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Dear Mrs. Ingram:

Mrs. Fulton and I thank you for your recent letter enclosing copy of the last letter you received from your son in the P.O.W. camp at Osaka, Japan. As you requested, I sent a copy of that letter to the editor of the Prisoners of War Bulletin, and I am enclosing copy of the letter which I wrote him. I hope that he publishes your son's letter for it will be of great interest to many people.,

Last month our daughter-in-law received a postcard from her husband who is a prisoner of war at Zentsuji. That is about 100 or 125 miles southwest of Osaka. In that message my son wrote that he had not received his package. The postcard was dated June, 1944. Since he had not received that package by June I doubt that he ever will receive it.

I have heard of two postcards received during the past five or six months from the camp in Burma, or Thailand. I understand that both were received in this country during August, 1944, and both had the following printed on the card:

"The rains have finished. It is now beautiful weather. I am working healthily. We receive newspapers printed in English which reveal world events. We have joyfully received a present of some milk, tea, margarine, sugar, and cigarettes from the Japanese authorities. We are very anxious to hear from home but some prisoners have received letters and cables. Everyone is hopeful of a speedy end to the war and with faith in the future we look forward to a happy reunion soon. With best wishes for a cheerful Christmas."

Each card had a short message in the handwriting of the sender. The substances of the messages were the same--that the writers were well. Also the addresses were the same; Camp No. 3 Branch, Thai War Prisoner, Camp Nike Thailand. The fact that it is designated Camp No. 3 indicates that there is more than one camp, so it does not follow that all prisoners are in the same place. Since you do not know definitely that your son has been moved from Moulmein, Burma, I would suggest that you continue addressing your letters to him at that place.

Our daughter-in-law also received in December a postcard which her husband wrote in October, 1944. I have heard of only one other instance where a message from a Japanese camp was transmitted as quickly, and I hope that such signifies the opening of a new route for mail to and from those camps. In that last postal my son said that he was well, and had received several letters from home, with pictures. That last postcard was numbered fifteen, but we have received only eight messages from him. We do not know how many of our letters have reached him. In his last postal he said that he had received letters to June, 1944.

Mrs. Fulton joins me in sending kindest regards,
Sincerely,