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Time really flies. It just doesn't seem realistic that I have been getting these "letters" out to you for this long a time. Hope I can still do it for many more years. I know I'll have to do it as long as Bill Bingham doesn't come to the Reunions. When he misses them then I have to get a report to him on Who, What, When, and Where. Well, I'll include that with this news letter and cover everything in one mailing.

Now that you've heard it from me lets get on with the important part of the letter which is about you. All of you. I'll start with whatever is on the pile and work to the bottom.

One last note. Most of you have probably read the Time Life History of World War II. If you haven't (and I hadn't until this past month) then get a copy at your library and read the section on "The Desert War". Three of our groups are mentioned in it and it came as a real surprise to me. You'll like it.

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POTOMAC FALLS, POTOMAC MD.

When the mail doesn't bring me any news of what you fellows are doing out there, I can usually count on a letter from Gen. John. A letter in the late spring of last year Captain Carl Hunsinger's death, included a new name to add to the list. Then again, another letter after the reunion and what a great time he had at Dubuque. It was a great pleasure to have him present as well as his lovely charming wife Anne.

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PRINCETON, NJ

Had a phone call from Tom Mitchell about two weeks ago. He's in great health and spirits. Still selling real estate in Florida and doing well. The next time I'm in that direction I'll have to bend an elbow with Tom. Thanks much for the call Tom.

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NEW YORK CITY, NY.

11:00 P.M. at night. Telephone call from Richard Baron. He is putting his "book to bed" and wanted to check a few things that were not clear in the story. Good news. The book is scheduled for publication in August of this year. The title "THE RAID". Look for it at your local book store. This is on the Hammelburg Raid by Patton's Task Force.

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EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y.

Received a letter from the MacAvevey Children in May telling about the surprise they were going to get together for Jim And Nan. It must have been quite an occasion and a great surprise. Congratulations. Jim and Nan. It was great to see you in Dubuque. Also thanks for sending me a copy of the letter you wrote to Ted Ellsworth on the reunion. I will use part of it in my write up on the reunion.

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HENIET, CA.

~~Amor~~ forwarded to me a letter he received from Herbert Siercak whom he knew in Oflag. He is now on our list and certainly hope he can make our next reunion/ He doesn't know it but his outfit and my 805th TD Bn lived and trained together at Ft. Geo. G. Meade in Maryland in the early days of 1941. Were you there Herb?

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CARRINGTON, N.D.

It's alway's nice to hear from the names on this list that I don't place personally. Thus the case with T.A.Roney way up in North Dakota and the head the Foster County Bank And Trust Co. Thanks for your fine contribution to the Postage Fund.

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STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Don Wilkinson's plans for his trip on S.A.S. which he won in the door prize drawing at Dubuque are proceeding nicely. Henry sends me a copy of the correspondence he sends to Don. I'll bet your getting more enthused about it every day. And just wait to dine in that classy hotel. When Henry and Claire meet and greet you to the Scandanavion Countries. Henry has indicated that he will be retiring this year. Sure hope he retires with a lifetime pass on S.A.S. I guess though he will want to stay put for a few days anyway. Always good to hear from you Henry and thanks for the article on the Belgian POW'S taking a visit. I forwarded it to my daughter for translation so I can understand exactly what they did. Look forward to hearing from you when your over here next time.

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GROVE CITY, OHIO

O.L. "Ole Brad called and dropped me a line from his antique shop where he played with his typewriter. I'm sure it was a good typewriter. It was good to see you in Dubuque. Make sure I don't hang around after you go from the drinking parties, will you.

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STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Just noticed I forgot to mention that Henry was presented with a very impressive looking resolution at Stalog Luft III reunion (700 in attendance) in Cinncinati, April 1980.

Anyone desiring a copy I will be glad to forward some.

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STALOG IA EAST PRUSSIA

The article sent to me by Henry Soderberg on the return of the Belgian P.O.W.'S to their camp which was near Gdansk, Poland proved to be very interesting. My very French wise daughter Linda enjoyed translating to me to

to convey the meaning and desire of the two page chronicle of their 15 day trip. They included some sightseeing in their trip which only had 27 persons in the group.

Any one desiring a copy to read for themselves say the word and I will be glad to forward a copy to you. Its in French!

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CAMDEN, N.J.

A friend of mine, John McLauchlan was responsible for my inclusion with this letter a copy of one of a series of 3 articles published by the Camden Courier Post which I thought would prove to be of interest to each of you. It gives some idea of how the "Other" P.O.W.'S lived if you haven't Heard about it by now.

