

February 16, 1945.

Mr. F. M. Vinson
1003 Grand Avenue,
Tomball, Ark.

Dear Mr. Vinson:

Your letter of February 13th received in which you advise that your son, Lt. Frank M. Vinson, Jr., is a prisoner of war in Oflag 64, Germany, and that he had suggested that I might be able to give you some information that he could not write.

You did not say how long your son had been a prisoner of war, so I hardly know where to start. Then again since the camp is on the move ahead of the Russian advance I do not know what to tell you other than it is known that the American officers in Oflag 64 were moved from Schubin in Poland, about 100 miles south of Danzig to Stalag 3-A at Luckenwalde in the province of Brandenburg in Germany about 30 miles South of Berlin. This morning, I received further information from Senator Connally: "Have ascertained from Provost Marshal General they have advices as of first week in February that at that time the members of Oflag 64 were still on the move West but the Department does not know where."

For a couple of months early in October until December 13th no Red Cross food parcels were delivered to the boys in Oflag 64 and doubtless they lost quite a lot of weight. Aron Jr. lost more than 40 pounds when he was first interned however over a period of two years this month he has regained some of that weight.

With regard to the food items sent the boys, my thought has been to make a mental note of the items requested by my son, take the list sent with the labels from the War Department and then prepare the most concentrated food possible from the two lists and what I know my son likes most to eat. We always include powdered eggs, powdered whole milk, sugar, bouillon cubes, Nescafe, Nestle's Cocoa, Chocolate, cheese, and other items that my son may request.

If any further information is received, I shall be glad to pass it along to you.

Sincerely,

AGCLD