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My dearest darling, Well here it is Christmas night.and I think
it has really been a swell Xmas. We probably didn't have the same
things to eat that you did, but I'll bet we appreciated it a lot
more. Yesterday for lunch we had cabbage soup and for supper we
had potatoes and cabbage, then after that we came up to the
barracks and really cooked a swell meal out of things we had saved
out of our private parcels. We had baked beans, potatoes, a two
pound ham, and 4 biscuits apiece. Today we had a big meal in the m
mess hall made out of the Red Cross Xmas parcel, and for once I
came out with a full stomach. Since I am the pastry cook in our
group of 8 officers, I made 4 pies for tonight, two lemon and 2
chocolate. I made the crust out of cookies, water, and margarine
and you would be surprised how wonderful they look. If I had some
eggs, flour, milk, or butter, I doubt if I could make anything. I
also made the biscuits and they were the first I've had in 2 years.
Last night, Xmas Eve, we were allowed to keep the lights on until
1:00 AM, but by 10:30 or 11:00 everyone was in bed. This is my
2nd Xmas "in the bag" and the 3rd for some, but all of us are posi-
tive it is the last. Seventeen new officers arrived last night.
They were captured last week and were certainly glad to get to a
permanent camp. We are all lucky to be here; in fact we had a lot
better Christmas than lots of other soldiers are having today.
The one thing that was lacking to all of us, was our families,
wives, and sweethearts. It would be the most wonderful thing in
the world if we were out together now, just driving along with

nothing to do, and any time I wanted to, I could lean over and
smell some of that swell perfume. You would be surprised if you
knew how many times I have relived every little thing we ever
did. It's pretty rough on a Kriegsgefangenener" (P.O.W.) Good-night
Darling, and just remember I will be home one of these days. I
love you,

                    Amon


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