

January 5, 1942.

Senator Tom Connally,  
U. S. Senate Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

For some unaccountable reason your usual box of cigars failed to go out at Christmas, meanwhile they are on the road and we will have to go on the plan "better late than never".

Your turkey was sent to Washington and I am afraid it might have spoiled by the time you returned as I understand you spent Christmas with your son and his family in Houston.

In addition to your regular box of Dunhills I'll let you in on a little secret. Many of my friends send me cigars far beyond my accustomed taste which has been confined to 10¢ Robert Burns and nickel Owls, so I am sending you one of these boxes as an extra dividend. You can keep one in your office and the other at home. Hope they will give you as much pleasure in smoking them as they do me in sending them.

We had a nice Christmas, especially happy due to the fact that I was able to have Amon Junior and Ruth at home for the Holidays. Amon is a Second Lieutenant in the 91st Motorized Artillery, at Fort Knox, Ky. It looked as though for a while that he would not get a leave but by flying home and back he was able to spend a week with us, which seemed like only a day. He had some new photographs made and I am sending one along to you to show you what a fine young man he has developed into.

Amon has been at Fort Knox six months, four months of that time has been intensive training at maneuvers in Louisiana, Arkansas, North and South Carolina. From the pictures it would indicate they have probably had more training than the average Army man has had in peace time for many years. He was 22 years old, December 23rd and seems to have

no fear or apprehension for the future outcome. He is ready to go anywhere they send him, although he seems to have a preference for Egypt as he seems to think they could do better with the tanks in the flat country.

These are serious time and I fully appreciate how all the mothers and fathers feel about their youngsters from the way I feel about mine. I have offered Amon a bonus of \$100.00 for every Jap he gets and \$500.00 extra when he gets as many as twenty.

I am sending you a copy of an editorial we are carrying on the oil situation. I understand Charlie Wooser and Sid Richardson are in Washington now. Our attitude on the oil situation is purely one of concern for the entire state and although I am personally interested, at the same time this fact has never affected the policy of the Star-Telegram which has been consistent for many years on a constructive side for Texas' biggest industry. I am thoroughly convinced that the oil industry will receive no benefit from Mr. Henderson unless we have an adequate formula in the price control bill. You can do a big job on this feature and I want you to have the full credit as Texas' senatorial representative. Others may try to get on the band wagon but I hope you shake them off.

I am going by to spend Saturday and Sunday with Amon Junior at Fort Knox and will arrive in Washington Sunday night. I'll try to see you as busy as I know you are .

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,