

Hedeco, Texas  
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Dear Mr. Carter:

I appreciated so very much the letter advising me your son had asked that you notify us that my husband had been interned at Oflag 64. I received his address on November 14<sup>th</sup>; and have been so very eager to hear that he has received cablegram or letter about his daughter, born Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, ten days after his capture, (our first child after seven years of married life). I am rather optimistic that the mail may be speeded up, since I received a card today dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, and a letter Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>. All other letters have been at least 2 1/2 months old, and I am wondering if this is an indication the mail service is being improved, or if it happens occasionally that letters come through quickly.

Do you know whether Red Cross packages are being received by them? In a previous letter Herbert was bemoaning their absence, but said in the card dated Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> that they were to receive a Red Cross Christmas package, and were all thrilled about them.

I also received a letter today dated Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> saying they had enjoyed a "mighty fine" football game that Sunday. He is very cheerful, and says he has no complaints except he is "not still in the fight." Naturally his letters are mainly about our child.



of course the Russian offensive is uppermost in my mind; and I will appreciate it very much if you will put me on the list to let me know anything you may learn about the personnel of Oflag 64 in the event the Russians reach it.

My husband was a member of the "Lost Battalion" surrounded for 5 1/2 days near Mortain, France. He was on the battalion staff, and after battalion headquarters was set up in Mortain, the Germans burned everything in the town, even the hospital, searching for the Americans. His Colonel and several officers I knew were captured at the same time. He says there were "quite a number of us" - we did our best but to no avail.

Again thanks for the letter. I have not been in communication with any families of the prisoners of Oflag 64 except those captured at the same time, and the letter helped relieve that "lost" feeling.

Sincerely,  
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