

Copy of a letter from 1st Lt. Roy J. Chappell, Jr. from Oflag 64 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chappell, Kaufman, Texas, received Feb. 10, 1945.

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Dear Folks et al, Glad to have your letter of Oct. 2. Your letters have been very few & far between lately. I was very

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know what they are doing - Seems rather optimistic & confident (not "over", I hope). Our spirits (mine, at least) are simply quietly confident & patient. I'm thinking so very strongly of all of you this Xmas. I thank a gracious God that we still have one another even tho separated. I feel sorry for many many others less fortunate than I. Hope, & feel that Taude is O.K. by now. I wrote her a letter last wk. Hope Bill can spend Xmas at Betty's home. I'm so glad that he is O.K. & well situated. We have a full program for Xmas wk. & New Years. Experiences here are very beneficial to many who previously had little or no appreciation of the smaller things in life. The simplest things would produce ecstasy in the extreme here. Rec'd. my 1st Xmas card last wk - from the Jess Adams & very nice. Please thank them for me. I think of Roe, Gabe, etc. very often. Wish I could hear from Pres. Gilchrist but he is very busy. Trust you sent him sausage. Am waiting anxiously for all future pkgs. Don't miss any bets & fill them full of conc. food items. Snow is with us & I long to be "Deep in the Heart of". We have a 12pz. can of turkey in the Xmas pkg (good "starter" for me) & I will try to eat Marey's next yr. Craig & I share our things & he cooks (Helen will have to be good to beat him). Send me cocoa, choc, saccharin (1/4 gr. size & about 3-4000) cheese (5# box), rice, raisins, beans, pepper, cinnamon, etc. Write plenty & keep cigars & cigarettes coming. Youall are my eternal wonderful Xmas gift &