

April 5, 1943.

Mr. Holman Willis,
Willis and Willis,
Mountain Trust Building,
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Mr. Willis:

Your letter of April 1st, received, regarding your son, Lieutenant Keith Willis, having been reported missing in action in North Africa on February 14th, which incidentally was at the same time that my son Amon, Jr., was reported missing.

So far, we have had no additional news, although I have had letters from boys in Amon's Battalion, 91st Field Artillery, Battery B, First Armored Division, in which they state that the organization in which Amon was located was surrounded entirely by Germans and they feel certain he was captured. I've also had information to the effect that Amon with five other boys were sent on a forward observation post in the Lessouda Hills facing Faid pass and that none of these six have showed up. Amon was not in a Field Observation Battlaion - he merely was on this particular mission for his Battery Commander.

It seems the only avenue of information is through the International Red Cross and when they are able to obtain the prisoner and casualty lists from Germany and Italy - so all we can do is hope and wait and it goes without saying that you have my sympathy and thorough understanding of the anxiety you are experiencing at this time.

Should you receive additional information about your son I would be interested in hearing from you and likewise will communicate with you in the event any news is received concerning Amon.

It was nice of you to write me.

Sincerely,

AGC,KD