

August 5, 1944.

Letter No. 68

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American Prisoner of War #1595,
Interned at Oflag 64, Germany,
Via New York, N. Y.

Dear Cowboy:

I have been delayed in writing you since my last letter No. 67 on July 22, in which I advised you of the arrival July 4 of your letter of May 10 and the fact that we had heard through Mr. Piskorski in reference to your letter to him of May 25.

Meanwhile, I received on July 31 your card of May 6 in which you asked me to thank the W. E. Smiths, Mrs. Travis, Mr. Bratten, Mr. Shuman, Mr. Graves, Mabel, and Mrs. Dorfer of Fort Worth, for letters which they had sent you, and that you had had three letters from Flem Hall and 40 of my letters. In this card you asked me to get in touch with Mrs. N. J. Meadows of Opp, Alabama; however, in your letter of May 10 you asked me to disregard this request, which I have complied with.

Katrine received a card from you on July 28 dated May 9 and Ruth had a card from you dated May 29 which arrived here August 2, in which you advise that you have had 41 of her letters. I am glad to know that you enjoyed the pictures of the rodeo and hope you will be here to see the next one.

Mrs. Henry called on August 1 to say that she had talked with Mrs. Joe K. Emerson in Handley, whose son is interned in Oflag 64 and she received a card from the Provost Marshal General's Office in Washington, as well as from the Red Cross and the individuals that a short wave message had been received from her son, dated July 4 which said: "I am well and find and send love to all of you." Also Captain Cameron of Waco sent a similar message to either his mother or wife of the same date which indicates that all of you were still in the same location on July 4. I wonder just how they were able to send these messages and if there is any possible way for you to send us one.

I also have a letter from Mrs. Stansell of Olden, Texas stating that her last letter from her husband from Oflag 64 was dated April 30 and that he mentioned you in the letter in which he stated that some of his friends are: Capt. Bill Yates, Temple; WO Roger Cannon, Waco; Lt. Hollis Wood, Gregton; Lt. Amon G. Carter, Jr., Fort Worth; Lt. Edward Batte, Waxahachie; Lt. Col. J. J. Barron, Waco; Lt. Col. Charles H. Jones, Temple. It seems that you were captured a year earlier to the day than her husband who mentions also in his letter how grand all of the boys have been to him.

I presume Katrine or Ruth has no doubt already sent you the facts regarding Phil North's wedding on July 28. It was certainly a hot day. Either the heat or the excitement made poor Phil as well as the bride look like they would like to be in an air-conditioned room to cool off. In any event, they made a lovely couple. They have gone to Chicago for their honeymoon and will return to Fort Worth about the 15th of this month and Phil will have to be back to his quarters in the Pacific about September 1. I sent them a nice wedding present for you, Ruth and myself and gave Phil some refreshments to take to Chicago for his honeymoon. Enclosed herewith you will find a photograph made of both of them in their wedding costumes. Phil had been away from home for 28 months and of course he had a grand time shaking hands with everybody and having them tell him how glad they were to see him, etc.

Ruth had five couples out on your boat Thursday night and they had a grand time. I am taking Dr. Terrell, Ruth, Katrine and Carl and the Van Zandts out on the boat Sunday for dinner and I am sorry you cannot be with us.

Everybody at home is fine. We have just repainted the bricks around the driveway white. The yard is beautiful with the grass, shrubbery and flowers, which has required an unusual amount of water. The new yard man, Tommy, seems to be one of the best we have ever had. Bill is fine and everything else is moving along in good shape.

Bertice's birthday is August 11 and she is bringing a crows of six or eight over from Dallas and we are giving her a birthday party and dinner on your boat at which time we will all pay our respects and, I am sure the balance of them will drink a toast to your good health. Still being on the wagon in that respect as well as smoking, I will join them in a gesture without actually participating.

I was over at the Lupton's house last night for about a two hour visit with Mrs. Lupton and friends and we spent considerable time discussing you and they were very much interested, which everyone seems to be that I come in contact with. So you can rest assured that if good wishes, pleasant thoughts and kindly feelings had anything to do with it, you would be home in a short time as all of them join me in wishing for this possibility.

I hope you are getting along as well as possible, keeping your chin up and all of you keeping in good spirits and being patient. The war will eventually be over and you boys will have a chance to come home to your loved ones and the German prisoners in this country will have an opportunity to do likewise with their families and loved ones by returning home. No matter what happens, take it easy and take no chances of any kind. Co-operate one hundred percent with your guards and captors and as I have told you dozens of times, treat them as you would like to be treated under similar circumstances. Take no chances of doing anything to displease them. Patience is a virtue which sometimes required a lot of courage to maintain, but I know you have the stuff that can do it and we are all depending on you.

With heaps and heaps of love and the always customary statement that our principal thoughts are concerning your welfare and the return of you to your loved ones, and when that day comes, we will have a real celebration.