit to Pike Place Market is a must and then it is off to lunch. Enjoy lunch on your own and browsing the market and shops of Seattle's popular waterfront. We will visit the Nisei Veteran's Committee following lunch, and before returning to the hotel, make a quick stop at the Klondike Gold Rush Museum.

**10:30am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel**  
**\$40/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.**

**NORTHWEST TREK**

Sit back and enjoy the drive to the Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. The park spans 635 acres, ranging from meadows to forests, from swamps to rocky ridges. The unique exhibits and the free-roaming area concept have been embraced not only by visitors but also by the professional zoological community. After some free time in the Visitors Center and Gift Shop, climb aboard a tram for a sixty minute, naturalist-guided tour. Delight in the beauty of the terrain and the wildlife that roams freely within its boundaries, including bison, bighorn sheep, and caribou to name a few. You may also see wolves, grizzlies, cougars, birds of prey, and wetland dwellers, all in their natural habitat. After the tram tour, proceed to Fir Bough Café for lunch on your own.

**9:30am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel**  
**\$53/Person includes bus, escort and tram ride. Lunch on your own.**

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area (in front of the hotel) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.  
 All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$15 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.



**For your free time on your own, consider some of the following Seattle tour attractions.**

Please note, coordination of these tours are “on your own” and transportation, guides and meals are not included.

**MUSEUM OF FLIGHT**



The independent, non-profit Museum of Flight is one of the largest air and space museums in the world, attracting more than 400,000 visitors annually. The Museum’s collection includes more than 150 historically significant air- and spacecraft, as well as the Red Barn®—the original manufacturing facility of The Boeing Co. The Museum’s aviation and space library and archives are the largest on the West Coast.

Contact information: 9404 East Marginal Way S Seattle, WA; 206.764.5720 Price: Adults \$18; Seniors (65+) \$15

**TILLICUM VILLAGE**



Begin your 4-hour escape with a narrated cruise from downtown Seattle, Pier 55 to Blake Island State Park. Upon arrival to Tillicum Village, you are greeted with steamed clams in nectar. Make your way into the longhouse and watch as whole salmon are cooked in a traditional Northwest Coast Indian style. Enjoy a fabulous salmon buffet meal followed by a show that highlights the Coast Salish tribes through storytelling and symbolism. Afterward, you’ll have free time to explore the grounds and gift shop before returning to Seattle.

Contact information: 1101 Alaskan Way Pier 55, Suite 201 Seattle, WA 98101; 206.623.1445 Price: Adults \$79.95; Seniors (65+) \$72.95



# MAIL CALL



**JOHN ALBREE from Columbus NC** (LTC, Ret, USA, aide to General Waters, and friend of Oflag 64) wrote: "Today I received an email from a friend telling me that Doolittle's Raiders are not going to have any more reunions. They have run out of attendees. It made me think, how many OFLAG 64 alumni are still living? What was the total number of US POWs in OFLAG 64? By way of unrelated information, John sent a video of him taken after he got his 5<sup>th</sup> hole-in-one since October 2011, at age 84. *Thanks, John, for writing and letting us know about the Doolittle Raiders. It's said to see the Greatest Generation passing away. To our knowledge there are about 125 of the original approximately 1500 still living. Congratulations on your golfing achievements.*

**EILEEN BAUM from San Diego** (widow of the late Kriegy Abe Baum) sent a nice thank you note following the passing of Abe. She wrote: "Thank you for your kind thoughts and support during this difficult time. It meant a lot to me." *Thank you, Eileen, for your sweet card. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**DENNIS P. BROWN** (relative of the late Kriegy Lloyd A. Brown and a new Oflag 64 family member) wrote: "The following individual passed away on 25 May, 1998 in San Jose, California.

Brown, Lloyd A, 1st Lt  
Unit:  
Division: 2nd Inf Div  
Captured: 11 June 1944  
Date of Arrival:  
Where Captured: France  
Departure: Luckenwald  
Camp: Oflag 64

Thank you for updating your records. And thank you for keeping them. *Thanks, Dennis, for your updates and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We appreciate hearing of changes that need to be made so we can keep our information current.*

**FRANCES M. BUCK from Henderson NV** (daughter of the late Kriegy Frederic Marks) sent a donation to the Postage Fund and asked about obtaining a copy of the PBS documentary on Oflag 64. She wrote: "I've failed in my efforts to find it. My two daughters and I are quite interested. I spoke to my stepbrother, who apparently has the pictures, telegrams, and newspaper articles my dad had. He is going to try to scan them. I will send them to you, if he succeeds. My memories of those pictures were that they were in

the camp, of injured soldiers, both German and American, and a couple of the prisoners eating Red Cross chocolate." In a separate email she commented that the Oflag 64 DVD was very interesting and thanked us for sending it. She said it elucidated a lot. *Thank you, Frances, for your thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. We appreciate the great support. We're also happy we could send you the Oflag 64 DVD.*

**T. J. BUGG from West Chester OH** (son of Kriegy Thomas J. Bugg, Jr.) wrote regarding the passing of one of our Kriegy Heroes: "Where it is not my place to make you or the OFLAG group aware of the passing of another great hero; I did want you to know that I was made aware of the passing of **Edwin James (Jim) Betts** earlier this morning (April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013) in Clifton Texas. His daughter Jeanie had made me aware by a short note in the early a.m. today. I believe Jim was 1 month shy of turning 96. She and her sisters Janice and Jo Ann have kept contact with me over the years. The connection to me was that I had sought out and found her father as he was connected to us by OFLAG 64 notices and he, and one other man, had shared the entire march of 350+ miles together in 1945 with my Dad, **Thomas J. Bugg, Jr.**; depending on each other for survival during that arduous forced march. Either their family will provide an obituary in the coming days or I will find one and send it to you, but for now it has been a very sad day for me. I had enjoyed chatting with Jim over the years and getting to know him and the stories he told about Dad and even my Mom from back in the 1944-1946 time frame while they had served together. Prayers to them and their family during this most difficult time and a salute and thank you for Jim's selfless service and sacrifice to our country! May God Bless him always and forever as well as all the other "Kriegys". Humbly, T.J." Additionally, he wrote: "Actually - Past Hammelburg. After the 2-day liberation at that camp ---- he was then recaptured and then further marched down to Moosburg where he and my father were liberated on April 29th 1945. Just a small point - Thank you for your work on those POW's behalf! *Thanks, TJ, for sending us the information about the passing of Jim Betts and your connection to his family. It's always a sad day when we hear about another dear Kriegy passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*



**TOM COBB from Columbia SC** (son of the late Kriegy George A. Cobb) wrote regarding the Seattle Reunion choice: "Great choice! I believe a Kriegy should always be the first choice." *Thank you, Tom, for your support. We wholeheartedly agree.*

