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Lamesa, Texas

Feb 21, 43

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. S. Carter,  
H. Worth, Texas.

Dear Friends:

I have read of your son  
being missing in North  
Africa area, and I want  
to express my greatest sympathy  
for you both, as I know  
how you must be grieved.

I too, have a son missing  
there since Feb 20th, <sup>1943</sup> William  
H. Witt Co. "E" 19th Engineers

I have been so grieved and  
of thinking of the things they  
might be going through.  
My son is no better than  
the rest, but I know his

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Condition as he has a weak  
 lung and was very ill from  
 this trouble only eight years  
 ago, and I fear the hardships  
 and exposure they will have  
 to go through, some of them  
 can't survive unless we  
 can't get help to them  
 as soon as possible.

The Red Cross has been  
 doing wonderful work and  
 I felt you being a publisher  
 can get in contact with the  
 Red Cross so as to find out  
 if our boys are really prisoners.  
 This being a small place  
 it's hard to get any kind of  
 information.

my son William has

Always written me such  
 cheerful letters since landing  
 there in Nov. with all of  
 the others. His last letter to  
 me dated Feb 12th, stated they  
 were having a hard time on  
 account of weather conditions,  
 but he was fine and in no danger.

I also have another son  
 over there in the Med. Bn.  
 I think he was some where near  
 his brother the day he was  
 missing and stated in his  
 letter he was worried about  
 his brother as conditions  
 did not look so rosey there.  
 Although they had never been  
 able to see each other since  
 going across more than

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Six months ago.

I am a widow having  
one married daughter  
and three sons.

We must not give up  
hope but to keep praying  
that our Heavenly Father  
will Comfort them and keep  
them safe.

I wish it possible to  
write all of these prisoners  
larged eyes to not give up  
hope. but to have faith that  
some day they will return  
home to us.

I hope with all my heart  
we will all be able to hear  
some good news soon through  
your Star Telegram. I'll  
(over)

be waiting and praying  
that it may be soon.

may God Comfort you and  
all in this dark hour, and  
keep praying never give  
up hope. Sincerely

a Friend,  
Mrs Lula Butler