



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Carter:

Since receiving your telephone call on Wednesday afternoon, I have had a further check made on the location of prisoners of war camp Oflag IX A/Z, the camp in which your son has now been reported.

According to a map of British prisoner of war camps published by the British Red Cross and St. John's War Organization in December, 1942, Oflag IX A/Z is located at Rotenberg, a little town about twenty-four miles southeast of Kassel. I am not surprised that you had difficulty in finding this particular Rotenberg on the average map of Germany available in this country. Our geographical experts here have located several Rotenbergs and Rothenbergs in Germany. The largest is the one in Bavaria, which you located, and it is more usually spelled "Rothenburg". However, the one in which Oflag IX A/Z is located is, according to the best information obtainable here, in Prussia, in Hesse-Nassau, on the Fulda River. The population reported in 1900 was 2,998.

I regret that I must confirm that due to the limitation of cable facilities, it is possible to send cable messages only to officially reported prisoners of war, in cases of extreme urgency.

Very sincerely,

Chairman

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