**DONALD J. COHN** (nephew of the late Kriegy Thurston "Ted" Quincy Garrett, Jr.) wrote: "My child is doing research for a 5th grade history assignment. She wanted her subject to be our Uncle Ted - Thurston Quincy Garrett, Jr. - who served our great country in WWII and was stationed at Camp Gruber in 1943 and a member of the 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry. We found papers stating he invented a special mortar round and received a Letter of Commendation from then Brigadier General Harry Collins while at Camp Gruber. The papers also state he was working on designs for other weapons. Uncle Ted ultimately was captured and sent to Oflag 64 until the end of the war. **My question is** - is it possible to learn more about his works while stationed at Camp Gruber or while in the military or during his imprisonment at Oflag 64? My daughter is very interested in American History and what better way to learn it than through researching someone "she knows". If there is another entity I should contact, I would appreciate any insight that you might have." He further added: "I am Donald Cohn, great nephew of the late Thurston "Ted" Quincy Garrett, Jr. and I have emailed the 90<sup>th</sup> a few times regarding Ted, a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and member of the US 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division "Tough Ombres", 358<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Not certain which Company) during World War II. Uncle Ted trained in Oklahoma's Camp Gruber in the Rainbow Division and received a Letter of Commendation from the Brigadier General for inventing an improved practice mortar shell while stationed at Camp Gruber. Then at some point he boarded a ship headed for the European Theater, and he and many other brave soldiers battle began on D-Day. He fought across France and at the Battle of Metz in 1944 was surrounded and captured as I was told. The Nazis took him and transported him to Poland's Oflag 64 for his imprisonment. Uncle Ted had told me that the Russians were moving westward and the Nazis marched the POWs from Oflag 64 back towards Germany (if I recall) until the Russian Army finally caught up with them and the Nazis fled, leaving the US POWs in the custody of the Russian Army. But instead of welcoming their Western Allies, Uncle Ted said that the Russians held him and other officers as political prisoners until he and several others devised an escape plan and indeed escaped and trekked across the countryside until reaching Western Allied Forces. Thank you for your time. It is appreciated." *Thanks, Donald, for your email and for the information you have provided. We don't have an answer about Camp Gruber. Perhaps someone*

*reading this ITEM will know more. We hope your daughter finds the information she is wanting.*

**KAY GODFREY CRUISE from Omaha NE** (daughter of the late Kriegy, Dr. James T. Godfrey and a new member of our Oflag 64 family) wrote: "My father was a POW at Oflag 64 for part of his imprisonment. I would like to know if there is anyone still alive who knew him at the camp. He was captured in North Africa on Feb. 14, 1943. I just found this website and thank you for putting it together." In a separate email she asked for copies of the Roads to Liberation book by Clarence Meltesen in which her father is mentioned several times. She also sent a donation to our Postage Fund. *Thank you, Kay for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. Thanks also for your thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. We hope you enjoy the "Roads" book and that you hear from others who may have known your father at Oflag 64.*



**KATHY EZELL from Miami FL** (daughter of the late Kriegy William Warthen) wrote regarding the Seattle Reunion: "I am so glad that you are finding a way to continue. Seattle sounds perfect. I won't be

coming, however, and doubt very much that Ellen will because I don't think Mama will be up to such a trip." *Thanks, Kathy, for writing. It's always good to hear from you. Sorry to hear that you won't be able to make it to the Seattle Reunion. We will miss you and your family.*

**BRIAN HANCOCK** (from the UK and a new member of our Oflag 64 family) recently found our website and wrote: "Hi, I hope you don't mind me getting in touch with you. I have recently gotten a hold of about 20 letters written by a German Officer Hauptman Hans Mulzer from Oflag XX1B. Do any of your members know of him? Any info would be most welcome. Thanks in advance. Brian" In another email he wrote: "I have sent one of the letters to a company that's quite local to me for a translation but because its hand written in old German it's got to be transcribed first then translated. I will wait and see what the cost of this is going to be before I get carried away and send them all! It would be great news to hear from any of the Vets and particularly if they remember this officer. *Thank you, Brian, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. Keep us posted on your documents. We would love to know what information they contain.*

**BRODIE HAND** (contacted us through our website) wrote: "I was in the hospital at Nuremburg with a Lt. who was captured at Hammelburg after trying to free Col. Waters and other prisoners. Can't remember his name. Do you know how I might locate him?" *Thanks, Brodie, for contacting us. We hope you*

*were able to contact those whose names were forwarded to you.*

**RONALD NICHOLAS HARDY from Phoenixville PA** (son of the late Kriegy Ronald R. Hardy) wrote: "I will be sending you this week a packet of materials including photos my father had as part of his Oflag 64 wartime log." After I received the materials he sent, he again wrote: "I am pleased that the photos I sent you are not duplicates. I will do my best to provide you with better images to add to the web site. I'm afraid my father did not include first names with the photos. I was 17 years old when my father died and even though I asked my father he would never relate any information on his time in combat in North Africa or his experiences in Oflag 64. I do recall taking trips to Camden New Jersey to visit a fellow POW. I do not recall any of the conversations or the former prisoner's name. I've been reviewing the Oflag 64 web site on this very special day (Memorial Day). As I get older my appreciation of what my father and so many others endured fills me with pride. I am currently reading the 3rd volume of Rick Atkinson's Liberation Trilogy, The Guns At Last Light. The sacrifices made are beyond measure. I agree they were "The Greatest Generation." I reviewed the photos of those Kriegies who are alive today or have passed away. I would like to send you a photo of my father. It was the last photo taken of him prior to his death on April 15th 1964. My father was in his 2nd year of teaching elementary students. His photo was cropped from the class photo. Please let me know what I need to do to submit this photo to you. Once again I am pleased that I could provide you with new material for the web site." (Please see the Kriegy News and Information Section.) *Thank you, Ronald, for contacting us again and thank you for all the information you sent. We eagerly await digital photos to upload to our website. In the meantime we will post what we can.*

**JONEL HILL from Pasadena CA** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund. *Thanks, Jonel, for your thoughtful and generous donation to our Postage Fund. We always appreciate your support.*

**REAGAN HEARTFIELD from Fredericksburg TX** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund along with a short note saying: "Thank you Elodie for all you are doing for us." *Thanks, Regan, for your generous and thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. Thank you also for your kind words. Much appreciated.*

**WISTAR HOLT from St. Louis MO** (nephew of the late Kriegy Thomas M. Holt) wrote: "Wanted to make sure you were aware of the passing of my uncle, Thomas M. Holt of Brandon, MS on 5/5/13. An obit has been placed in the Clarion-Ledger, Charlotte Observer, Greensboro, NC News & Records, and

Winston-Salem, NC Journal 5/8/13. Feel free to contact me. Wistar Holt" *Thank you, Wistar, for contacting us and thank you for the obituary, which we've included in the TAPS section of this ITEM. We will also post most if not all of his autobiography to our website. Thanks for sharing it. We know he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**MARY SHULAR HOPPER from Conway SC** (daughter of the late Kriegy William Shular) recently wrote to notify us of her mother's passing. She commented: "My mother passed away early this morning (June 22) at hospice in Anderson, SC. After the death of my dad in March of this year and mom's fall in March, she slowly went downhill until a very quiet and peaceful ending today. She was a good lady, a great mother, and I have been blessed to have her with me all these many years. She was my rock; she was there unwavering for me so many times." *Thanks, Mary, for letting us know about your dear mother's passing. And thank you for including her obituary, which has been included in the TAPS section of this ITEM. It's so difficult to lose our loved ones. We know she will be greatly missed. Our best to you and your family.*

