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Mr. Amon G. Carter
 Star-Telegram
 Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thanks a lot for your letter of the 16th with copy of Tom Connally's wire. It was just like you, to think of me and all others with boys in German prison camps.

Things are certainly on the move over there. We have been much excited over that report early in the week (even though it was highly circumstantial) that two or three hundred boys from Oflag 64 had either been liberated by the Russians or had made their escapes. I am hoping most fervently that Amon Jr., and Kenny are in the crowd and that they are either already under Russian protection or are carefully - by night - making their way out of German occupied territory. On the other hand, a story in this morning's Star-Telegram was not so good: I mean the statement by the Red Cross official in Brooklyn warning the next of kin to be steeled for bad news from Oflag 64, that the march of prisoners into interior Germany was being made at the rate of 12½ miles a day afoot, in weather 30 below zero and with insufficient clothing. We will just have to wait, hope - and pray. And I should add that my little girl Josephine, when she prays for her beloved husband's wellbeing and safe return, unflinchingly makes her petition for, too, Amon and John Stansell.

Kenny's last letter - rather, a card to me - was dated at Oflag 64 January 2nd. He wrote most cheerfully, told me to "rush" scores on the Bowl football games, said he had received the second of the many food parcels we have sent him - also 6 cartons of cigarettes and 100 cigars. In the letter just before the card, he said, "things are looking so much better that I'm gambling we will be reunited earlier than we had thought" - and got by the German censor with it. He and Amon have met, and no doubt are big buddies now. I will keep you closely posted on anything hot I may hear, and you do the same.

As ever, all good wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

Max Bentley
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