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Mr. Amon Carter
Fort Worth, Texas

My dear Mr. Carter:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Provost Marshal's office, advising me that my son, Keith, has been moved from Oflag 9 A/Z to Oflag 64, Germany. My friend, Col. Lawrence W. H. Peyton, of Staunton, Virginia, writes me that his son, Capt. John Peyton, has been moved from Oflag 9 A/Z to Oflag 64.

We, of course, are much interested to know at what point in Germany this camp is situated. I thought it probable that the information might come to you in some way, and assure you that I should appreciate the information, along with anything else that you might find. Of course, we eagerly search for any crumbs of knowledge that we can get.

We have a close friend, Prof. Erich Rath, a native of Germany, who for about twenty-five years was head of the music department at Hollins College near Roanoke. He told us many interesting things about Rotenburg, where 9 A/Z is located. It is a very old town, with many historic buildings and traditions, and also a very beautiful town, situated in an agricultural district. Keith had also written us that it was a very beautiful place. I am afraid that the camp to which they have moved will not be as pleasant.

Mr. Frank Hancock, a neighbor of mine, has a son who is a prisoner in the same camp. They got a letter from him the other day in which he told them that the German authorities had taken a photograph of each one of the boys and was sending them to the family of each of these officers. The censor had written on the outside of the envelope, "Your son's photograph will arrive by the next mail." We have not received Keith's, but I hope that you have gotten Amon's by now.

Anything that we learn I shall be glad to send to you, and if you get any news or information it will be most welcome to us.

Sincerely yours,

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