

## **Alzburgund Academy:**

The average age of an Oflag 64 Kreigy was 27. Almost all were college educated and many had advanced degrees. There were engineers, lawyers, doctors, journalists, artists, musicians and even a former commandant of a Southern military academy. Almost half were married. Being locked up and isolated in a camp thousands of miles from home and dependent for everything on the unpredictable Germans, caused concern for how the American prisoners were coping with nothing to do. One project to address this issue was a program of academic classes set up by several officers with education backgrounds. It was led by Captain Hubert Eldridge who had 22 years of experience as a teacher and school superintendent. Designed as a college curriculum, it was known as the Alzburgund (German name for Szubin) Academy, or more informally, the Kreigy Kollege of Diabolical Knowledge.

The program was a great success. It offered classes in German (very popular as Kreigies thought it might be useful in an escape), Spanish, French, social sciences, physics, algebra, geometry, literature, speech and journalism.

Former Oflag 64 Kreigy, Sid Thal, put it this way, "We really didn't have any free time because we were always busy with projects. We had classes all in one building – language, math, history – a whole school staffed by qualified teachers who could give you credits toward a degree. It's amazing how huge a cross section of talent is available in any large group of men."

## "Alzburgund Academy" Opens With Full Curriculum

### Experienced Teachers Staff Faculty of 30

With a modest bow in the direction of Harvard, Yale and other mighty seats of learning, Alzburgund Academy opened its doors to approximately 350 eager students on November 8th.

The newly created Academy boasts a faculty of 30 experienced instructors from colleges and universities in God's Country and even an "exchange professor" from French Morocco.

Captain Hubert Eldridge, M. S., Colorado State, who has had 22 years' experience as a teacher and superintendent of public schools, is the principal dean and head proctor.

Capt. Lumund Wileox is dean of the college department and Capt. Ernest Gruenberg dean of the high school.

Fourteen courses are offered in the kriegy curriculum, which has three purposes:

1. To enable officers who have not completed high school to finish that part of their education here.
2. To prepare those who so desire to enter college after the war.
3. To benefit those kriegies who wish to brush up their education by taking up new studies or reviewing subjects they have studied in the past.

A semester of 18 weeks is planned, according to Captain Eldridge who, of course, hopes that it will not be completed before the end of the war.

A list of subjects, with the instructors, follows:

German I-Lt. George Ellis, B.A., Yale University

Spanish I-Capt. George Thomas, B.A., Wheaton College.

French I and 2-Warrant Officer Gilbert Eberart, who holds a law degree in French Morocco, and formerly taught in the college of Oujda.

Speech-Capt. Jean Wood, B.A., University of Washington.

Elementary Literature-Lt. Frank Colley, M.A., Duke University, and for four years a Fellow in the Department of History at that school.

Advanced Literature. Lt. Kenneth Goddard, B.A., Norwich University.

Elementary English Lt. Paul Hadnette, B.A., Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, formerly an instructor in Onachita Parish, Louisiana.

Social Science Capt. Bruce Martin, LL. B., University of Pittsburg, and Capt. Eldridge.

American History Capt. Clyde Herring, LL.B., Drake University, Lt. Col. Robert Cheal, and Capt. Bruce Martin.

Advanced Science Lt. Frank Garrett, B.S., V.P.I.

Chemistry Maj. Newton Cole, B.S., Norwich University.

Physics Lt. James Sherrick, B. Ed., Eastern State Teachers College, who has taught school three years in Litchfield, Illinois.

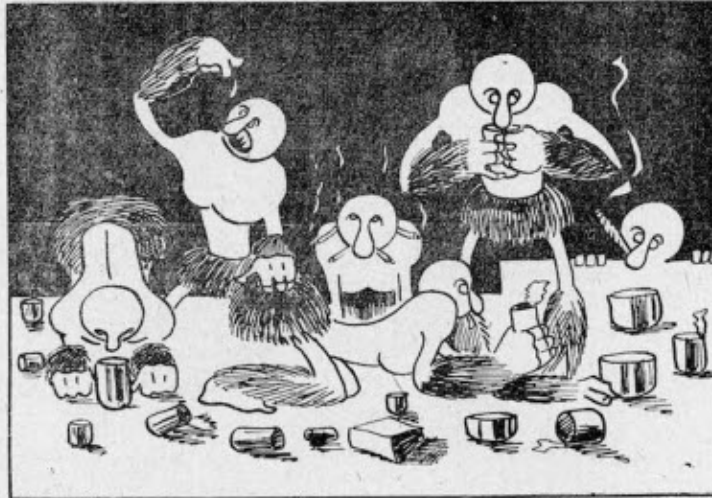
Algebra Lt. Col. James Skells, B. S., U.S.M.A.

Geometry Maj. Edwin Haggard, B.M.S., U.S.M.A.

Advanced learning is furthered by

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## CampBridge Tourney Leads Indoor Sports Religious Services Lift Oflag Morale

Headlined by the Oflag's first bridge tournament and challenge chess ladder, the indoor recreation program roars into high gear this month.

Burly Grimes and Obie O'Brien, 3B; Ed Ward and Cactus Tripp, 3A; Gabby Gever and Dick Englehart, White House; and Pat Wart and Norman Spitzer, 9A, winning teams in the 48-hand duplicate bridge semi-final over other barracks champs, will vie for camp honors in a 14-hand tourney scheduled for this weekend.

Leading the inter-barracks chess competition for the four positions in the final round-robins to be held in December are: Bruce Martin, 7. Ossie Turner, 6. Lucian Saint-Sauveur, 7. Chum Williamson, 3. Jon Creech, 9. and Ormond Roberts, White House.

three new classes of college calibre, all of which have large enrollments. These are: Salesmanship, taught by Maj. Jerry Sage, B.A., Washington State, in civilian life a senior salesman for Proctor and Gamble; Security Analysis and Investment Banking taught by Lt. George Seeman, M.A., Columbia University, and Physiology, by Lt. Harry Abrahams, M.D., who attended Washington University.

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Religion makes prison life bearable for a large percentage of Oflag 64's inmates, according to attendance figures at the 21 religious services conducted here each week.

More than 75 Oflagites attend the two daily Catholic masses conducted by Chaplains Charles Glennon and Stanley Brach.

Other Catholic services include an Evening Prayer service and a twice-weekly course in Christian Apologetics, both conducted by Father Brach, plus an additional mass on Sundays.

In the past month, the Kriegy Catholic congregation conducted a Requiem Mass for the dead of the war and special masses for the dead of each army unit represented here.

A 12-voice Catholic choir is led by Lt. Anthony Cipriani.

The camp's Protestant majority is attended by four Protestant chaplains.

Two services on Sunday morning, communion service twice a month and a Bible class conducted semi-weekly by Chaplain Gunnar Teilmann round out a well-diversified camp service.

Sunday services are held at 9:30 and 10:10 a.m., assisted by two choirs — one led by Maj. Kermit Hansen and the other by Lt. Tom Holt.

Chaplain Hennon explains the unusual interest in religion here like this:

"In normal life, we take our religion ready made; in life here in camp one sees a vitalized expression of the sincerity of Christianity."

● Lt. Richard Mason is getting suspicious of his job as laundry officer for Barrack 3-A. Dick sent his shirt to the laundry two months ago — and he's still waiting for it to come back!