

March 31, 1945.

Mrs. Newton W. Lantron,
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Dear Mrs. Lantron:

Your letter of March 29th, just received making inquiry as to what data and information the writer might have concerning the members of Oflag 64, Germany, where your husband, Captain Newton W. Lantron, has been a prisoner of war, the same as my son.

Although I have never stopped making an effort to get all available news concerning these boys there is very little acquired. At the time of the Russian Army advance through Poland I ascertained through Senator Tom Connally that the State Department had been advised that all of the members of Oflag 64 originally located at Schubin, about 100 miles South of Danzig, in the Polish Corridor has been moved to Luckenwalde, Stalag 3-A, about 35 miles South of Berlin. A couple of weeks later another wire was received from the same source advising that these boys were still on the move West as of the first week in February. Since that time nothing has been available and after talking with several of the boys who have returned after their liberation at the time of the evacuation of these boys, nothing beyond the fact that they were given 24 hours notice and were evacuated January 21st, that they spent the first night in community barns (from which most of the liberated boys have come) and were moved out, those physically able to travel on foot, the next morning.

Yesterday, I received a telephone call from Austin, Texas, advising that Mrs. Jones had received a card direct from her husband, Lt. Col. Hal Jones, Jr., dated February 7th at Luckenwalde, which said they were at that point and that "Ferguson, Goad and Carter" were there also. He said that she should be seeing "Gaines and Yates" (two who were liberated) soon and to keep writing to the same address.

This morning another telephone call was received from Monroe, La. advising that

a card dated March 1 had been received from R. C. White, Jr., as follows: "I am now at Porehin. Traveled 350 miles on foot from Alzburgung (Schubin). Probable destination Hammelburg, Oflag 13 B. Address same as previously. Health. O.K."

Another call from New York advised that a card dated March 8 had been received from Holmes Penn, of the same camp, in which he advised we are all constantly on the move.

The Prisoners Aid Committee of the YMCA in New York wrote me that they had received a cable from their Geneva, Switzerland office making a request for supplies for 374 Americans formerly in Oflag 64 but now in the officers section at Stalag III A, Luckenwalde.

An Associated Press news story out of London carried a quotation by Sir James Grigg, British War Secretary stating that members of Oflag 64 were transferred to Oflag 13-B at Hammelburg. Incidentally this town is about 70 miles from Frankfurt, where General Patton has already gone through.

So, your guess will be as good as mine as to where these boys are. Probably they have been split up in groups and part of them are at Luckenwalde and others at Hammelburg. They may still be on the move as indicated and they may be liberated any time, or it could be after the war is ended. All we can do is keep our courage and hope and pray that some message will come through any day to say these boys are all right.

I am sorry not to be able to give you more definite information but these bits are all I have been able to ascertain and am passing them along for what they may be worth.

I shall be glad to have any news you may receive and will likewise pass any word along we may receive.

Sincerely,