

October 3, 1944.

Mr. Max Bentley,
West Texas Chamber of Commerce,
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Mr. Bentley:

I have been so busy getting Mr. Carter out of the city that this is the first opportunity I have had to acknowledge your letter of September 21 concerning your son-in-law, Lt. Kerfoot, who is a prisoner of war in Oflag 64, Germany where Amon Junior is interned.

Since May Mr. Carter has only had two cards from Amon Junior, the last of which was dated July 31 and was received September 23. He said in this card that they were taking a lot of exercise and getting their feet in condition, we presume for the purpose of marching if, as, and when they are moved. The writer received a card Saturday dated August 24 in which Amon said that they were all very cheerful these days and everything was fine.

Mrs. Emerson of Handley, Texas received a letter from her husband who very cleverly told her that it was pretty noisy where they are and that they might go into the mountains and again they might remain until their "lease expired", which meant until the war is over. So there has probably been a lot of talk of their being moved, yet on August 24 they were still at Oflag 64.

In my card which came through in 29 days, Amon Junior mentioned a matter that I had written to him about early in June and insofar as we know, he has gotten our mail anywhere from 30 days to four, five, or six months. Of course, there is no way to know how badly disrupted their communications and transportation facilities are and we should not expect any regular mail service. The packages require from two to six months. Our first package to Amon Junior was sent in April, 1943 and he received it on August 30. Of course, conditions are even worse now.

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Any time you hear from your son-in-law, it will be interesting to have you let us know and anything of interest that we receive will be forwarded to you promptly.

Yours very truly,

Secy. to A. G. Carter.