

OFLAG NEWS ● IN BRIEF ●

● Thinking they might save some time, the camp bookbinders decided it would be best to print the book titles on the covers first, then cover the books.

It worked — but the covers ended on the books upside down!

● A White House kriegy who has been in the bag two years received a formal invitation last month to graduation exercises in June, 1944.

● Ormond Roberts had been sweating out a letter for a long time. Mail call came and Robbie heard his name. He rushed over, quickly opened his letter and found that it was from a girl friend's pet puppy, Dixie. Roberts has been growling ever since.

● Question of the month: A new captain was heard to ask at the carpenter shop — "Have you got a 2 ft. length of mahogany I could have?"

● Recently Barracks 6A was awakened in the middle of the night by a still unidentified voice that shouted, "Home, it's wonderful!"

● Rumor No. 3762: A new man came up to Room 28 wanting to see the stove on which 36 men could cook at one time!

● Jeff Rogers from Barracks 9A finally got a Red Cross box last month. He put the D-Bar in his jacket pocket and went to bed. Midnight passed. He was still awake with visions of D-bars parading before him. 1 a.m., 2 a.m. Still no sleep.

Finally at 3 a.m. he could stand it no longer. He got up, ate his D-bar, and retired happily.

● Sidney Thal, Schubin trapeze artist, recently received a comforting letter from home. "Your next parcel will contain all clothes. We know you have plenty to eat."

Oflagites Greet New Year With Chilblains and Hope



New Year's Message

By: Col. Paul R. Goode

"More than ever before, the coming year has a deep and far reaching significance for us all! Home and reunion with our loved ones — and once more taking our places as useful members of the armed forces of our country.

"Let us now, by our every action and thought prepare ourselves for that glorious day when being a "kriegie" is only a memory! Let us never forget we are Americans and constantly prepare ourselves spiritually, morally, mentally, and physically for what America may have in store for us! Let us be worthy of the uniform we wear!

"Thank you for your fine conduct and cooperation during the time I have been S. A. O. — and may 1945 bring nothing but happiness to you and yours."

Jeers Oust Old Year, Kriegies Salaam 1945

"It beats the hell outta me," said John Kriegie last night as the big clock in the White House knocked out 12 bells.

And with these words of wild celebration, John pulled the bed sack over his head and closed his eyes, while 1945 limped into Oflag 64 cursing its chilblains.

There were no tears among Altburgund's American colony at the departure of 1944.

For the older gefangeneners it had been a year of great expectations that had misfired; for the younger generation it had been the year of the Great Shock.

(You know — "Hell's bells, Lieutenant, I figured on being wounded or killed, but I never even dreamed of being captured!")

The new year brought new hope — plenty of it.

John Kriegie awoke this morning from dreams of beefsteak, Scotch and Lana Turner with a new gleam in his eye,

"It won't be long now!" he shouted, diving for his ersatz coffee.

New Year's Day Program

Today's New Year's Day program includes:

Catholic masses at 9:15 and 10:20 a. m.;

Middy feast of Red Cross meat, meat gravy, and a vegetable.

Special showing of "Room Service," produced by John Hannan, at 7:15 p. m. in the Little Theater.

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New Year's resolutions, in our opinion, are both futile and pointless, since they usually consist of a determination to do doggedly the things we don't want to do, and to give up those that make life bearable.

The one point in their favor is that they rarely outlive the first week in January — a week that could do with some asceticism anyway.

Reversing the conventional procedure, we would like to suggest the following list of SENSIBLE resolutions for the shining new year of 1945:

Resolved:

1. To eat ourselves into a state of gasping, glutton insensibility four or five times each day;
2. To catch up on all lost drinking time;
3. To exercise our charm (and what-not) on all females of the species within range;
4. To sleep (and what-not) until noon each day in a double Simmons Beauty-Rest;
5. To wear civilian clothes;
6. To accomplish the above and more at the earliest feasible date.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! L. P.

