

August Picot de Peccaduc Freiherr von Herzogenberg - Kitty's lover and German artist killed on the Russian front. He dies 21 February 1944.

Baron Robert Nikolaus Maximilian Freiherr von Ungern-Sternberg - German - Baltic general killed by the Russian secret police in the 1920's.

Caroline Crosby - Tory Planckh's first American lover and Kitty McVitty Planckh's best friend at Bryn Mawr College. Caroline's failed expected marriage to Tory Planckh was the catalyst that caused Kitty Planckh to eventually marry him. Caroline died in the 1960's.

Charles Henri Michel Auguste Taquey - Captain in the US Army, member of the OSS, and marries Kitty McVitty Planckh in 1947. He died in 1999.

Charles Thayer - American diplomat and writer and eventually forced out of the US Foreign Service. He was with the OSS in Austria after WW2.

Claude de Sercey - Kitty's young lover and friend. Ends up in a DP camp and eventually works for the Red Cross. He then transfers to hunting German collaborators in France. He died in 1981.

Countess Beatrix Hoyos - Wife of Count Jean-Georges Hoyos and joint owner of castle Schwertberg in Austria. The castle was purchased by Count Alexander Hoyos in 1911.

Edward Winston McVitty – employed by PAN AM as an airport sight engineer and was clandestinely used by the Army Intelligence during the war. Born 1906 and died 1971.

Georg Jung - Austrian artist died 1957.

Georg Kolbe - German artist died 1947.

George Frost Kennan - American diplomat, writer, and eventually became American Ambassador to Russia in 1950.

Heinz Teschner - Kitty's second husband and divorces him in 1947. He lived in California.

Herbert Boeckl - Famous Austrian artist, lived in Vienna, Austria, between 1935 and 1966 he taught art at the Academy of Fine Arts and was manager from 1945/1946, died in 1966.

Herbert Scholz - Kitty's first lover but never marries him. He becomes a member of the SS in the Boston area before the start of WW2.

James M. Minifie - OSS agent, newspaper reporter, formerly of the New York Herald and employer who blackballed Charles Taquey.

Julius Planckh - Kitty's husband's father retired officer in the Austrian-Hungarian Army and imprisoned in Russia during WW1 in Tomsok.

Lady V - Hostess in London after the war and see to Kitty's acceptance in London.

Lee Miller - American combat photographer, son is Antony Penrose.

Major Ben Ash - American P-38 fighter pilot shot down over Austria. Kitty nurses him and his 8 men back to health while the men were stationed in Vienna, Austria.

Major General Aleksei Vasilevich Blagodatoff - Russian general in charge of Vienna, Austria occupation period.

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Major Herbert Quintin McVitty - Kitty's cousin and marries Micheline Muselli Pozzo di Borgo.

Martin Herz - American diplomat on a mission to Vienna, Austria.

Micheline Muselli Pozzo di Borgo - Marries Herbert Quentin McVitty and divorces him and she eventually marries Alan Jay Lerner.

Peter and Lottie Chambers - Kitty's friends and Heinz's cell mate after the war. Peter is accused of war profiteering and is sent to prison for several weeks by the American authorities.

Princess Irina Orloff Waldstatten - Kitty's close friend and Russian princess.

Princess Vera Lvovna Trubetskoy - Kitty's close friend and Russian princess.

Ruth (Kitty) Dwight McVitty Planckh - Author of the book and marries the artist Victor Planckh. She marries Heinz Teschner and divorces him in 1947 and eventually marries Charles Taquey. She dies in 1994.

Sophie Ungar Sternberg - One of Kitty's friend and related to Roman Fyodorovich von Ungern-Sternberg known as the "Bloody White Baron".

Stephanie Planckh - Victor Planckh's mother and settles into retirement in Munich, Germany.

Traudl Gruelich - Secretary in the office

Victor Planckh - Kitty's husband who dies in Greece in 1941 of peritonitis, member of the Hagenbund.