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Mr. Gilbert Redfern, Editor,  
Prisoners of War Bulletin,  
American National Red Cross,  
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Thinking of you always. Hope to be with you very soon.

Love

(Signed) Bud

Osaka P.O.W. Camp  
Nippon

I understand that Mrs. Ingram has two sons in Japanese prisoner of war camps, and both served on the USS HOUSTON. I think that the letter quoted above will be of interest to a great many people, especially those who have reason to believe that the next-of-kin package which they sent on the Gripsholm in September, 1943, was not delivered to the addressee.

Should you desire any additional information concerning the above I am sure Mrs. Ingram will be glad to give it. I am sending her a copy of this letter.

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