

May 31, 1944.

Mr. Max J. H. Rossbach,
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Dear Mr. Rossbach:

Your interesting letter of May 19 received enclosing a copy of the story which appeared in the New York World Telegram from Larry Allen. Please accept my thanks for your letter as well as this information. Meanwhile, we carried this same story in our own paper, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Of course, Larry Allen should know what they have to eat. Meantime, I have heard different versions. Amon Junior wrote recently that he had just enjoyed the best dinner he had had for a long time, which consisted of sour kraut and potatoes. The Red Cross furnishes each prisoner a package once a week similar to the eleven pound package which the next-of-kin are permitted to send every sixty days, and while I have no doubt the boys are hungry (as Amon Jr. said in his last letter, what he wouldn't give for some milk or meat) at the same time, he has been able to pick up some weight. He is back now to 159 pounds when he formerly was down to 145. So, as distressing as it appears on the surface, I still think we are very fortunate and they are also, when I stop to think of the friends of mine who have boys in the Philippines and Japan that we know are not getting anything to eat and the further fact that it is months before they hear from them, if at all.

I will probably be in New York next week, and I hope to be there when Larry Allen arrives. In fact, I would enjoy getting to meet him at the same time with you, thereby giving us an opportunity to acquire first-hand information as to the welfare of these youngsters.

Thanking you for your letter and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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