Signs of the Times

The kitchen and dining room staff, tin store personnel, cobbler, tailor and carpenter shop workers, teachers, greenhouse custodians, S-4 operators, canteen people, and all those who catch sweeping, scrubbing and carrying details with monotonous regularity, are all wondering these days how to go about resigning their commissions for a Pfc. rating, complete with weekly parcel.

Gal of The Month



Each month the ITEM reminds its readers that such things still exist. Our choice for January: Miss Marianne Simson, lovely German film starlet.

Kriegy Sketches

MAJOR KERMIT HANSEN

High on the list of Oflag 64's biggest operators is the camp's hardworking new adjutant: energetic, graying 27-year-old Major Kermit Hansen.

Hailing from Omaha, Major Hansen arrived here last September and was volunteered almost immediately for the important job of S-1.

Soon thereafter he became M. C. and one-man sparkplug for Bob Rankin's "Swingland," the director of the Sunday afternoon recorded program, and a leading light in the Glee Club.

His pre-kriegy career shows the same tendencies.

At the University of Nebraska, for instance, he was the Colonel of Cadets and honor graduate of the Class of '39.

Then, for two years, he energized Radio Station KOWH in Omaha as announcer, singer, script-



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It's been a long tough year — just ask any kriegy who has spent 1944 at Oflag 64!

As time is measured in a German prison camp, it has been 12 months of rumors, hope, Red Cross boxes, endless bull sessions, study, writing and waiting.

More than anything else, 1944 was a succession of projects — attempts to make life liveable under the damndest of conditions.

For instance:

JANUARY, 1944, opened with a big beer-party program in the mess hall and saw the beginning of the Promenade Walk project and ice skating operations.

FEBRUARY was highlighted by an all-camp poll, in which Oflagites collectively decided that the war would end in September, 1944.

MARCH saw the beginning of the 2-acre camp garden project and witnessed the Oflag's most ambitious stage production until then — "The Man Who Came To Dinner."

APRIL came with a flurry of trading on the newly-set up Mart, an impressive Easter program and a persistent rumor of mass repatriation to Sweden.

MAY brought "Thre Men on a Horse" to the Oflag stage, the camp's first maternity case in the form of two kittens and the climax of the spring softball tournament.

JUNE saw the Oflag's first an-

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writer and program director.

In August of '41, he came on active service in the army as a 2nd Lieutenant, going overseas to Ireland in February of the next year.

Since then, he made the African landing in '42 and gradually rose through S-1, S-2, and S-3 staff jobs to become a battalion commander.

Then one night in France he crossed the Mosel river with some advance elements of his outfit and here he is.

As for Item A, Major Hansen says he definitely thinks the war will end — some day.

The Saga of John Kriegy

Item Comprehensive Survey of Oflag 64 Shows that Average Kriegy Is 27, from N. Y., College-Trained, Food-Conscious, Efficient & Making the Best of It

ITEM news-sleuths last month combed the Oflag from White House to outhouse, peering and prying into every twist and turn of kriegie operations to find what makes the camp tick.

Here's what they found.

Lieutenant John Average Kriegie of Oflag 64, sitting for his composite statistical portrait, reveals these facts about himself:

He is 27 years old.
His home is in New York or Pennsylvania or Texas.
He is half bachelor and half married (most men are like that).



He attended college but, more likely than not, left the academic halls without a degree.

His civilian occupation was that of student or salesman, clerk or businessman.

His favorite pastime, at which he is, through no fault of his own, in but poor practice, is eating.

Pastimes...

The occupation to which he devotes most time is thinking and talking and dreaming about food, preparing menus for future repasts and devising means of stretching Red Cross parcels, when available, to their ultimate maximum of nutrition, longevity and satisfaction. Otherwise, he occupies his time with smoking, reading and all manner of handicrafts and housewifery, with liberal schedules of educational classes, dramatic and musical entertainment, religious services and games (all indoor at this season, but in better weather and on more adequate diet including many athletic sports).

