



BLYTHE AIR BASE
BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA

MAY 12, 1943

DEAR MR. CARTER:

I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW HAPPY I WAS TO RECEIVE WORD THAT AMON JR. WAS SAFE IN GERMANY. KNOW IT IS HARD TO THINK ABOUT HIM STAYING THERE TILL THIS MESS IS OVER BUT I GUESS NOTHING IS SO BAD THAT IT COULD NOT BE WORSE.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE CHECK. I HAVE HAD QUITE A SET BACK SINCE I LAST WROTE TO YOU. I HAVE BEEN GROUNDED AND AM IN ARMAMENT DEPARTMENT AND ALSO INSTRUCTING IN THIRD PHASE TRAINING. THIS IS A B-24 BASE NOW. I HAD TROUBLE WITH MY EARS AND ALSO AIRSICKNESS, WHILE THE SICKNESS WAS NOT BAD ENOUGH TO MAKE ME DEATHLY ILL, I COULD NOT FUNCTION RIGHT AND HAD A HEAD ACHE MOST ALL THE TIME. I PUT IN ABOUT 50 HOURS IN THE AIR, HOPING AND TRYING TO OVER COME IT BUT IT JUST GOT A LITTLE WORSE ALL THE TIME INSTEAD OF BETTER. IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RIGHT OR FAIR TO THE CREW TO HAVE GONE ON THROUGH THE SECOND PHASE AND THEN GET IN THE THIRD, WHICH IS HIGH ALTITUDE FLYING AND HAVE TO DROP OUT THEN AND THEM HAVE TO PICK UP A NEW MAN THAT LATE IN THE TRAINING.

I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED AND EXPECT TO BE BROKEN TO PRIVATE, AS THAT IS THE ORDERS, BUT AM NOT GOING TO LET IT GET ME DOWN AND IF WORK AND KNOWING THE JOB WILL GET MY RATING BACK I WILL HAVE IT BACK BEFORE LONG. THERE IS NOTHING CERTAIN ABOUT HOW LONG WE WILL BE HERE OR EVEN IN THIS COUNTRY. MAY GET ORDERS TO SHIP OUT FOR OVER SEA DUTY ANY DAY.

I HOPE YOU GET GOOD NEWS OFTEN FROM AMON JR. AND THAT IS IS NOT TOO LONG BEFORE HE CAN BE BACK WITH YOU.

ALWAYS

Barter Magendie