**COLLEEN CAMARA HRYHOREC** (niece of the late Kriegy Joseph Hryhorec) wrote to correct our inadvertent misspelling of Joseph's last name. She also wrote: "I am getting my degree in my senior years and working. It has been a very difficult few years. I have decided to put the studies on hold until I finish this job with my friend's son. I have been getting excellent grades in my classes and have about 2.5 yrs. to go. I hope the health holds out as it has so far. I am always happy to hear from you all via the webpage or email. I am in Florida and if you ever have a reunion here, I would be sure to go and or help. I am in Naples, Florida for possibly a year or two more. Thanks for making me part of the legacy of our heroes." *Thank you, Colleen, for sending the correction on the spelling of yours and your uncle's last name. We want our information to show correctly, so we appreciate hearing from you. Our best to you in your work and your schooling.*



**BRET JOB from Minnetonka MN** (son-in-law of the late Kriegy Ray Holmquist) updates us now and then on how one of our Kriegies, Edor Nelson, is doing. Recently he wrote: "Did you ever get Edor Nelson's address? I received a phone call from Lisa's cousin Don who lives here in Minneapolis. Don is Lisa's father's (Ray Holmquist) nephew. He is interested and knowledgeable in Oflag 64 and Ray's story and is on our mailing list. I just finished a book for Lisa's family about Ray, his twin brother Roy who was seriously wounded, and Boo Nunnally, who Ray first



met at Oflag 64. So all of this was fresh in Don's mind. He was at a funeral and met some past church friends who they had not seen in some time. They started talking about their past and as it turned out, their parents were from the same area in northern Minnesota. His friend is retiring as campus pastor at Augsburg College. Don then decided to ask him about Edor Nelson. Augsburg College named their football after Edor so he thought he might know Edor. Edor was just interviewed several months ago on a local radio station and Don heard the interview. The retiring campus pastor immediately called Edor's son Bruce. Bruce, as Don put it, almost begged to meet with Don and I to talk about Oflag 64 and Edor's WWII experience. He wanted to know more. To make a long story short, we will be meeting next week. Not sure who will all be there but I will try and answer as many questions as I can. I tried to get Edor to come the reunion we had here in Minneapolis but he didn't come. I never thought about asking his children. It was too bad as four WWII veterans who lived in Minneapolis did not want to attend the reunion. Three were at Oflag 64 and the other was part of Task Force Baum. One more twist to the story - Edor Nelson is 99 and his brother Stan is 92. Both Edor and Stan were big time athletes in their day and became coaches and Athletic Directors. One of Stan's brothers played in the NFL with I think the 49ers and his other son is the Head Football Coach of Minnetonka High School, which is the high school my children attended. Never knew the connection until now, small world. I will get back to you regarding our meeting and hopefully I can provide him with contact and introduce him to our group. *Thanks, Bret, for writing and for catching us up a little on Edor. We hope to get his new address soon so we can again send him the ITEM. What an interesting story and connection to everything!*

**ERIC KOSALKO from Emmaus PA** (a new member of our Oflag 64 family) wrote: "Was wondering if anyone could offer some information on a calendar I picked up at a flea market. The calendar is marked Oflag 64 Germany 1945 and has the same image of the camp that is on your website." *Thank you, Eric, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. What an interesting find for you. We would love to see a digital photo and perhaps place it on our website. Keep us posted on what you learn.*

**CHRISTINA LARKIN** (daughter of the late Kriegy James Joseph Larkin) wrote: "Hi, my Dad died over a decade ago...his real name was James Joseph Larkin, he went by 'Joe'. My Mom died August 9, 2012. We've been receiving the OFLAG 64 newsletters for a long time, but probably will be selling this house soon....My nephew is very interested in Dad's military career and history, not sure if you want to keep sending these to the next generation." In another email she wrote: "He passed

on May 13, 2000. I've recently found a large black & White photo of Dad (as a Lt.) with a Capt. Bill Martin in North Africa. They are pouring over a large map with one edge held down by a pistol, and the bottom half of a jeep and a motorcycle and only the legs of three other soldiers showing. In the background is an expanse of arid land. I'm not very computer savvy, so I will have to get my sister or nephew to scan and send it...it is oversize. My Uncle on my Mom's side, James Finbar (sp?) Cotter was shot down over the Netherlands, and was captured and in a prison camp as well. He made a pinhole camera and managed to get pictures inside the camp he was in during the war. I believe the pictures and camera are on display somewhere back East. I haven't had a chance to look through all of the photos I've amassed since I started clearing Mom's house, there are probably others. My nephew was going to help me make copies of all photos for my siblings. I haven't looked at your photo gallery yet." *Thank you very much, Christina, for writing and for correcting the spelling of your last name. We apologize for the error. We would love to have contact with your nephew regarding the ITEM.*



**ROBERT O'NEILL from Prescott AZ** (Kriegy) phoned with updates on Bob and Gladys Thompson. He said that they are doing well for the most part but reported that Gladys recently took a fall, injuring her hip. She is in recovery but the process is slow. *Thanks, Bob, for continuing to send updates. It was great talking with you the other day. Hope to see you at the reunion in Seattle.*



**ROCCO PRAVIDICA from Rockford IL** (Kriegy) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund along with a short note stating: "In September I will be 92 yrs. I was one of the first groups to go to Oflag 64. I know a lot of the news now comes from the off-springs, but that's very good - Keeps the family going. I still do a lot of fishing with my two sons. Thanks to the good care the VA is giving me. I like the bit Karen Rossi wrote about Col. Drake, I was in his Reg. (168<sup>th</sup>). Also sad regrets about the passing of Abe Baum. I was at Hammelburg at the time of the raid." *Thank you, Rocco, for writing and for your thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. It was good to hear from you again after such a long time. Congratulations on your upcoming 92 years. That's certainly a milestone.*



**JOHN RODGERS from Pensacola FL** (Kriegy) sent a great email entitled "Final Reunion" about the Doolittle Raiders' 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Reunion which took place in April of this year. It's an absolutely amazing and fascinating story, which includes one of our Oflag 64

Kriegies, Tom Griffin, who recently passed away. You can check out the story at:

<http://doolittleraider.com> and more about Tom Griffin on his page at:

