

September 23, 1944.

Mr. Roger White,
Care Louisville Cooperage Company,
Monroe, La.

Dear Mr. White:

Following my telephone conversation with you, I wrote Amon Junior a letter about your son, Roger, Junior. The last letter I previously had from Amon was dated June 12th and, as you stated, your letter from Roger was July 23rd. Meanwhile, I received a postcard from Amon Junior this morning dated July 31st., a photostatic copy of which I enclose to you -- better still, inasmuch as I will probably not have the photostatic copy before Monday, I am quoting the contents of his card told of Roger's arrival:

"Dear Dad: So far everything is fine. Today is really pretty and I have been talking with a lot of the boys about the future and what we will do. Have also been taking a lot of exercise and getting my feet in good condition. Lt. R. C. White from Monroe, La. arrived from Italy. He roomed next to Pat and I at Culver. Good friend of Jack Habel. Heard about Tex Hightower from new arrival. Now weight 165. Lots of love, Amon Jr.!"

His statement that he is getting his feet in good condition, I presume indicates that the boys are guessing that the Germans will move the camp and that they will probably have to march, carrying their belongings, to wherever they may be moved. Incidentally, one of the boys in Oflag 64 who lives in Handley, Texas, wrote his wife stating that it was getting pretty noisy and that they might decide to move to the mountains or higher altitude, meanwhile they might stay where they were until the lease expired. Reading between the lines there has been considerable talk about moving them. On the other hand there may be so much congestion and difficulty in moving the prisoners from one section to another and the Germans retreating that they might not have an opportunity to move the camp -- which I hope is the case as the Russians could, sooner or later, come in and liberate them.

However, one guess is as good as another. All we can do is hope for the best. This letter I just referred to from Captain Emerson to his wife was dated August 7th, which is the last information we have directly or indirectly from the camp.

If I receive anything of a later date, I will communicate with you and will appreciate your doing likewise. As unfortunate as it is for the boys to be prisoners of war, it is certainly fine to have them together in the same camp as it has been a long way from Culver to Oflag 64 and I am sure they will have lots to talk about.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

J. G. Carey

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