Personally I got a big kick out of it. Hope you do.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

One of the seemingly impossible tasks to accomplish in Washington has been to get a complete accounting of all P.O.W.'S/MIA'S from the powers that be in Washington. Most of these are from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. This seems to be such a hot diplomatic potatoe that no Agency or group wants to bother with it. Still there is very strong evidence that as high as 200 P.O.W.'S are still not accounted for from these two conflicts. Any suggestions are welcome and I'll see that they get to the proper pressure people.

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Hendersonville, N.C.

Would you believe from the Washington area to N.C. goes John Creech. Now retired as Director of the National Arboretum. I hope John that as of right now you will put the date of October 8,9,10,11, 1982 as the next Kriegie reunion somewhere in the Miami area and make all your travel arrangements around those dates. Please we would love to see you.

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CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

Same few may have known "mac" McGregor, a New Zealander P.O.W.'S whose paths crossed mine I think at 9A/Z. He passed away last October. A leading Hotliier"down under". He visited me here in Gladwyne with his charming wife Jean. Someday I hope I can return the visit but thats a far piece from here.

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POSTVILLE, IO

Mary Chevalier dropped me a short note (with a Check) from the Citizens State Bank What breeds the banking business into a so many P.O.W.'s. May I answer that in one word, Squirreling! Yes! NE Minneapolis Mn. Eddie Sager advised me Before the Reunion that he was bringing a few things to add to the archives .

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CLARKSVILLE, TN.

A Ray Frazier, Public Relations Officer of the Associations of Former Korean Prisoners of War wrote and enclosed a copy of a letter he wrote to congressman Robin Beard requesting that he introduce a bill in Congress to help former Korean P.O.W.'s. Again, anyone desiring a copy of this letter to Congressman Beard, drop me a line and I'll see that you get a copy by return mail.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Received a very interesting letter from Gen. Alger around Christmas time. At the time of our Du Dubuque affair was working on the West Point Reunion and also retiring from his service of 30 years on the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy As he was doing this he also established anendowed schlorship fund at Gould Academy for students who later intend to seek admissions to anyone of the four service academies. Great! What could be more appropriate after 30 years service. As picture of the Algers Phillippene Jeepney also enclosed looks like something I'll have to ride in one of these days.

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The next reunion is October 8,9,10,11 1982 somewhere in the vicinity of Miami Florida. Syd Thal is working on it already.

Thanks to all for the lovely beautiful Christmas Cards received here. Among others Harold Tallman, Claire and Henry Soederberg; Lois and Jack Rathbor Eddie Sager, Bob Bingham, John and Dorothy, "Slick" Cramer, Cassie and Don Waful; Billy and Bess Bingham; John And Amy Creech. Jean and "Brad Bradford/Joe Barrett; Nan and Jim McAreyvey. Wish I could answer each of you individually. Each had a story enclosed or notes.

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Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

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SAN ANTONIO, TX

Paul Kinkle wrote that a pecan crop kept him away from the reunion. Be on hand next one, Paul. It won't be to far away from you.

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MEMPHIS, TN.

A Christmas card from Bob Bonomi, who we almost lost before Dubuque due to kidney block on his one and only kidney. After quite a period of recuperation, he up and married his nurse, Carolyn and plans to make the next reunion with himself and his new wife Congradulations Bob, and thanks for the Christmas cards.

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MIAMI, FL. via GLADWYNE, PA.

Things have already been stirring regarding our next get-together in Miami. You will be receiving a special mailing on this shortly and be able to join in the decision of some of the things that we might be able to do. OCTOBER \* 8,9,10,11, 1982

\*\*\*\*\* EDITOR

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This is written to acquaint in small way the get-to-gether of those unable to make it, (See list attached) to this reunion.

From all reports at the Motor Lodge since then it was one of the greatest ones that we have had.

The things that put ia all together to get this reaction from so many could be enumerated as follows.

Great food. Iowa Beef is outstanding.

New Motor Lodge fine staff. Great service.

Their comment was that the "lodge and restaurant staff had never served such an enjoyable and super friendly group."

Large number of first time ever P.O.W.'s attendees.

Great little town.

Lots of liquor. Comment by Ted's personal bartender never saw so much liquor consumed and no one got drunk. Trouble was he didn;t see all of it that was consumed.

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Great Camaradi developed from all of the above factors and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The attached program speaks for itself.

The highlight of the whole weekend was the Saturday Boat ride and Saturday dinner

The group picture was taken around pool. I have 4 copies available for mailing.

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John Slack