<http://doolittleraider.com/raiders/griffin.htm>

John also sent a donation to our Postage Fund and a letter telling a little about himself. He wrote: "On July 1 my wife Faye will have passed away six years ago and I'd like to tell you a little about us since it all began in Oflag 64. Harry Evans and I became good friends as POWs. Upon our release and on the way home for R & R, we stopped in Trenton NJ and he called home in Harrisburg PA. Apparently his sister Faye answered and what I heard was "What are you doing tonight Sis? Well break it, I'm bringing a friend home." We went out tht night on a double date, me with his sister. Later that night when we were alone I asked Faye if she'd wear my wings and she said "Does that mean anything" and I said "Yes, will you marry me?" She didn't say yes but she didn't say no either. I made three trips from Texas to Pennsylvania to see her and were married on July 29, 1945, the last trip. I remained in the Air force and we had a wonderful 62 years together." *Thanks, John, for all the information you have sent including the note about meeting your dear wife. What a nice story and congratulations on your 62 years of marriage! Thank you also for your thoughtful and generous donation to our Postage Fund. Much appreciated.*

**TED ROGGEN from Houston TX** (Kriegy) sent an article published about him in the Houston Chronicle the week of February 21-27 entitled *PR guru promoted the stars*. Its focus was the event honoring him for nearly 70 years in Houston's advertising and public relations scenes and then elaborated on his achievements and experiences. We have not yet received permission to reprint in our ITEM, but you may be able to access the article online at: [houstonchronicle.com](http://houstonchronicle.com) and [chron.com](http://chron.com). He also included a short note which said: "I spent 21 months at Oflag 64. Lucky to make 95. You do a great job with our publication. Keep it up." *Thank you, Ted, for writing and for sending the article. It would be great if the whole world knew of what great Kriegies we have. Thanks also for your kind words.*



**KAREN (KAY) ROSSI from Panama Beach City FL** (great niece of the late Kriegy Thomas Drake) wrote regarding the upcoming Seattle Reunion: "This IS great news and a great way to spend my b-day, 9-22!"

*Thanks, Karen, for writing. We're so excited about having the reunion in Seattle. Hope you're able to enjoy your birthday with us there.*

**DEBORAH SHEFRIN from the Bronx NY** (daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Shefrin) wrote: "We are the daughters of Lt. Seymour Shefrin who was a

POW at Oflag 64. We have originals of playbills Christmas dinner menu of 1944. Are you interested in receiving copies of them for your website? We also have an original, hand written log documenting how far and what food was eaten during the march from Oflag 64 in January 1945 - February 20, 1945. What is the best way for me to send these documents to you? I have not looked through all the photos on line to see if I can identify my father. BTW, he died in 2000. I will look through our photos and see what I have for you." *Thank you, Deborah, for writing and for offering to send copies of memorabilia you have. We are always interesting in adding new information to our website.*

**PATRICK SPAULDING** (grandson of the late Kriegy Horace Spaulding) wrote: "Please include me in the numbers for the planned reunion in Seattle. My family and I will be moving to Fort Lewis in July. More than likely it will be just me attending the events. My grandfather was Horace Spaulding, a long time POW resident of OFLAG 64. He was captured in Tunisia, early in the war. I attended one other event, New Orleans in 2006, so we might have previously met. Please let me know when the plans for the event get solidified. Thank you. Pat Spaulding" *Thanks, Patrick, for contacting us again. We wish you well on your move to JBLM in July. We're happy to add you to our list of reunion attendees and look forward to seeing you there. Forms are included in this ITEM and have been posted to our website as well <[www.oflag64.us](http://www.oflag64.us)>.*

**SUSAN VAN DER ROEST** (daughter of the late Kriegy Lorin Grisette) commented after reading the email from T. J. Bugg III: "Thank you for letting us know. My dad did the same complete march." *Thank you, Susan, for writing. It's great to hear similar Kriegy stories from their children.*



**DARWYN WALKER from Springfield MO** (Kriegy) sent information from The Branson Bugle about Veteran Military Reunions that have been or will be held in the area this year. A photo on one of the pages was of The Lennon Sisters who performed during the opening of the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall in 2011. Looks like Branson Events & Reunions, Inc. would be a good resource for a possible Missouri Reunion in the future. *Thanks, once again Darwyn, for sending this information. Good to know for future planning.*

**MARY WARREN** (caregiver of the late Kriegy Thomas M. Holt) wrote: "I wanted to inform you that he passed away on May 5, 2013. He was a POW in WWII from 1942-1945. If you would like more info, please feel free to contact me." *Thank you, Mary, for sending this information along. We were saddened*

to hear of Tom's passing. Another great Kriegy hero and patriot has left us. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and his family.

**ANITA WADE WEBER** (daughter of the late Kriegy Philip M. Wade, Jr. and a new member of our Oflag 64 family) wrote: "My daughter Anna is doing her senior thesis on her grandfather, my father, Philip M. Wade, Jr and his experiences at Oflag 64. She is currently studying abroad in Belgium and may be taking the trip to Poland to see the POW camp. Do you have information about who she might talk to there? I'd also like to know about future plans for the reunion, because both my daughter and I might be able to attend." *Thanks, Anita, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. I have contacted our friend in Poland who says he has contacted you in return. We'd love to hear about the trip to Poland. Hope to see you and your daughter at our Seattle Reunion.*



**PJ WILCOX from NY** (author and friend of Oflag 64) wrote: I had a chance to speak to Colonel Forsyth's daughter. We did attend his funeral in Connecticut and it was sad but a good time. Many there had no idea what

Diamond Jim did while in the camp or know much about his military service. It was a pleasure to share and talk about a great soldier. We have the cards he sent home to his mom and dad from Oflag 64. They explain a great deal about his life inside. We also just received his bible given to him by some American group but it had to go thru German approval and it has an Oflag 64 stamp in it. We think a care package. FASCINATING. Jim's writing is very small and in the columns. He wrote with pencil so we are going to photo all that's there and see if we can enlarge it and make sense of it." (See the Kriegy News and Information section.) On a separate note, PJ phoned me not long ago. We had quite a pleasant conversation. There is a possibility that he will attend our Seattle Reunion. *Thank you, PJ, for writing and also for calling. It was good to talk with you. Our Kriegies were and are definitely great heroes and patriots. Hope to see you in Seattle.*



**MARIUSZ WINIECKI from Szubin Poland** (researcher and friend of Oflag 64) sent photos of the work being done on the scale model of the camp. This model is being produced by the current residents of "Oflag 64", (now known as a boys' reform school)

and their supervisor. (Please see the Kriegy News and Information section.) *Mariusz, thank you once again, for the wonderful photos and information you send. Thank you also for your willingness to assist our Oflag 64 family members who have made trips or who will be making trips to Szubin. We appreciate*

*your great work and thank your wife and family for sharing you with us. Additionally we want to thank the boys at the reform school for their important work and also thank their supervisor, Tomek. Please express our gratitude to them.*



**JUDY WHORLEY WINKLE from Gallatin TN** (daughter of the late Kriegy William Whorley) wrote: We will not make it to Seattle. Our oldest grandson is getting married in Sept. Look forward to reading all about it in

The Item. *Thanks, Judy, for writing. It was good to hear from you again. The years have certainly been passing by quickly, haven't they? So sorry to hear that you won't be able to make it to the Seattle Reunion, but congratulations to your grandson on his upcoming marriage during that time.*



**JOE ZELAZNY from Tacoma WA** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund along with a note stating: "Just a few dollars for the Postage Fund to inform all. What a great job Jimmie and Lynn will do.

