

July 17, 1943.

Colonel Joseph M. Hartfield,  
American Red Cross,  
National Headquarters,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Colonel:

Your letter of recent date received, enclosing a copy of the Prisoners of War Bulletin, for which please accept my thanks.

Amon Junior has been located until recently in a prison camp at Rotenberg, Oflag IX A/Z, Germany, meanwhile we have received notice that he is now at Oflag 64, Germany. I trust there is no mistake in this new address as we are preparing to send his third package.

A few days ago, the YMCA Prisoners of War Committee notified me that Amon Junior had been moved to Oflag 21-B and when I attempted to confirm this information through the War Department they advised they had received no change of address. Yesterday, the War Department wired me that Amon Junior was now at Oflag 64 and new labels for his package were being forwarded. So, we are at a loss to understand how the YMCA could have received their information that these boys were located at 21-B, whereas the War Department advises Oflag 64. Naturally, I am confused and hope there is no mistake in the address to which we are sending his package of 11 pounds allotted each sixty days.

I note what you say regarding the matter of winding up the Will Rogers Memorial Commission. Recently, I received a letter from John W. Calhoun, of the University of Texas, who is preparing a brief and history of the origin of the \$60,000.00 from the Will Rogers Memorial Commission for a scholarship fund for the Texas University, and I explained as best I could from memory how this money was raised and suggested that Mr. Calhoun write you direct. In all probability the letter he wrote Jesse Jones will be referred to you or the Secretary of the Commission to furnish the Texas University such information as you have.

Any information you can give me at any time in reference to the welfare or in connection with the prisoners of war in Germany, I shall appreciate it very much. We have had information to the effect that some of the prisoners in Germany have received parcels from individuals direct through Portugal and we are trying to contact someone in Portugal to send Amon Junior supplementary items which we are unable to send in the 11 pound package which we can send him only every sixty days.

There were 141 American officers and 11 American doctors in camp Oflag IX A/Z and I don't know whether all of these Americans were transferred to the same camp that Amon Junior has been moved to. I am enclosing a photostatic copy of his last letter dated May 20th which was received here June 21st - exceptionally good service. In one of his previous letters, April 15th, he asked me to let him know how he could pay his income tax. I wrote him not to worry about that as I was having enough concern about being able to pay my own - in fact, I sent Mr. Morgenthau a copy of the letter and quoted my answer to Amon Junior. Another interesting item was his statement, "The people at home cannot possibly realize how important the little things they take for granted are until they have to do without them".

The enclosed clipping from the Star-Teleram is a story which one of our Reporters wrote from quotations from Amon Junior's several letters.

With best wishes and again thanking you for any information you may be able to give me concerning the prisoners of war in Germany, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD