

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

19 April, 1943.

My dear "General":

You will have received from the War Department long before this letter reaches you, information to the effect that your son is still officially in the status of "Missing in Action".

In order to give you such information as I have been able to gather here - information that has already been transmitted to the War Department - I can say that we have received a message from the Second Corps stating that your son (Second Lieutenant Amon G. Carter, 0402537) established under orders an observation post on top of a mountain called [redacted] in Tunisia, at the base of which was one battery of his battalion. On the 14th of February, German infantry and tanks strongly attacked the mountain. They came in columns and succeeded in overrunning the battery position and the mountain itself.

The report goes on to state that shortly afterwards Lieutenant Carter apparently tried to break through to rejoin American forces and that it is possible that he was captured in the attempt. However, there is no definite information as to his actions after he left the observation post. As all of this ground has been regained by American forces, I know that in the clean-up process, detailed attention has been given to search for all American graves. I have my lines laid, so as soon as any information comes, it will be given to me, although it will also be sent to the War Department from which you can get it more quickly.

I am deeply sorry that I can't give you more definite information and can only join most fervently with you in the hope that your son is a prisoner, and in addition, that we may have the good fortune in the battles yet to come to release him and his comrades in good condition.

It may be of some consolation to you to know that I have recently met a British Naval officer who had spent since the fall of Tobruk in an Italian prison camp in Italy. He said his treatment had been proper and judging from his appearance, it didn't seem that he had suffered from lack of food. We have also the consolation that we have taken and, in fact, received

thousands of Italian prisoners, so we have ample trading stock, but exchanges are handled, I think, by the War Department on higher levels. This is something, however, you might look into.

I appreciated your cigars and the bourbon and this goes for the General too, although, fortunately, he does not smoke cigars and we are hoarding the bourbon for a rainy day.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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