An over-all group picture of Oflag 64's population discloses abundant deviation from the average. The age of kriegies here ranges from the average of 27 down to a minimum of 19 (two officers) and up to a maximum of 52

(one officer). Of a total camp strength numbering 1035 when the tabulation was made, 650 came within the age group 23 to 28, inclusive.



Each of the 48 American states is represented in the camp population with numbers varying from New York's 108, Pennsylvania's 58 and Texas' 74 to Delaware's, Montana's, Rhode Island's, Utah's and Wyoming's 2 each. The District of Columbia claims 13 and Hawaii 3. Our Allied nations are represented as follows: France, 3, Morocco, 3, Algeria, 2, Tunisia, 2, and Canada, 1.

Married men in camp number 516.

A total of 645 Kriegies here have attended college, and more than 300 of them won degrees. There are 153 Bachelors of Science, including BS in Commerce and in various branches of engineering, and 105 Bachelors of Art. There are 19 M.D.'s and 14 Bachelors of Law, and 9 M.A.'s. There is a Ph. D. and LL. D. and such assorted degrees as B. B. A., Ph. B., B. E., B. S., M. S., C. M., J. D., B. B. S., D. D. S., B. D., and A. A. —not to mention R. F. D., P. D. Q., and W. P. A.

Professions...

It would take an I. B. M. machine and a flock of assorted forms to classify in detail the civilian occupations of Oflag 64, but the broad groups include 170 who were students, 98 clerks, 98 salesmen, and 89 in other fields of business. There are 48 professional soldiers in this collection of PoW's from a civilian army, 42 engineers, 36 farmers, 34 teachers, and 34 laborers; 19 doctors and 2 dentists; 5 Protestant ministers and 2 priests; and 10 journalists (a journalist is a newspaper man with spats and a cane).

This by no means exhausts the catalog. Our kriegies include an explorer and a labor arbitrator, a forest ranger and an expeditor (put that fellow in charge of mail and parcels!), two bartenders and a photolithographer, a professional fund raiser, a porcelain



enamelist, a fingerprint classifier, a calendar designer, a pro baseball player, a Boy Scout executive, a watchmaker, a marine inspector, a photo-statistician, a batter (not yet mad) a seaman, a U.S. Treasury investigator, a worsted cloth finisher, 6 ranchers and a horse trainer, a policeman, an artist, an actor, a patent attorney, and the Commandant of a Military School.

Camp Setup...

Under the command of Col. Paul R. Goode, Senior American Officer, a thoroughly organized staff supervises the internal administration of John Kriegie's camp. Col. George Millett is Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Max Gooler, assistant Executive officer, and Col. F. W. Drury, Inspector General.

Maj. Kermit Hansen is S-1, Lt. Col. James Alger S-2, Lt. Col. John Waters S-3, and Lt. Col. Louis Gershenow S-4. Capt. Floyd Burgeson is Medical Officer and Capt. Charles Glennon is chaplain.

Two departments of the camp organization, the kitchen and mess under Lt. Col. William Martz and the tin stores under Capt. Tony Lunapkin, dispense when, as, and if available, that substance with which every Kriegie is pre-occupied: FOOD.

Food...

The kitchen prepares for John Kriegie each day 650 liters of soup, 1056 pounds of potatoes, 1056 pounds of cabbage, or turnips, as the case may be and 1464 liters of ersatz coffee. The camp's professional-statistician might be able to figure how many ocean vessels the soup might float in a year, but Lt. Average Kriegie measures it by the tablespoonful. Other items from the German ration supplied to Oflag 64 include 1.26 ounce-



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Lt. Kriegie Served by Well-Equipped Hospital, Tailor Shop, Barber Service and 7,000 - Volume Library

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es per man per day of fresh uncooked meat (including bones), six one thousandths of an ounce of spice, two one-thousandths of an ounce of vinegar, and seven-tenths of an ounce of salt.