Plus, all will be glad to see and hear about the great Northwest. Keep up the good work that we all enjoy receiving." He also sent a packet of materials including some Ex-POW Bulletins and information about his memorial foundation. *Thank you, Joe, for your tireless work on memorials. What a wonderful work you do. Thanks also for writing and for your thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. Such great support. Hope to see you at the Seattle Reunion. We're going to have great time.*

### Postage Fund Donors

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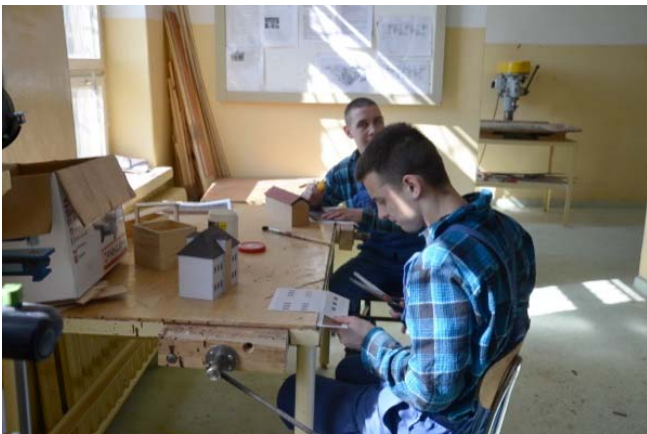
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## KRIEGY NEWS AND INFORMATION

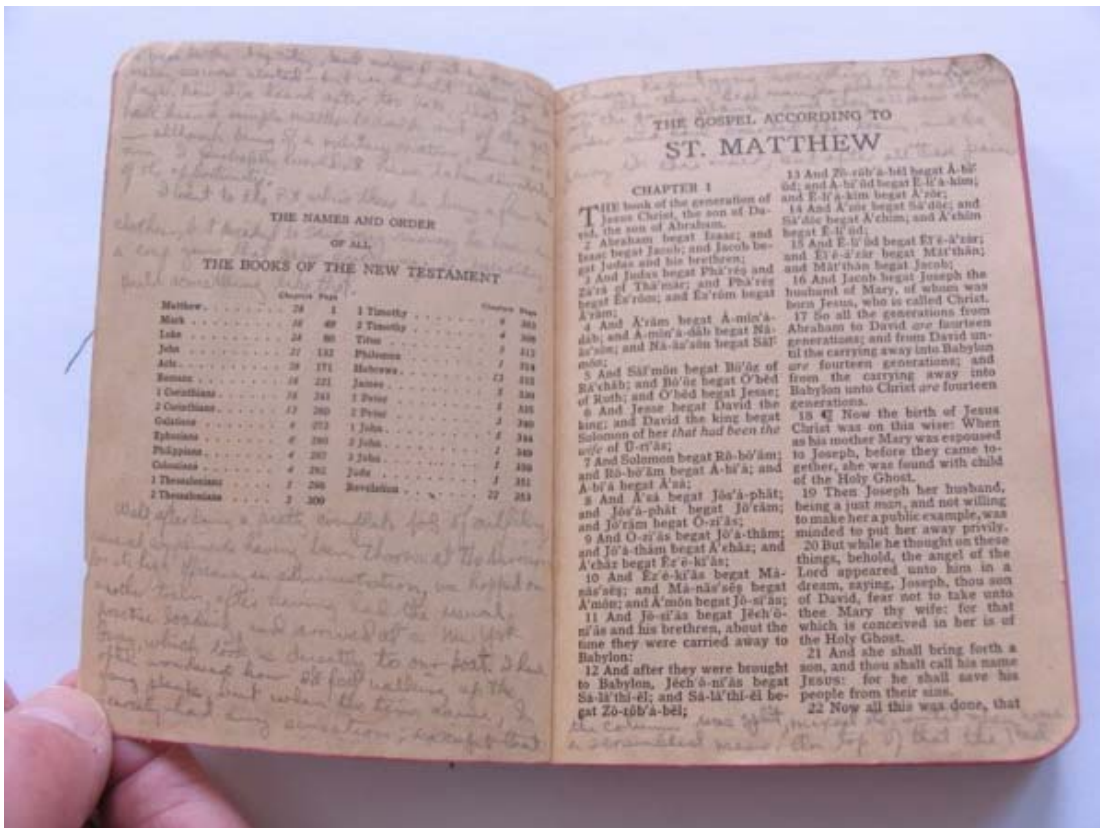
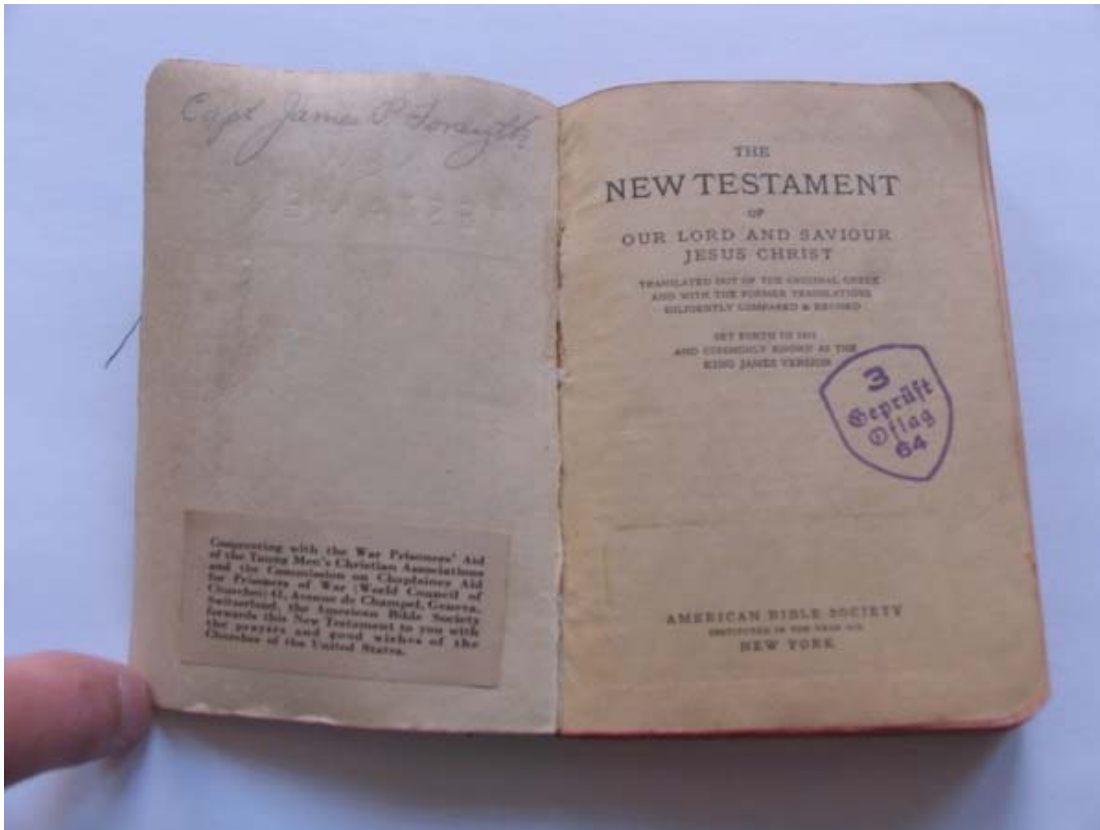
As I have promised some time ago, I'm sending you a series of photographs showing the progress in building the camp scale model. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Tomek (the man in the red T-shirt) who with the patience of a saint works for this project, often after hours. There is also one of boys from reform school who is very committed to this work. His name is Grzegorz Hamulczuk and he also can be seen at most of the photos.

