

MAY 29 Rec'd

So many unusual things have happened that it just seems as if the best thing to do is to get out a newsletter to bring everybody up to date.

In my last issue I neglected to mention the names of the Kriegy Kommittee of Iowa that did such a great job for us last October. So here they are:

"Doc" Floyd Burgeson
Charles James
Bob Eckman
Capt. Bob Milligan
"Judge" Lum Wilcox
Don Wilkinson
Vern Verris Hubbell
Ed Moschel

plus the wives of each one.

Also someone requested a list of names of all those present. I hope that this list is correct, if not write and let me know and I'll add your name in the next issue of the "Item":

Charles G. Eberle
Irving J. Yarock
Robert W. Bingham
John Jones
Earl Hoffman
S.J. Bires
Robert Thompson
W.T. Curtis
Jim Sherman
R.D. Englehart
O.L. Bradford
Gardner M. Simes
Ed Hirst
Don Waful
Jim Fraser
J. Bancker
Martin Keiser
John Waters
Carl Hunsinger
LeRoy Ihrie
James Shoaf II
Royal Lee
John Slack
Robert Bonomi
Robert Milligan
Roy Chappel, Jr.
Duane Johnson
Verris Hubbell
Dr. Floyd Burgeson
Frank Diggs
Dick Secor
Brooks Kleber
Henry Haynes
Lumund Wilcox
John F. Shirk
Lewis Lowe

Ray Klinkenborg
A.H. Moss
A.W. Bryant
Henry Soderberg
T. Pawloski
Ed Moschel
J.F. Barrett
Raymond Marnien
Ted Ellsworth
M. Danielson
Bob Eckman
Harold Tallman
Edward Sager
Don Wilkinson
Len Vaden
Charles Jones
Clyde Herring
John Cannon
Ed Ward
Gordon K. Smith
John Van Vliet
Larry Higgins
Fitton Garvin
Father Brach
M. Thomas
Virgil Bird
Joe Friedman
Bob Christensen
Carl Coffey
Marvin Chevalier
Bob Aschim

Lincoln, Nebraska

Some of you no doubt learned that Ray Ihrie and his wife were off to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok and other Far Eastern points prior to their arrival at Adventureland Inn. We Kriegies really get around! (See note at end.)

Clearwater, Florida

Jack Van Vliet wrote and congratulated the Iowa Kriegy Kommittee on a fine job. Hear! Hear! Lowans!(I continue to get this kind of "Vibe")

Also enjoyed Viki Herring and hope that the Herring parents are as proud of her as he is. Some of you Lowans should have heard from him by now.

Woodbury, N.J.

Just received word belatedly that Walter L Schoener had passed away sometime in 1973. Was sorry to learn of this as it decreased our ranks here in the Phila. area.

Prince George's County, Md.

Col. Lou Gershenow wrote and wished all well for the year 1975. He's keeping busy now as a politician heading up the Streets and Highway Dept. for this County in Md. You might see him on the "Road" someday when in that area.

New Addresses

Coxsachie, N.Y.

Len Warren writes that Martin J. Lawler has moved to

24 Lyceum Street

Geniva, N.Y.

Capt. Robert Watt

333 15th Avenue S.

Naples, Florida 33940

Dr. William P. Dohoney

407 South 32nd Street

Camp Hill, Pa. 17011

Mr. Neill McGinnis

131 Lake Aluma Drive

Oklahoma City, Ok. 73121

Horace Spaulding

6 Birchwood Court

Mineola, N.Y.

2nd Lt. Carl J. Casper

7119 Woodlawn Avenue

Hammond, Ind. 46324

John Raffeto

1110 S. 176th Street

Seattle, Washington 98148

John B. McDonald

250 E. Norman Drive

Palatine, Il. 60017

Lester Edsall

5340 N. Washington Road

Riqua, Ohio 45356

Art Bryant

615 Shady Lane

Lakeland, Florida 33803

Colorado Springs, Co.

"Indian Joe". What a nice letter he wrote expressing his pleasure and complete satisfaction that he got to his first Re-Union in 29½ years. It was indeed our pleasure to see you and hope I can spend more time with you in Philly in '76. Really great to see you again. I'm sure I speak for all who attended when I say this.

Washington, D.C.

Nice note from Clyde Herring. Sent a picture from the Washington re-union which I will add to the Archives. Also a very interesting article from the Detroit Free Press Jan. 5, 1975. It was a flashback story on the Sparta Mich German P.O.W. Camp with pictures. This will be in my Correspondence Scrapbook and will be interesting to review in

Philly '76. You will note as Clyde did that the fences were the familiar Highway Snow fencing. Thanks Clyde.

A warm welcome to Cap't Robert Watt. Amon Carter sent me his address and looks as if he is enjoying an avocation many of us would like to do. Namely, being captain of a yacht in Florida waters. Nice to have an aboard Captain!

Father Brach has really come alive as many of you know by now having received a personal letter from him. Nice indeed to here from you Father and please keep us posted on your whereabouts. Texas is still a big State and hard to find people down there.

Gen. Waters always comes thru with letters and communications of real import. Always nice to hear from you and thanks much for the new names.

Welcome indeed to our list of 64 Kriegies. Dr. William Dohoney at Camp Hill, Pa. and Mr. Neill McGinnis Oklahoma City, Ok. (John Shirk, pls. note.) Neill McGinnis The archives of the U.S. Army History Section would love to have a copy of your article on Hammelburg as well as the archives of Oflag 64. Can reproduce same at no cost to you if need be.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Still no results on addresses on following persons.

