

Lamesa, Texas.

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Mr Lyon S. Coates

H. Worth, Texas

Dear Sir and Friend:

Want to thank you for sending me the two articles of your son. I am a subscriber of your paper, and read them the very day they came out. The reason I have not written you before now is because I was ill for a week and also hoped to get some news of my son each day since then.

I know it must have been a relief to you to know he is still alive even though he is a prisoner of the Germans

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Everyone started calling him Bill, as soon as he indicated and he always signed his letters to me that way either I could not get use to his calling him self Bill. He was a person who had a word and smile for every one and when he made friends he always kept them, I just can't understand why I can't get some word of him. Each time he made a change since he landed across he always sent me a Cable telling me he had landed safely.

If I can't get word of him being a prisoner I don't feel I can bear it if I can't learn of what happened to him. If he



was killed when they reported him  
 as being missing. I want to know  
 as this suspense of waiting is terrible  
 I have already received a couple  
 of Christmas photo book we sent him  
 that did not reach him before he was  
 reported missing. Surely made me feel bad.

I read the article in paper of the way  
 your son was captured by Arabs  
 and turned over to the Germans. I  
 understand how badly you must feel  
 about this. I'm wondering if the same  
 thing happened to Harold. His sister  
 dreamed he had also been held awhile  
 by the Arabs.

I am wondering Mr Carter, if  
 you would be allowed through your  
 letters to your son to ask him if he  
 knew my son or anything that

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might have happened to him.

I would like to have my sons picture placed in your paper if I learn he's a prisoner or we have relatives all over Texas. I also want to say I like your paper so much, and most of all you keep us informed about so many of our boys, and also the list of prisoners, I never miss an item reading of some matters <sup>not</sup> being missing

I have another son in Africa of Co. C 109th med Bn. Have just learned recently he's been close up to the front. Have had no word from him since Feb 28th.

I'm sure you don't care to answer these letters, but will you please put an article in paper saying you have had a letter from your son, I know it takes an awful long time for

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mail to come through from these  
prison camps, I'm hoping you  
will soon have word from him  
and will learn he's alright.

my best wishes.

Sincerely  
Mrs Lula Butler.