Since there is no permanent exhibition about the Oflag 64 in Szubin we all hope this will be the first one commemorating Oflag XXIB/Oflag 64 here in Szubin. As well as, I hope and expect that more of ex-POW descendants will start arriving to Szubin to visit the place of captivity of their fathers and grandfathers. **Submitted by Mariusz Winiecki**

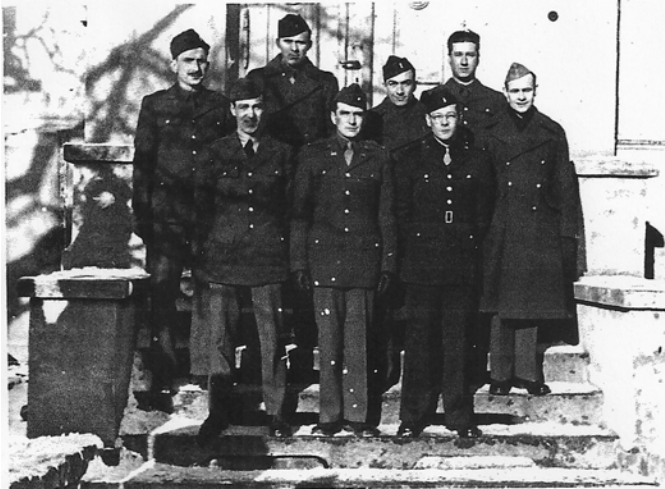




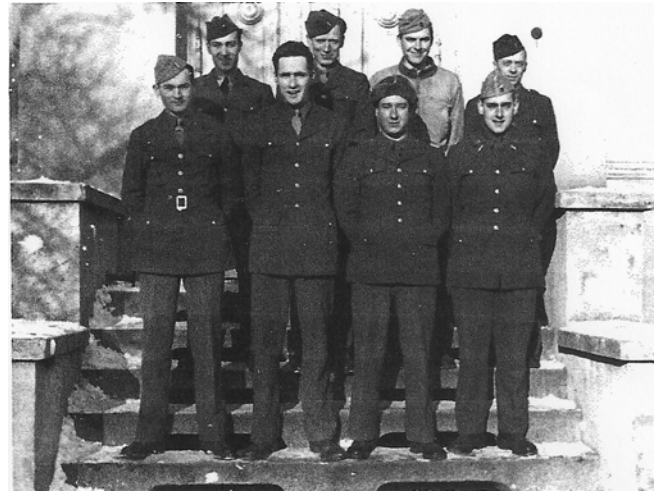
The following photos are from the Bible of the late Kriegy James Forsyth. On these pages were hand-written pencil notes made by James while in the camp. Notice the Oflag 64 stamp on the first page. Submitted by PJ Wilcox



These Oflag 64 camp photos were **sent to us by Ron Hardy**, son of the late Kriegy Ronald R. Hardy. They are scanned copies of photocopies so may not have the detail that is found in our other camp photos. But they are NEW to us, and up until now we have not seen these particular shots. Dates the photos were taken are unknown. Each photo has been labeled with first initial and last name (if we were able to determine which "Smith" it might be). If you can identify any of these Kriegies, please contact me (Elodie) using the contact information on the front page of this ITEM. We'll hope to add digital copies of originals to our website very soon.



Front L-R: A. Casner, J. Shoaf, F. Colley  
 Back L-R: Buckley, Roberts, D. Dorman, R. Hardy,  
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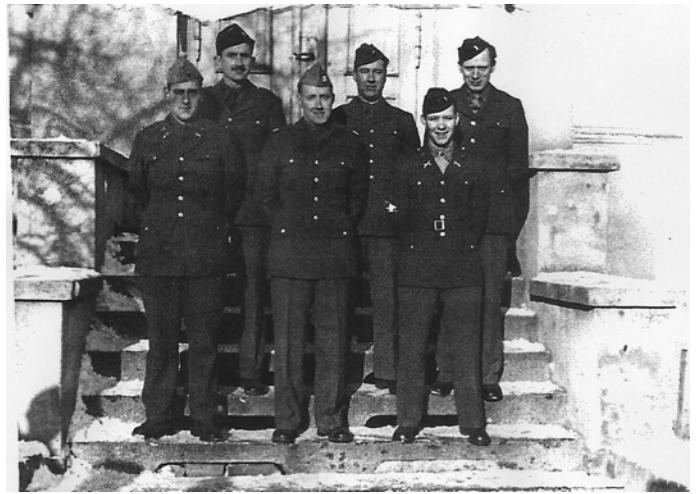
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 Back L-R: O. Hessler, Bingham, R. Lobb, V. Hubbell



Front L-R: J. Sherman, Robinson, Johnson  
 Back L-R: Roberts, Bingham, J. Hatch



Front L-R: Smith, Carlson, Hancock  
 Back L-R: Buckley, R. Hardy, V. Hubbell



Front L-R: Friedman, Jones, D. Dorman, H. "Spud" Murphy  
 Back L-R: J. Hasson, D. Rockwell, F. Sommers



Pictured in North Africa, November 1942

L-R: Conlon, Buckley, Horowitz, Robertson, A. Casner, Roberts, Cansey (?), Williams, R. Hardy, Ames, and Schmidt (Later some of these men ended up in Oflag 64 for a time.)



## ITEM COMMENTS

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

THANK YOU!

I enjoy reading the ITEM very much. Keep up the good work. ~ *Rocco Pravidica, Rockford IL*

You do a great job with our publication. Keep it up. ~ *Ted Roggen, Houston TX*

## OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

Thank you and your family for doing this wonderful website. It is a great labor of love. ~ *Kay Godfrey Cruise, Omaha NE*

### New Visitors to Our Website –

Dennis P. Brown – relative of the late Kriegy Lloyd A. Brown

Kay Godfrey Cruise – daughter of the late Kriegy James T. Godfrey

Brian Hancock – looking for information on Officer Hauptman Hans Mulzer from Oflag XX!B

Brodie Hand – looking for information on locating a POW

Ronald Hardy – son of the late Kriegy Ronald R. Hardy

Wistar Holt – nephew of the late Kriegy Thomas M. Holt

Eric Kosalko – looking for information about an Oflag 64 Germany 1945 calendar with Jim Bickers' camp image

Deborah Shefrin – daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Shefrin

Mary Warren – caregiver of the late Kriegy Thomas M. Holt

Anita Wade Weber – daughter of the late Kriegy Philip M. Wade, Jr.

