August 10, 1943.

Mr. L. H. Mitchell, Director,
Insular and Foreign Operations,
American Red Cross, National Headquarters,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your letter of August 3 has been received during Mr. Carter's absence from the city. Meanwhile, the contents have been passed along to him.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and we hope you will be able to get a later report from your Delegate as to the conditions and operation of Oflag 64, Germany.

Mr. Carter received a card dated June 13 and a letter July 4 written by Amon Junior from Oflag 64, in which he says that it is a much nicer camp than Oflag 9 A/Z, although very cold and he hates to think what the winter will be like. He says that day, July 4, they were given a special treat -- oatmeal for breakfast, which was the first oatmeal, as well as the first breakfast they had received, lunch being their first meal. He asked that we get as many warm clothes to him as possible. He had also received one letter each from his mother and dad, but no packages.

Again thanking you for your courtesy and consideration in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

Secretary to A. C. Carter.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
National Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

August 2, 1943

Mr. Aaron C. Carter,
Ft. Worth Star-Telegram,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

We are very glad to inform you that a cable just received from our representative in Geneva confirms the fact that your son has been reported as being at Oflag 64. This same cable states that Oflag XIX A has now been designated as Oflag 64.

This camp is located at Schmin, in what was Poznan Province, Poland. It is actually Southeast of Bydgoszcz. At the time this camp was visited, on March 25, 1943, primarily British prisoners were held there, although there were 131 American Air Force officers. At that time, the Germans had planned to remove all the prisoners from the camp because of the ease with which escapes were made. It was stated that as many as 47 men had escaped at one time. Apparently, however, it has not been possible to eliminate this as a prison camp. The Delegate, at the time of his visit, was not satisfied with the camp because of the delay experienced by the prisoners in receiving mail. The Delegate planned to raise this complaint with the German High Command at once.

Presumably, we will at some future date receive a more detailed report concerning this camp than was thought necessary in view of the planned removal of the prisoners. American Red Cross standard food parcels have been in the past shipped into this camp. These shipments began in October, 1942, and continued through April 1943, when 609 parcels were sent there. Presumably, none were forwarded in May, in view of the report of the Delegate that American prisoners were being moved. The report of the June parcel distribution has not as yet arrived in this country.

We are very glad that we could provide this information for you.

Very sincerely,

W.M. Mitchell, Director,
Insular and Foreign Operations.