The total German ration, before boning and cooking, is 86 pounds per day. Food is served through 122 messes.

The short order cooking, serving twenty messes a day, handles between 40 and 60 culinary concoctions a day when Red Cross parcels are coming in regularly. Three hundred fifty cans are opened each day when parcels are available.



Col. Martz' assistant mess officers are Capt. George Lucey, Capt. Allan White, Lt. Robert Aschim and Lt. Leo Farber. Capt. Joe Emerson is ration officer, Capt. Paul Miller, Lt. Fay Straight and Lt.

Curtis Jones handle short order cooking.

The camp cooks are Sgt. D.C. Olson, who was a CCC cook before entering the army, Sgt. M. D. Massey, Pfc. J. Patton and Pvt. L. A. Annunziata who was master baker at Russo's Bakery, Brooklyn.

The K. P. staff includes Sgt. V. H. Byrd T/5 Alvarado, Pfc. V. Long and Pvts. J. Cedillo, M. Greenfield, J. B. Browning, W. E. Elkins, D. Kakae, D. McConaughy and L. Gallis.

Parcel Store...

The parcel stores, handling Red Cross and private parcels, has an average of 300-400 customers a day during good times and 100-125 a day during bad times.

The tobacco store handles 12,000 cigarettes a day, 200 cigars, and 100 packages of pipe tobacco.

In stock as of October 1 were 1,000,000 cigarettes (47 different brands), 12,000 cigars (23 brands) and 10,000 packages of pipe tobacco (37 brands).

Most popular brands are Camel cigarettes, El Roi-Tan cigars, and Sir Walter Raleigh pipe tobacco.

Stores are open 9:00 to 10:30 a. m. weekdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. Sundays. The D-bar store is open only on Tuesdays.

Soap is available at all times (1 bar per man).

One Kriegie, applying for pipe tobacco and asked what brand, inquired, "What kind ya got?!"

Another applied for 87 cigarettes.

Capt. Lumpkin has been head of the

entire tin store since June 6, 1943. Capt. Maynard Files has the same record of same record of service as head of the tobacco division and Capt. James Dicks as head of parcel issue.



Assistants in the tobacco division are Lt. Robert Wick, Lt. Vic Laughlin and Lt. Gabriel Gever, and in the parcel issue Lt. Royal Lee, Lt. Nelson Tacey and Lt. Harry Schultz.

Lt. LeRoy Ihrie handles incoming books; Lt. Francis Noonan and Lt. Milton Jellison are in charge of the D-bar and private food stores, and W.O. Austin Knapp of the kitchen tin store. Lt. Amon C. Carter is private package operator and Lt. Tom Morse is bookkeeper and auditor.

Health...

Lt. Average Kriegie's health is constantly watched by a medical staff of which Capt. Floyd Burgeson is head. Capt. Robert Blatherwick is assistant medical officer and Capt. Eben Bergman administrative officer. Lt. Harry Abrahams is camp sanitator, and a staff of 13 orderlies under 1st Sgt. Butler do the kitchen and sanitation work of the hospital.

When Lt. Kriegie requires hospitalization, there are 22 beds available of which 12 to 15 are usually occupied. Facilities are adequate for handling general ailments and minor surgery. More serious surgical cases go to Wollstein, where Lt. James Godfrey is U.S. medical representative and Polish surgeons are available.

For minor ailments not requiring hospitalization, Lt. Kriegie goes to sick call, where, on the average, 30 of his fellow Kriegies appear each day. Most frequently recurring cases are those of the upper respiratory tract, skin ailments, minor cuts and bruises, with occasional cases of stomach trouble.

Capt. Burgeson emphasized to Lt. Kriegie that worry and depression cause a large percentage of the camp's ailments. He tells Lt. Kriegie to keep busy and practice personal hygiene and he is likely to stay well.

