

Dear Mr. Carter -

Have just finished a six-page letter to Amou Jr. and in it, I mentioned the fact that you and Miss Deakins had been most kind and considerate in keeping me informed as to the letters messages etc. you all have received from him lately. It was certainly most difficult for me to keep an optimistic trend in my letter for I realize that Amou is "right in the middle" of the N. African Combat.

The day after I sent you the wire concerning my uneasiness from not having heard from Amou, I received a lovely letter from him, dated Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. It reached me Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and a most happy feeling it gave me for, in it, he expressed himself so clearly - That is, his whole attitude toward the future etc. He said, "This will probably be the last letter for a while but I'm going to do my very best and I wouldn't trade places with any man in the whole world." If that isn't the height of true

Americanism? Such people as Anson  
have the real spirit and I feel as you  
all do, that he'll come back to us soon,  
for he's a brave, real person.

He said that he had only two pair of  
coveralls and that his beard was very  
long - resembling somewhat a villain -  
Said he'd taken some pictures of some  
German planes that were brought down  
and also mentioned that the French were  
doing splendid work with the equipment  
they had at hand.

I have just finished a precious little  
scrap-book, containing all of Anson's  
letters, from the first one sent from  
Ft. Knox to the last one, so far, from  
N. Africa (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>). I told him all about  
it in my letter - Every letter is placed  
in the scrap book in order as I received  
them - while he was still in the States,  
from Ireland + N. Africa. Also, other  
little pamphlets, cards etc. that he's sent  
me. And the letters etc. practically filled  
the little book but there's still room  
for some more letters I hope to receive  
soon. However, I realize that, now, he can't

write but I keep letters on the way  
regularly, in hopes he'll receive the  
greater majority of them -

It was so nice and thoughtful of you  
to send me the clipping from the  
Star Telegram and that, too, I put in  
the "Amos Carter Jr." scrap-book. Any  
material that you have concerning him,  
I'd love to have for the book -

I read every article concerning N. Africa  
two or three times and never miss  
a news report - went to church last  
night and said a special prayer for  
Amos for I feel that means so much  
now.

I do quite a lot of singing, as that is  
my special talent, and I never sing a solo  
that I don't think of Amos and wish every  
good thing for him.

About a year ago, he and I met each other  
on a plane from Nashville to Louisville and  
it didn't seem possible that so much could  
have occurred since then. We had so much  
fun the times I saw him in Louisville and  
(over)

I am looking forward to the time  
when he can come back again and  
have plenty of time and nothing to  
worry him.

He often spoke of you, for he adored  
you and I am so happy that he could  
have some time with you in Ireland -  
He told me about his love-birds and  
all in all, he loved Texas.

About the time I met him, the song "Deep  
In the Heart of Texas" was quite popular -  
So, we had great fun singing it -

I'm quite sure that these are anxious  
days for all of you but I feel sure  
that Amos will come through it  
all safe and sound. So, if at any  
time, you have news of him  
do let me know, by letter or wire.

and I shall be glad to do the same -  
I am sponsoring a play that is to be  
given here for the local U. S. O. and will  
be quite busy for the next two weeks but  
not too busy to keep letters on the way  
to him. So, thanks again for your letters  
and kind interest. Sincerely - Margaret E. Harding