

June 14, 1943.

Mr. J. M. Kirkwood,  
Second Vice President,  
The Chase National Bank,  
6 Lombard Street,  
London, E. C. 3. England.

Dear Mr. Kirkwood:

On my return to the city I found your letter dated the latter part of April advising me that you had learned through the London papers that my son, Amon Jr. has now been reported as a prisoner of war in Germany. I appreciate your kind expressions, which I will file away with some 1,200 letters and telegrams from all over the United States, so when the young man returns, he will have a very interesting collection of mail to read.

He is located in a prison camp in Rotenberg, Germany, 24 miles southeast of Kassel. Although he has dropped from 185 to 145 pounds, he is in fine spirits and says the Germans are treating him fine. I have received two letters and four post cards from him. There are 141 American officers and 11 doctors in this same camp. Seven of the boys are from Texas.

I owe both you and Mr. Wallace a letter of Apology. It is inexcusable that I have not written to either one of you thanking you for the courtesies extended me during my stay in London. I have been in and out of the city and have had such a stack of work which accumulated during my three months absence that I have simply never caught up. I am writing Mr. Wallace and expressing my direct apologies to him. I told Percy Ebbott, and Don Campbell how delightful both of you were to me in London, which naturally pleased them very much.

By the way, I finally had to give up my last English Crown a few days ago to two of my good friends who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. I wrote them a complimentary letter enclosing the English Crown and told them it was an insignia of good luck. I wrote the bank and asked if it would be possible to get some more of these coins, as stated

I gave the last one I possessed away on this occasion. If I could get 25 or 50 of them or even a half dozen sent over in some manner, I will be glad to send an American Express Order or handle it in any way you require. Even though there should be a regulation against sending the money out, you might get permission for someone coming over to bring it personally.

At the time I left there you were nice enough to pay my hotel bill at the Savoy. Inasmuch as I am keeping all of these bills as souvenirs of my trip, I wonder if you would have someone send me the receipted bill so I could attach it to the balance of my bills, thus completing my expense account for the entire trip, which I will include in the children's scrap book.

By the way, I presented Mr. Churchill with a fine Stetson hat at the time he was in Washington for which I received a nice cordial letter of acknowledgement. So, if you see him wearing a new, good-looking Texas Stetson hat, you can guess where it came from.

It makes us all feel better that the war situation has turned for the better since I was in your midst and it looks like we are on our way. I hope you are fine and with my best wishes to you and Mr. Wallace, I remain

Sincerely,

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