Capt. John Thornquist, dental officer, aided by W. O. Roger Cannon, voluntary dental assistant, keeps an eye on J. A. Kriegie's teeth and treats the most urgent cases.

Tailor Shop...

Lt. Kriegie is no Beau Brummef, but he stands inspection every Saturday and "Appel" twice a day, and the climate of Oflag 64 calls for the warmest available clothing. So Lt. Kriegie devotes much time to procuring, swapping, mending, and washing his meagre wardrobe. In this he receives considerable help from the camp's established services.



Headed by Lt. Verris Hubbel and three aides - Lts Donald Rockwell, Delbert Dorman and Selwyn Goodman, - the camp tailor shop repairs anything that's repairable except long-handled underwear.

(Sidelight on Kriegie life: most frequently needed uniform repairs are on "the seat of the pants.")

With three American sewing machines and one iron, the tailor shop has altered more than 2,000 pairs of trousers and as many shirts since November, 1943. The tailor shop also makes costumes, including feminine ones, which Lt. Kriegie wears in his theatrical productions. Lt.

Hubbel says the most fun is making false breasts and hip pads for female impersonators and that the oddest garment tailored in Oflag 64 was a ballet costume for use in "You Can't Take It With You."

The camp pressing service under Capt. Warren Walters and Dalton Medlen leaves Lt. Kriegie with no excuse for not having at least his Sunday-go-to-meeting trousers properly creased. Pressing 20 pairs of pants a day with one electric iron is the job of this service, which has handled almost 5,000 pairs since last May.

Lt. Kriegie's shoes (more than 2,000 pairs since July) are repaired in the cobbler shop under Lt. Ormond Roberts. Assisting him are Lts. Art Bryant and Henry Desmond.

With limited and antiquated equipment consisting of a German sanding and buffing machine and a Polish leather sewing machine, the shop turns out proper American repair jobs to the number of 10 to 15 pairs daily.

Like the tailors, the Kriegie cobblers also design and manufacture costume

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Gnome Bookbindery Keeps Over-age Books Circulating

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properties for the camp theater — items like dancing slippers, pumps, and sandals.

Lt. Roberts offers J. A. one important bit of advice "Keep your shoes off the hot stove (Who said that stove was hot?) if you don't want the soles to crack and leave you barefooted."

Barber Shop...

When Lt. Kriegie needs a hair-cut (or rather when his turn comes according to a carefully arranged schedule), he goes to the barber shop presided over by Lt. John Monks. Pfc. Serda, who is in direct charge of the five barber chairs, is a graduate of a barber's school.

The shop was started by two British enlisted men who owned clippers but whose other equipment was crude. The shop is now supplied with white coats, mirrors and sterilizing equipment—everything but the manicure girl and shoeshine boy.

Each barber gives 15 hair-cuts a day and the shop has 350 customers a week, giving each Oflagite a chance to get his hair cut every 21 days.

When Lt. Kriegie has completed his



cooking and his housekeeping, he falls back on the camp educational, library and religious services, and on games and that old stand-by, the bull-session, to occupy his time.

Library...

A library of 7,000 volumes managed by Capt. Marion Parrot caters to his varied reading tastes. More than 250 books are withdrawn each day.

Most popular classification is fiction, but the library has well patronized sections of Travel, Essays, Biography, Verse, Drama, Psychology, Art, Religion, Sciences, History and Languages.

On a "reserve" list are most popular works, such as "Arundel" by Kenneth Roberts, "Canal Town" by Samuel Hopkins Adams, and "Lee's Lieutenants" by Dr. Douglas Freeman. There are 35 copies of Lloyd Douglas' "The Robe."

The library was built up from a nucleus of 1,000 volumes to its present size by generous contributions of the YMCA and by individual gifts. More than 400 copies of the paper-bound "Armed Services Editions" and the British "Penguin" books also have helped supply the demand for reading matter.



