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My dear Mr. Carter:

The fact that I have a son who is likely in Africa now and exposed to the same dangers that your fine son has been exposed to produces a very sympathetic understanding on my part with your grief; hence, this letter.

Mr. Carter, I have met you two or three times in the past, but I am sure that you do not recall me. However, I want you to know that when I read in the paper that your fine son was missing in action and another report that he was probably killed in action, I was immeasurably grieved. While I have never met your boy, I know that like so many hundreds of thousands of other boys now serving in our armed forces, he is an outstanding, decent, brave, clean American boy. You, yourself, have done so much for the good of so many Americans; you, yourself, have done so much for the good of all Texas, that I was personally grieved with the thought that you had lost your boy.

It so happens that I commanded Co H, 142d Inf., in the old 36th Div., training it at Camp Bowie, taking it over-seas and leading it in battle there. My own son, Selden Simpson, is a captain in my old regiment now, being with the Headquarters, 142d Inf., Regimental Intelligence Officer, designated as S-2. I am sure, from the best information that I can get which does not come from, that he is either in Africa or en route there, although I cannot know it. Therefore, when I read the story about your boy, I could imagine it being my own, and I was really able to sympathize with you.

When I read the second press report that your boy was a prisoner instead of missing or killed in action, I was happy. Of course, I was not happy to know that he was a prisoner -- I was simply happy to know that he was a prisoner instead of being dead. Since he is a prisoner, you can have and do have the hope and assurance that the war will end and you will have your boy back with you. Therefore, I rejoice with you in this news, although I still grieve with you that he is a prisoner.

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Sincerely yours,

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