Francis B. Stevens

J.L. Boyd

John Vargo

John Carpenter

Fred Blaumont

Charles Brocker

Russell Sparks, Maxwell, Iowa

Bill Burkhardt

John Simms

Tiny Dornin

Pete Knapp

Ivan Carlise

Jake Taylor

Freddy Hughes

George Duigin

Woodley Warwick

Holmes Penn

Robert Langley

Clarinda, Iowa

Thanks again Larry (Higgins) for your copy of the 1944 Track Meet. Sever-

al of the boys have requested them and we have sent them out. Still have some if anyone else wants a copy.

Washington, D.C.

Sure am counting on seeing Don May in Philly in '76. He asked about George Lucey who by the way is now sporting a beard, for a good reason. Also Charles Brocher. So if anyone knows about Brocher please let me know. Unable to locate him by phone Don. It's always nice to hear from Don and sure hope to see you in '76 if not before.

Levittown, N.Y.

Steve Bires writes about Dick Rossback. Dick made the news in an unglorious way. He was in the vicinity of Fraunce's Tavern in N.Y.C. when the bomb exploded in that area last January. He landed in the hospital with three cracked ribs. Sure hope Dick is doing O.K. now.

Steve also writes that the Adventure Land Inn personnel thought the whole group was a great group.

Bartender's remark!

"You fellows must be what is called the Heartland of America!" Desk Clerk
"Your the greatest bunch we ever had."

See what you fellows miss when you don't go to the Re Unions. Thanks Steve.

Largo, Florida

Brief note from now retired Bill Kleystuber who not only sent me the address for Horace Spaulding but also says he's planning to be in Philly in '76. Great! Looking forward to seeing you Bill.

San Diego, Cal.

Much thanks are due to Mrs. Quincy Drake who sent me a list of six names prior to Des Moines to be added to our list. This is great and I'm sure a few Christmas address lists would find a few more to add to our mailing lists. Thanks Quincy.

Newport News, Va.

Get quite a few notes from this town. Brooks Kleber being a good correspondent. A recent was a clipping from the local Press with a book review by Brooks entitled Break Out: Famous Military Escapes of World Wars by Graenie Cook. Publisher Taplinger Publishing Co. New York. Price \$7.50. I'll bet Billy Bingham would like this one.

Cazenovia, New York

Bill Barnum III writes that he is looking forward to '76 in Philly and let's hope that our good Padre, Father Brach will join us also. A discussion of a passing fad, Streakin'. This I'm looking forward to. Nice to hear from you Bill.

Bangor, Maine

If I ever had any thoughts about this news bulletin not being read, Milt Jellison dispelled them for me. He lived every minute of the Re-Union as I wrote it. He also conveyed some very sorrowful news that by now some of you may have heard about. Zolton Walter Takacs passed away suddenly on Dec. 4, 1974 Heart attack while driving to his home and was only a block away.

His wife is as far as I know with her son Dr. Peter Takacs, 9519 Good Lion Road, Columbia, Md. 21045

Walt was a great guy and would have been to every re-union had his circumstances permitted it. Many a letter are in our archives to attest to this and I'll miss these letters.

Glenview, Illinois

Tom Johnson wrote in and requested a copy of the Track Meet program that Lawrence Higgins supplied me with. Tom says hello to Ray Marnien and Roy & I have been seeing each other and will be seeing more of each other in the coming months. Look forward to seeing you in Philly in '76, Tom.

ATTN: Len Warren and George Maibach New York, New York Dick Rossbach wrote around the first of the year that you two might know Marty Lawler's correct address. The one we now have goes back to 1969

Martin J. Lawler

24 Lyceum Street

Geneva, N.Y. 14456

Marty, if this is a good address maybe we'll even hear from you.

Worcester, Mass.

Irv Yarock always comes up with the appropriate item. As to the Des Moines re-union - "We meet people we haven't seen in many years and pick up just as though we saw them the week before."

Thanks Irv. It was that way on the Safari to Poland too.

Philly in '76. Hotel has now been picked. Ray Marnien and Joseph Barrett after looking over several places that might be good ones finally picked the largest in town. The 1200 room Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Its near the Independence Hall as well as only one block away from 3 fabulous department stores for the gals.

Independence Hall will be the focal point for many Centennial activities.

Philly in '76 is underway.

Memphis, Tennessee

Big envelope arrived in mail from Bob Bonomi. No kidding! It was the group picture! A real good one too!

It is now in the process of being identified. Fred Lodge and the cooperation of Bell of Pennsylvania made the first step by doing a head outline overlay. Then knowing the Iowa Kommittee is such a good group, back went the picture with overlay to Verris Hubbell and just in time! I called "Hub" and Norm & Bob are having a showing of pictures of trip to Europe and North Africa and this is when their going to do a little identifying so that hopefully in a fairly short time you should have a Des Moines group photo in your own hands and be able to put in the names that the Iowa Kommittee may have missed. Boy will my face be red if they don't miss any.

Well that fairly well brings us up to date. One just came in from, San Antonio, Texas. Frank Aten writes that his name has been spelt wrong for many years. Its been Axen instead of Aten. Welcome back to the group Frank. How stupid of me. Sure hope we can get to see you in Philly in '76. If not Chappell pioneers Texas in '78. He brings memories of escape days at 64 where Frank spent many days trying to get "out" but usually landed back in tighter than when he left. Sure glad to hear from you Frank. Name spelt right now. Thanks.

So from Philly where the big event is in '76. I now leave you and coinnig's a phrase, I'm off to Tokyo to see Mr. T. Otsubo. Actually this is for real!

Your Editor

John F. Slack