A spacious, well-lighted reading room

was recently added to the library through the use of Red Cross boxes and the ingenuity of Lou Otterbein and others.

Gnomerie...

A great help in keeping Lt. Kriegie's favorite volumes in circulation is the bookbinding shop superintended by Lt. Donald Lussenden and staffed by Lts. Harry Hauschild, William Hanson, and Vernon Paulson — all without previous experience in bookbinding, but learning fast in the school of practical work. For bookbinding material they use wax paper from cigarette cartons and binding tape from old Red Cross boxes. A book trimming machine obtained from a German blacksmith shop, hammer, wooden clamps, a sewing frame and needles are the principal tools of this shop. More than 600 books have been salvaged and restored to circulation.

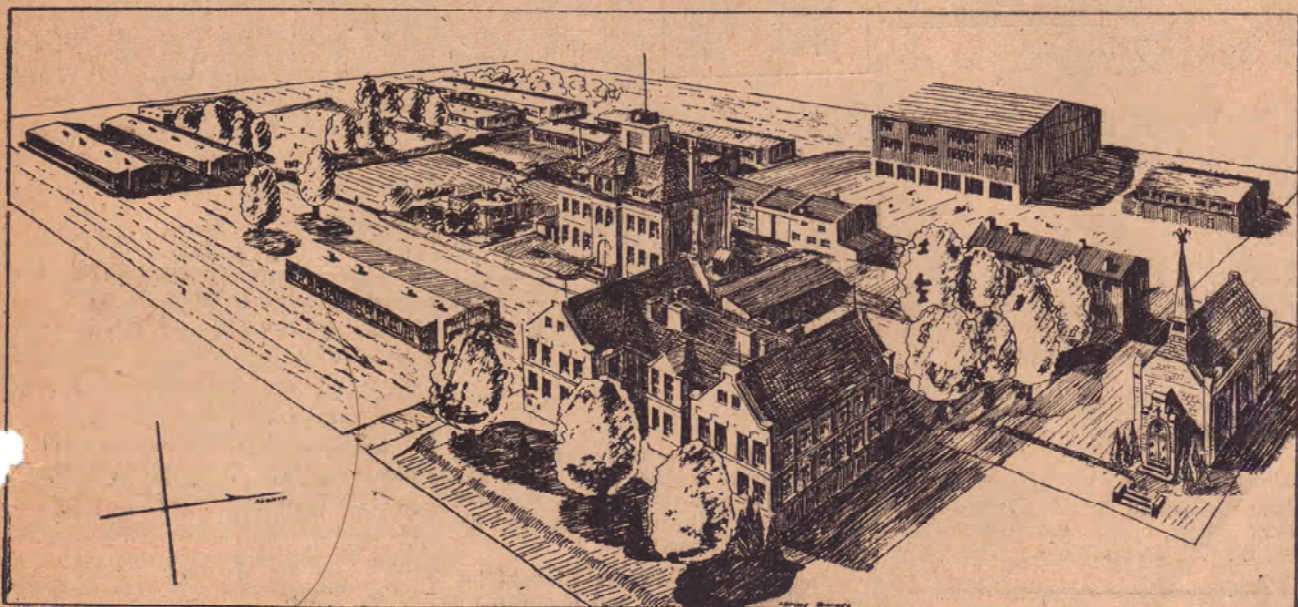


"Westerns," detective stories, and historical novels come into the shop most frequently.

More than 30 officers have applied to learn bookbinding as a hobby and Lt. Lussenden hopes that eventually he may provide facilities for them.

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John Kriegie's Temporary Home...



J.K. Gets Homegrown Education, Entertainment, News

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Education...

If Lt. Kriegie wants to study any of more than 30 subjects, from elementary English to advanced psychology he may attend the "Altburgund Academy" supervised by Capt. Hubert Eldridge, an educator of 22 years experience. The curriculum and faculty in detail in the December 1 ITEM. More than 350 students are enrolled. Special lectures open to all kriegies frequently supplement the regular curriculum.



