

October 5, 1943.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower,
Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Forces in Mediterranean Theater,
Allied Headquarters in North Africa.

My dear General:

Colonel Elliott Roosevelt spent a few days at home and I understand may be back in your part of the country sometime soon. I am taking the liberty of sending you a little Christmas remembrance which I hope will arrive safely and that you will accept with my best wishes.

I want you to know that Texas is tremendously proud of you and the great job you are doing. So, more power to you!

When you have cleaned up the Jerries and come back home for a little relaxation, please don't forget that you are the one and only honorary life member of the Fort Worth Club, which will be at your disposal with everything that goes with it for your complete rest, relaxation and happiness.

We are just finishing our third War Bond drive and Texas has gone over the top with approximately \$500,000,000.00. Fort Worth has exceeded its quota 52.6%. So, you need have no apology for your home state. Everybody is in dead earnest about the war and working at full speed to assist you in every way possible in an effort for a speedy termination. In addition, there are thousands of us interested from a purely personal standpoint - having our boys prisoners of war in Germany, Italy and Japan.

My son, Amon Junior is now located in Oflag 64, in Poland about 100 miles South of Danzig. He writes very optimistic letters and in fact stated in his letter of August 8th that he expected to be home soon. He may be trying to tell me something about conditions in Germany. In Amon Junior's letter of July 4th he said that the Germans would not permit them to sing our national anthem but did let them sing "God Bless America" He also said they were given a treat

that morning and had oatmeal for breakfast; that they only had two meals a day and lunch was the first meal. He further stated that they had read in the German papers that the coal miners were striking again and the American Officers did not like this and would like to exchange places with the miners as they at least received three meals a day. In his letters he has been optimistic and has never complained or bellyached about anything, although he has lost about forty pounds weight. There are 141 officers and 11 doctors in this particular camp (mostly from the First Armored Division) of which seven are from Texas, including Lt. Lt. John Jones, Jr., nephew of Jesse Jones of Washington. Incidentally, he stated that 20 officers and 6 parachutists had arrived in his camp from Sicily the day previous, August 9th, and they were all delighted - at least insofar as it gave them something new to talk about and, I presume, the first real first hand information they had heard about the war since his capture on February 23rd.

I am enclosing you a copy of Amos Junior's first letter, written March 20th, explaining what happened to the boys that were captured on the Faid Pass activity, February 14th.

Please pardon me for writing you a long letter, as I know you are tremendously busy but I do want you to know that we are thinking of you, roctin', working, and fighting for all the things you need to help you in finishing the job. I hope you still have the silver dollar which I gave you in London and I recall your flipping it in the air and stating you would accept it as a good luck piece and, incidentally, remarked that you would probably need it. I felt that particular night that something was in the air but I had no conception of what you referred to when you made the statement until I read in the London papers of your invasion on November 8th.

I hope that you and Harry received your smoked turkeys for last Christmas and wish it were possible to get a few to you this Christmas. If the occasion presents itself, you will have them.

Sincerely,