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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



## 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.

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/B0007E4UAU>
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](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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5. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005 [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Justifiable+Pride&x=13&y=17](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Justifiable+Pride&x=13&y=17)
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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](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) or occasionally available at: <http://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?an=Clarence+Ferguson&sts=t&tn=Kriegsgefangener&x=43&y=14>
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11. **Oflag 64: A P.O.W. Odyssey**, DVD, Robert Galloway, Osprey HD, 192 E Bay St, Ste 300A, Charleston SC 29401-2701, (\$29.95 plus \$5 S&H - Please make checks payable to Robert Galloway, Osprey HD)
12. **Raid! The Untold Story of Patton's Secret Mission** by Richard Baron, Major Abe Baum, and Richard Goldhurst (paperback) [http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1)

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15. **The Road To War** by Steven Burgauer. Based on the diary and notes of Captain William C. Frodsham, Jr.: a riveting first-person account of duty and drill, courage and capture. (Available on Amazon.com) [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_2\\_15?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer&prefix=The+Road+to+War](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_2_15?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer&prefix=The+Road+to+War)
16. **The Water and The Rock** by Charles Jones. Diary of a man captured in Africa. Publisher: Anchor Publishing Co., Northwood, IA [http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1)
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18. **33 Months as a POW in Stalag Luft III** by Albert P. Clark. Publisher: Fulcrum Publishing, 16100 Table Mountain Parkway, Suite 300, Golden CO 80403, 800-992-2908 (17.95 pb) [http://www.amazon.com/Months-POW-Stalag-Luft-III/dp/1555915361/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551497&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Months-POW-Stalag-Luft-III/dp/1555915361/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551497&sr=1-1)
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## Other Publications

### **WRITE DIRECTLY TO THESE CONTACTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**A Grand Tour of Russia to Odessa, Winter ~ 1945** by Herb Garris, edited by Clarence Meltesen. Now available on the Oflag 64 website.

**My Tour of Russia** by Herb Garris, P. O. Box 1693, Pinehurst NC 28370-1693

**Press Releases** by Ted Roggen, 101 Westcott, Houston TX 77007 (\$10.95)

**Vic Kanners Diary.** Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619, [dkanners@comcast.net](mailto: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.)

**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.)

*Edwin J. Betts*  
1917 - 2013



Edwin J. "Jim" Betts, age 95, of Clifton, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2013, in the Goodall-Witcher Hospital in Clifton after an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 10, 2013, in the Clifton Church of Christ with

Minister Gary Blakeney officiating. Burial in the Meridian Cemetery with full military honors by the U. S. Army. Pallbearers were Casey Cospers, Jeremy Leverett, Jared Cospers, Justin Leverett, Clif Turner, and Hutch Kettler. Born in Rochester, New York, on May 6, 1917, to Irene Belle Hill Betts and Benjamin Butler Betts, Jim grew up the youngest of 3 children. During his youth he lived in Rochester, St. Petersburg, Florida and Syracuse, New York. After high school, Jim enlisted in the U. S. Army and spent twenty-two years serving his country. Those years included tours of duty in many parts of the world, some of them in Panama, North Africa, Italy, Poland, Germany and Alaska. During WW II, Jim was captured during the Battle of Anzio and spent fifteen months as a prisoner of war, or as he called it at "guest of the Germans." Jim was stationed in Mineral Wells after the war, where he met and married Mary Jo St. Clair on April 28, 1946, in Mineral Wells. Jim and Mary Jo had three daughters, Janice, Jo Ann and Jeanie, and the family spent years following Jim's military career. He retired from the Army at the rank of Major in 1957 and began a civil service career as a property administrator for the Department of Defense. He retired from that career in 1980 and he and Mary Jo moved to Clifton in 1981. Jim was devoted to his careers, but even more to God and his family. Mary Jo preceded him in death on March 26, 1990. After her death, he spent his remaining years being a servant to this family. His entire life was spent serving others and helping those in need. He was the epitome of a life well lived and an example of God's love. Jim is survived by his daughters and their husbands: Jeanie and Jimmy Cospers of Clifton, Jo Ann and Jimmy Leverett of Farmington, New Mexico and Janice and Mike Turner of Meridian. Jim has seven grandchildren, Casey and Kyli Cospers, Jeremy and Rachel Leverett, Jared Cospers, Justin and Sarah Leverett, Julie Leverett, Clif Turner and Carrie Cospers. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Jo Ann St. Clair and a brother-in-law, Ed Michalowski and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lawsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.lawsonfuneralhome.net) Arrangements by Lawson Funeral Home, Meridian, Texas, 254-435-2792

Jim's obituary is available online at: <http://www.lawsonfuneralhome.net/sitemaker/sites/lawson0/obit.cgi?user=966397Betts#>

*Robert L. Corbin*  
1922 - 2013



Robert L Corbin, born December 12, 1922 passed away on the morning of February 22, 2013. He is predeceased by his parents Lyle and Minnie Corbin of Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Edith Peters Corbin; and

daughters, Lynn (Roland) Seiple, of Madison FL., and Carol (Bob) Wilcox of Powell, Ohio. Bob was born in Appleton Wisconsin and moved to Dayton, Ohio at an early age. He graduated from Fairview HS in 1940. After High School he worked at the Rike Kumler Department Store. He enlisted in the U. S Army in October 1944 and was sent to the European War. He was a Prisoner of War in Germany for four months until his escape four months later. He wrote a book about his POW experiences called "Captured". Following the war he graduated from Otterbein College and married Ede, his college sweetheart. Following college he began work in the Restaurant business and became owner and president of the Foodcraft Management corp., which operated restaurants in Troy, Dayton, and Columbus. He was president of the Ohio Restaurant Association in 1979 and Restaurateur of the Year the year following. He was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for the first time in 1977. He served southern Montgomery County with distinction for 24 years. Following his service to the State of Ohio, he served a four-year term on Centerville City Council. He was also a past president of the Montgomery Co. Veterans Assistance program. He was proud to be a member the Board of Trustees for Sinclair College from 2004 - 2013. He was also a member of the Dayton Agonis Club, Centerville Rotary, Otterbein 'O' Club, and on the Board of Trustees for the Children's Medical Center. He was an avid golfer and a proud member and past president of Walnut Grove Country Club. He celebrated his 90th birthday there in December 2012. He loved to play Bridge and Gin Rummy and continued to play with his friends up until



the last week of his life. He was a great fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes and The University of Dayton Flyers. He was a devoted member of Normandy Church in Centerville. He has been the recipient of many accolade's and awards for his tireless work for the City of Centerville, The State of Ohio, Sinclair College, Otterbein College and many other organizations. His Memorial service will be held on Monday February 25th at Normandy Church, at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow. Condolences may be sent to: Schlientz and [Moore.com](http://www.moore.com)