Lt. Kriegie's spiritual welfare is the concern of chaplains who conduct two services each Sunday for Protestants and daily masses for Catholics. The religious program also includes semi-weekly Bible classes and twice-a-month communion services for Protestants, and evening prayer service and a course in Christian Apologetics for Catholics.

Theater...

All entertainment for Lt. Kriegie is under supervision of the Theater Group which meets regularly, selects plays and appoints producers for each. The group has presented eight 3-act plays, all former Broadway hits, seven one-act plays, eight musical revues, about a dozen Swingland programs, two operatic recitals, and one original 3-act musical comedy.



The backstage group under Lt. Lou Otterbein constructed the stage, seating stands, 35 stage sets and hundreds of props.

In better weather when Red Cross parcels were more numerous, Lt. Kriegie participated in an active athletic program. Now he gets his exercise by walking and his favorite sports are cribbage, poker, bridge and chess.

Publications...

Lt. Kriegie gets his news from publications edited by Lt. Frank Diggs, News Officer, under supervision of the S-2, Lt. Col. James Alger. The Daily

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New Year's Sonnet

(Written to the loveliest girl in the world -
— who won't like it a bit)

I dream as only captive man can dream
Of life as lived in days that went before:
Of scrambled eggs and shortcakes thick with cream,
And onion soup and lobster Thermidor;
Of roasted beef and chops and T-bone steaks.
And turkey breast and golden leg or wing,
Of sausage, maple syrup, buck-wheat cakes,
And chickens, broiled or fried or à la King.
I dwell on rolls or buns for days and days,
Hot cornbread, biscuits, Philadelphia scrapple,
Asparagus in cream or Hollandaise,
And deep-dish pies — mince, huckleberry, apple;
I long for buttered, creamy oyster stew,
And now and then, my pet, I long for you.

— Larry Phelan



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Mail...

Of course the most important news to Lt. Kriegie is news from family and home. He gets this through the mail officer, Capt. Robert Schultz, and his assistant, Lt. Robert Henry.

Lt. Kriegie's allowance of outgoing mail is three letters and four cards a month. Protected personnel are allowed double this amount, while order-

lies are allowed two letters and four cards.

Letters from home average about 100 days in reaching Oflag 64. One took 367 days and the speed record is held by a letter to Lt. Amon Carter which reached here 14 days after it was written.



Incoming mail totals about 350 letters a day which works out to an average of about one letter every three days for the entire Oflag population, but old kriegies average about 15 letters a month.

All in all, John Average Kriegie has set up an efficient and well-run American camp within the barbed wire. He only wishes it were about 5000 miles due West from Altburgund.

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niversary and other historic events being celebrated on the 6th, with all-star ball games, feasting, a special show and near-hysteria.

JULY was the month of the big carnival and "horse race" on Independence Day, mass sunbathing, Sol Levy's Variety Show and major gambling operations at the "Bloody Gut."

AUGUST brought a flood of new kriegies who all made bets with their elders that the war would be over in three weeks — or at the most three months, by Gawd.

SEPTEMBER brought the big all-camp track meet, the ITEM'S famed beauty contest, and big G-2 operations throughout the Oflag on whether the war would last out the fall.

OCTOBER was the first month of the Shortage and the Big Freeze, when a short, brisk fall sports program died.

NOVEMBER was the month of the camp's first all-original musical show, "Full Swing", the birth of "Altburgund Academy" as a full-scale camp education program, and a decline in the ersatz miniature golf craze.

DECEMBER killed all hopes of peace in '44, brought Red Cross parcels into the Oflag scene once more, and saw 1100 kriegies digging in for winter, emerging only long enough for the camp's classic Christmas feast last week. And here it is 1945... F. D.