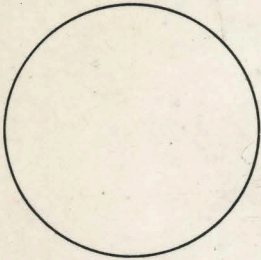


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Dear Mr. Carter —

I have just been informed that you have received official notification of Amos being missing in action. I wrote a short description of what happened which will probably be sent to you thru quicker channels than this. However, I want to elaborate the story a bit, for I'm sure that the details will be of interest to you.

The battery was in position in a deep wadi at the base of a mountain; we were working independently of the battalion. On February 13th I sent Amos to the top of the mountain to establish an observation post, which he did. Early the next morning ^{the} Germans attacked with tanks and infantry, overrunning the position. During the initial attack we were in wire communication with Amos, who reported to us the actions of the enemy. He saw a large flanking force, which we knew nothing about until he reported it, go around the mountain to attack us from the rear. The battery was forced to withdraw, and was soon taken care of by the flanking force. As I was late in leaving the battery position I did not get too mixed up with the flanking force, but made my way up into the mountain. I remained there two days (we were surrounded) and on Feb. 15 I went to the O.P. a few infantrymen were there; they said that about mid-morning the previous day Amos left the O.P. I imagine he tried to rejoin the battery; the opinion is that he was captured. This opinion is not based on any facts; merely on the assumption that so many of our troops being known to have been captured, Amos might very well be among them. Space prevents me from telling you how much we miss Amos; he's a fine boy, Mr. Carter. Very sincerely yours,

V...-MAIL

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