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Bob's online obituary can be found at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=Robert-Corbin&pid=163250761#fbLoggedOut>

Bob's Guestbook can be found online at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/dispatch/guestbook.aspx?n=robert-corbin&pid=163250761>

## *Thomas M. Holt* *1919 – 2013*

A true gentleman, soldier, and music aficionado died peacefully at his home in Brandon, MS on May 5, 2013 at the age of 93. Born on July 4, 1919 in Charlotte, NC to parents Earle Pendleton Holt, Sr. and Mary Eugenia Harris Holt, Tom was a beloved and devoted husband of 46 years to the late Forrestine Lorraine Holt (nee: Whitaker); brother to the late Dr. Earl P. Holt, Jr. and uncle to Earl P. Holt III (Katherine); Wistar W. Holt (Judy Matthews); Richard O. Holt; and Isabel Lee Wiederaenders (Jim). Tom graduated from Oak Ridge Military Academy, Oak Ridge, NC in June, 1936 and Oak Ridge Junior College in June, 1938. He entered the University of North Carolina in Sept., 1938 and studied French and Literature until June, 1939, whereupon he entered the U.S. [Army](#) as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. Following 30 months of military training and commanding assignments at various U.S. Army bases, on December 24, 1941 Tom's unit sailed out of the New York harbor on the Queen Mary bound for Northern Ireland. He soon became a member of the First Ranger Battalion under the command of Lieutenant Colonel William O. Darby. While on a secret mission in Northern Africa, on December 24, 1943 Tom's Ranger unit was captured by the Germans and he became a WW II P.O.W. for over 30 months, before escaping from the OFLAG 64 camp in Poznan, Poland in January, 1945. For the next 2-3 months, Tom's separate, smaller group of 5 soldiers survived on meager rations and traveled over 750 miles, primarily on foot and occasionally by



train and truck. Their journey took them from Poznan, Poland to Odessa in the Ukraine on the Black Sea, where they were finally rescued by a U.S. Naval Transport in the Odessa harbor. Down to a weight of 125-130 lbs. while living on merely 500-600 calories per day during his capture, Tom spent the next year recovering in an Army hospital in Miami, Fla. Lieutenant Colonel Holt also served in the [Korean War](#) from 1951-1954 and was honorably discharged from the United States Army on July 4, 1979. Tom completed a Master's Degree in Voice at the Manhattan School of Music and later performed a solo recital at Carnegie Hall. He went on to become the leading baritone with the Charlotte Opera Company and performed numerous concerts throughout Europe. He also taught voice at many colleges and universities, including Catawba College, Salisbury, NC; Florida State Univ., Tallahassee, FL; Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, NC; Montevallo University, Montevallo, AL; and Millsaps College, Jackson, MS.

Services: Graveside burial will be at the United Methodist Church Cemetery, Oak Ridge, NC on Saturday May 11 at 12:00 noon. A memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Flowood, MS at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Flowood, MS.

Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home-- Jackson, MS  
Pierce-Jefferson Funeral Home--Kernersville, NC

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*Jean Rimer Otterbein Ott*  
*1915 – 2012*

Jean Rimer Otterbein Ott passed away in the early morning of October 30, 2012 after a brief illness. She was 97 years young. Jean was the only child born to Raymond and Lucena Rimer on September 21st, 1915 in Silver Springs, New York. She was the wife of Kriegy Louis William Otterbein of Caldwell, NJ. Jean and Lou raised their children in Caldwell while she was director of physical therapy at St. Barnabus Hospital in Livingston. After Lou passed away in 1966, Jean continued to work, retiring in 1973, when she married Morris Ott, and together, they moved to Florida. Since they summered on Biscay Pond, they were married at the Second Congregational Church of Newcastle, Maine. Jean was active in Bob Foster's flea market in Newcastle for many years, buying and selling antique glass and silver and made many friends in the antique business. For the past 40 years, Jean resided in Hudson, FL, and was a member of the Meadow Oaks Community club where she quilted, knit, played the organ and played Rumikubs. She is survived by three children, Linda Thomas and husband Mike, Leslie Olson and husband, Ray, John Otterbein and wife, Ann, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and celebration of Jean's life will be held in Florida at a later date.

*Mary Emma Butts Shular*  
*1924 – 2013*



Mary Emma Butts Shular, daughter of the late William Thomas Butts and Dora Amanda Messick, passed away on June 22, 2013 at Hospice House of Upper Piedmont, Anderson, SC. She was born on December 30, 1924, in Luverne, Crenshaw County, AL. She married Major William Alfred Shular, Jr., on October 8, 1943; they were married for 69 years until Major Shular's death on March 9, 2013. Mrs. Shular is survived by four daughters: Mary Hopper, of Charlotte, NC; Anne Bailey and husband, Donald, of Red Bank, TN; Sue Grunsky and husband, Alan, of Davidson, NC; and Jane Foster and husband, Bill, of Seneca, SC; grandchildren; Bill Stith, Mary Anne Stith, Jason Grunsky, Karen Hoover, and Bill Foster, Jr. She has nine great grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by her last surviving sibling, H.A. "Billy" Butts, of Albany, GA. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased in death by grandchildren, Michael Austin Vetzal, Christopher Wayne Vetzal and Charles Talcott "Rocky" Stith, one sister and five brothers.

Mrs. Shular was a devoted wife and mother. Side by side, she traveled with her husband during his many years in the United States Army to places in the United States and overseas. Most times she moved to a new duty station by herself with four little girls in tow. She was and bridge player, gardener, seamstress; she loved to read and was the glue of her family. She was always there for her daughters and she will be greatly missed. God recognized that her work on earth was complete and has called her home to be reunited with loved ones gone before her. Funeral service for Mrs. Shular, 88, will be held at Sandifer Funeral Home, Westminster, SC at 2pm on Thursday, June 27, 2013. She will be buried with her husband in Andersonville National Cemetery, Andersonville, GA, 2pm, Friday, June 28, 2013 and there will be a brief graveside service immediately prior to the interment. The family will receive friends from 1-2pm prior to the service at Sandifer Funeral Home on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory may be made to 3223 Sunset Blvd, Suite 100, West Columbia, SC 29169. Condolences may be expressed online by visiting [www.sandiferfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandiferfuneralhome.com).

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Her online obituary can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?pid=165523951#fbLoggedOut>

Her online guestbook can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/thestate/sign-guestbook-thank-you.aspx?n=mary-shular&pid=165523951&entryid=73938722>



If you become aware of any of our Kriegies or their wives/widows who pass on, we would appreciate a quick email or note letting us know whatever details you may have. We will do our best to inform our Oflag 64 Family as soon as possible. Please use the contact information for me (Elodie) found on the front page of this ITEM. Thank you very much.