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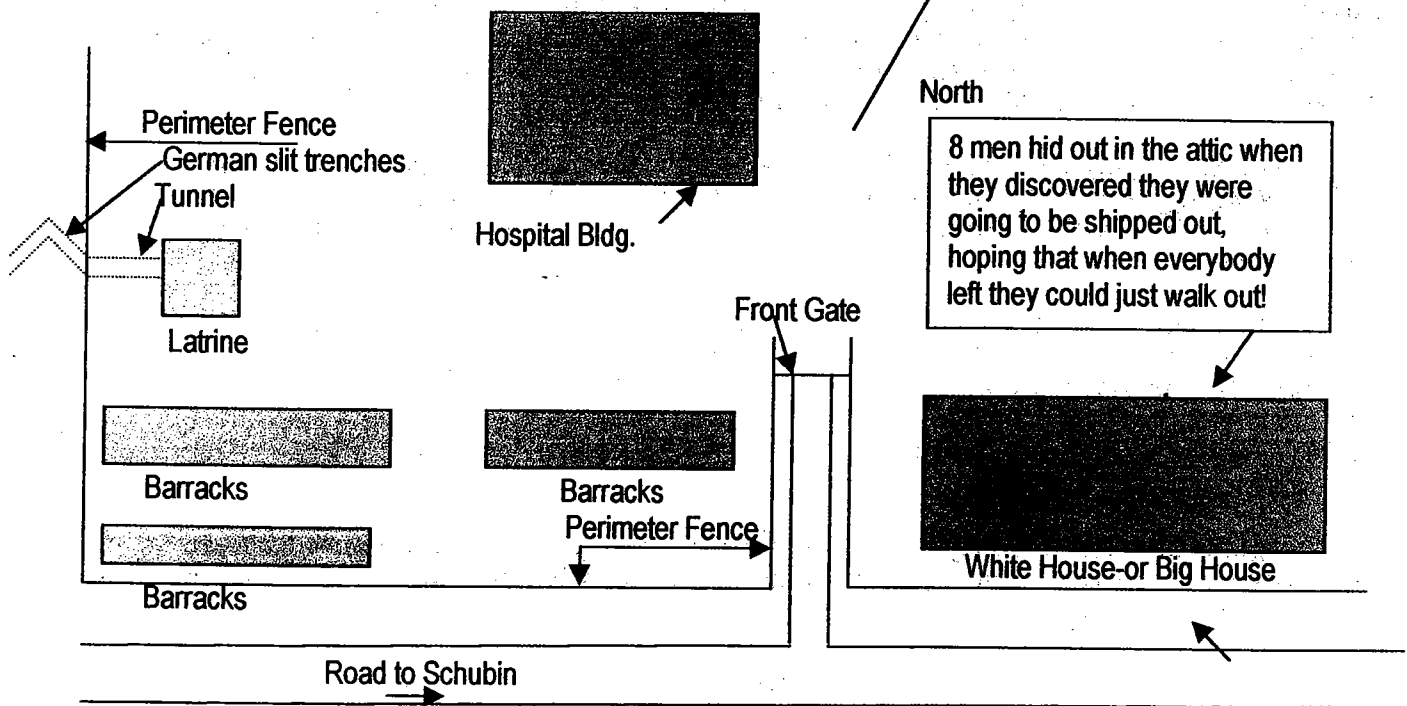
Bob Rivers was a Spitfire pilot and was in the USAAF-52nd FtrGrp-4thFtrSqdn, that flew with the Royal Air Force in England.

His squadron was transferred to North Africa to support the US Effort on North Africa. He was shot down on Jan 3, 1943, and taken prisoner by the German Army.

He was transferred to Oflag 21-B in Schubin, Poland in Feb 1943. This camp that was eventually renamed Oflag 64. This camp was populated by Air Force, Paratroopers, etc, from several different nationalities, such as British, American, Polish, Argentina, etc.

In March, 1943 an escape took place and 32 men escaped. All were recaptured except two, who got away!
Bob Rivers was transferred to Stalag Luft 3, in April, 1943.

The escape took place from the latrine. The escapees used the catch basin under the latrine to start their tunnel. They dug toward the street, beneath the wire, to a system of slit trenches that was used by the German guards, in the event of an air raid. The escape was successful, up to this point, but they were all caught later, with the exception of the 2 that were not caught.



German Buildings



This is a drawing of Oflag 64 Schubin, Poland, showing the escape attempt of spring 1943 before the Oflag was occupied by American Ground Force Officers. The information was supplied by Bob Rivers of Santa Maria, CA