

Headquarters Prisoner of War Camp
Camp Maxey, Texas.

11 Nov. 1944

Mr. Amon G. Carter,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Sir:

Just a few words of thanks for your very nice letter of several days ago, containing much of interest in regard to Oflag 64, Germany; also the write-up of your interview and visit with Col. Thomas Drake, Senior American Officer at Oflag 64.

Since receiving your letter, I have had three letters from my son, Lt. John R. Rodgers, the last one bearing the date of Aug. 28th. In them he said nothing concerning the camp having been moved, and if that has taken place it must have been sometime in September. Mrs. Medlin of Bonham did not tell me when she received news of the move, but indicated a Captain at Oflag 64 had written his wife, a friend of Mrs. Medlin, that they were being moved. I hope this is a mistake, for life is hard enough where they are, and a new location would only mean more privation and hardships.

Concerning the information from Col. Drake, it is very saddening and disillusioning to me. The Red Cross Bulletins and Y. M. C. A. reports have all given very rosy accounts of life at Oflag 64. Especially dis-heartening is the reference to the activities of the Red Cross. Inasmuch as that organization is all that our boys have to look to for their very existence, it seems that every effort would be made for their security and welfare. I feel that Col. Drake will do all in his power to get something done about the situation. You also, have an opportunity through the press that is not afforded everyone. Incidentally, I feel that every word Col. Drake wrote is true. In one letter from my son just received, he stated that he was badly in need of shoes - that he had only the shoes he landed in, which had already been half soled four times. By the time I can get shoes to him it will be spring. I am familiar with the operation and provisions of the Geneva Convention, and know that the Germans are supposed to furnish these things; also that our boys are supposed to get the same diet as the German Army. Inasmuch as I am employed at POW Camp, Camp Maxey, I know that German prisoners receive the best of food, clothes and recreation. All of this makes me very bitter.

Thanks again for your interest in my behalf. I shall pass the paper on to others who have boys in prison camps. Trusting that this ruthless war is indeed in the last stage, and that our boys will by the grace of God be brought safely home, I am

Very truly,

Mrs. Madge C. Rodgers