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Letter No. 24

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Interned at Oflag 64, Germany,
Via New York, N. Y. USA.

Dear Cowboy:

Your postcard of July 29 arrived here August 30, which is excellent service. I have been intending day by day to write you. We have had so many distinguished guests and have been so busy, so I apologize for not writing you sooner.

I am glad to know that you received the snapshots. We have sent you quite a number since the time these were sent. I am enclosing herewith snapshots as follows: 1. The bride's maids at the Honea-Stevens wedding in which your sister, Ruth took part. The little flower girl in the center is Raymond Buck's little daughter. It was a very pretty wedding, 2. Ruth taken in the back yard at home, 3. Jean, Ruth and Dad at Mrs. Yarbrough's home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 4. Taken by Jean of Dad and Ruth in Santa Fe, 5. Also made in Santa Fe of Mrs. Yarbrough, Ruth and Dad at Mrs. Yarbrough's home, 6. Made of Jean and Ruth in a public park in Santa Fe, Jean, Mrs. Yarbrough and Ruth at Mrs. Yarbrough's home in Santa Fe, 8. Made at the same time of Mrs. Yarbrough, Ruth and Jean, 9. Taken of Ruth at home, 10. Made of Jean, Ruth and Dad at Mrs. Yarbrough's home, 11. Made of Mrs. Bob Winfor, Ruth and Jean in a little Patio Restaurant in the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, 12. Made on our back porch of Mr. Weiderman's mother and wife and Dad, 13. Mr. Weiderman's mother and wife and Dad, 14. Ruth and Mabel in the yard, and 15. Sid Richardson, Colonel Guymon's wife, Mrs. Vivian Yarbrough and Mrs. Bob Winfor on your boat at Lake Worth.

What I can't understand is that up to July 29 you have only received three letters. As stated to you previously, I wrote to the Postmaster General and the War Department, asking if there was not some way they could expedite the mail service to the prisoners of war in Germany and Italy and I enclose herewith a copy of the reply from the American Red Cross as well as the Postmaster General that shows there were boats that left the states carrying mail and packages on April 24, May 21, June 2, July 1, July 31, and August 25, and that future sailings are reported to leave Philadelphia some time between September 7 and 10, and September 13 to 15, so I am in hopes that some of these packages and letters have arrived before this time.

You mention in your card of July 29 that you need a pipe and some mixture 69 or 79 pipe tobacco. These things were sent to you in the first package and we have ordered tobacco and cigars sent separately a number of times.

coming through and our first of kin 11 pound packages which we are sending every 60 days come through, you should be getting along all right.

I hope there will be nothing in the copies of the letters I am sending that would be objectionable to either the German or American censors. They tell you about the blankets, food, etc.

I hope you are fine and that you are going ahead in good spirits and cooperating with your guards and causing them as little inconvenience as possible and trying to be helpful in your camp. As I have said in previous letters, treat them the way you would like to be treated in similar circumstances. Make the best of everything, which is always the best in the long run.

With heaps and heaps of love, I remain

Affectionately,

AGC.SB

If you recall, you had been giving Texas Christian University Scholarships each year to the boy with the best grades. I just attended the meeting a moment ago with Fain Reynolds and Mr. Smith with the crowd of boys. The regular meeting was not held this year as it has been in the past. I presented the certificate in lieu of your absence and read them your letter of July 4, showed them the picture which I received from Germany and told them that you were getting along fine. They passed a resolution of thanks and asked me to convey their best regards to you. Mr. Hough was not here as he is in New York at the present time.

I was just told that Paul McAllister is very sick in the hospital with Bright's disease and the chances are that he will not pull through, so I thought I would send this information along to you.

Mr. North just received a cable from Phil and he is in Australia and is getting along fine.

Saturday night is Dr. Walker's birthday and I am having the Walkers, Keiths and Deakins out to Shady Oak Farm for dinner. I am sorry you can't be with us.

We are all delighted and happy to know that both the Russells and Kennadys have received letters from Roy Russell and Marshall Kennady, Jr. who are prisoners of war in the Philippines; and I enclose herewith a transcript of the articles which appeared in one of the newspapers. Also an article regarding the death of Mrs. Alice Stovall. I am not sure whether she operated during your time or not as she was 85 years old and probably retired several years ago.

I just had a nice letter from your sister, Ruth, who is back at school in New York and getting along fine. It was my intention to be up there next Wednesday the 15th, however I have deferred my trip until about the same time in October.

I am sending you a business document under separate cover, which I hope the censor will pass. There should be no objection to it either from the American or German censor. It is merely a document where you appoint or nominate Katrine Deakins your attorney to look after such business matters as might be necessary during your absence. There will be no disposition made of any of your funds or the things you now have. It will be a matter of acquiring additional ones and looking after such things as are necessary in your absence. In as much as there will be no one to have it acknowledged before a notary public, you can get two of your Texas friends to sign it as witnesses, which would make it acceptable here until your return, at which time I am sure you will find everything in excellent shape and that you will be very pleased over the results as your interest is being well taken care of during your absence.

We hear from Jean every now and then and she is getting along fine. She is certainly a fine little girl and we all like her very much.

You will notice in the letter from the Red Cross a full description of the packages that they are sending. If these packages are