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Letter No. 58

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Via New York, N. Y.

Dear Cowboy:

Ruth just phoned me from the house excited about having a card from you dated April 13 in which you acknowledge her letter regarding the death of Phyllis. It was a sad, distressing tragedy and it broke Ruth up pretty badly as she was very close to Phyllis.

Your cousin, Captain Phil Laughlin, spent Friday night with us after returning from the South Pacific where he had performed his full services and was sent back to this country to be stationed on the Atlantic Coast and incidentally, at the same point where Gary is located. He looked fine and spent a good deal of time talking about you. When he arrived in Los Angeles, he had a nice, big suite at the Ambassador Hotel and when the waiter asked what he wanted for breakfast, he ordered a shrimp cocktail and a double milk shake, which was an unusual combination. He said he had been thinking about both of them for the past ten months and made up his mind he would eat them at the first opportunity whether it was at breakfast, noon or dinner. We all had a nice, big cut of roast beef for lunch at the Club and Phil and his pal, another Captain, thoroughly enjoyed it.

I had a letter from Lee Thomas stating that they were waiting for some more labels for you.

I just had a note from Flem and he is probably now in the same city where we had our last Thanksgiving dinner together.

Paul and Margaret Whiteman are spending the night in my apartment at the Club tonight. I am having them, the Jimmy Norths and Ruth for dinner. Paul is participating in some broadcast tonight and incidentally, stopped off here to see his son, Paul Junior, who is sick in the Army Hospital. I think Paul is rather disturbed about him.

Mr. Honea has been out at St. Joseph Hospital for about two weeks. He is a patient of Dr. Beaton. He is going home today, so I presume all of his troubles are behind him.

Sunday afternoon Ruth and I called on Charlie Lupton at All Saints Hospital and spent about three quarters of an hour with him. He has had another heart attack and confined to the hospital for the past eight weeks, although he seems to be doing better. We had a long discussion about

the time you called on him trying to make a sale. He said be sure and give you his best regards and that when you came back he would buy something from you no matter what you were selling.

Ruth and I went to the movies Sunday afternoon and saw in the Paramount News pictures of Phil North and his big boss down in the South Pacific. The picture was made in connection with some landing.

I just had a letter this morning from Max J. H. Rossbach, 100 Gold Street, New York, stating that he had written to his son, Captain Richard M. Rossbach in Oflag 64, to be sure and get in touch with you. He enclosed a clipping from a story sent by Larry Allen of the Associated Press and carried in the New York World Telegram, Thursday, May 18, a copy of which I enclose herewith. Allen stated that Oflag 64 was far and away the best camp in Germany. I am not sure whether the censors will pass this or not, however it has been carried in the newspapers throughout the country. Meanwhile, I am sure that everybody has the impression that the German authorities are treating all of you just as well as is consistently possible under the circumstances, and in that case, that is all they can do. Meanwhile, I am going to take the matter up with the Red Cross and see if there is not some way they could make distribution of extra food packages for all of you. I understand that Allen will arrive in New York about the 10th of June on the "Gripsholm". I will be in New York at that time and I am going to get in touch with him, as it would be extremely interesting to talk to someone in person who has had a chance to meet you and to be located in the same prison camp.

I will have one of the pictures of Phil and Ruth copied and reduced and send it along to you with this letter. Your package and cigars have already been shipped for this month and I hope they have good luck in going through on time.

Katrine arrived home from St. Louis today after having been gone for two weeks. She says that Hettie is getting along fine. She does not know that her right lung and one rib has been removed entirely; still Katrine says the doctors believe she is going to be absolutely all right. If this is so, it will be a miracle. She will be confined in the hospital about a month.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a story which appeared in one of the newspapers regarding the fine job that Switzerland is doing in keeping in touch with the Prisoners of War. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from Lucille Frisz.

I believe this just about covers all the news up to this time. Remember that your welfare is the most important thing concerning all of your friends and loved ones. With Heaps and Heaps of Love,

Affectionately,