

May 12, 1943.

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Dear Captain:

Your letter of March 5th received April 5th and I appreciated hearing from you very much.

We received the report of Amon Junior's missing in action on March 11th through the War Department and received information on April 14th that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. On April 29th, we received a letter dated March 20th and a postcard dated March 25th written from a prison campy in Germany, copy of which I have sent to Captain Pirnie and asked that he show them to you.

It was unfortunate that after hiding behind the German lines nine days he had to be captured in the manner indicated in his letter. They took everything he had except his American Express orders. I wonder why he was permitted to keep them; however, it is fortunate as he can cash them through the Red Cross Representatives and have them provide him with German funds that he can use in case there is anything he can buy.

I've had letters from the head of the American Red Cross stating that an International Representative had visited this camp and that Amon was fine and sent his love. There are 141 American officers and 11 American doctors in this camp in a little town about 25 miles Southeast of Kassell, Germany. The Red Cross advise they are distributing one package a week to all these prisoners and we are permitted to send him a package of 11 pounds every sixty days. The first package was sent before we got his letter however many of the things he listed as wanting sent were sent and we will try to cover the bill in the next package. Since all of the above information has come officially through the Red Cross and War Department, I presume the censor should not object to passing it to you.

I received nice letters from General Orlando Ward, Majors Talbot and Wiedermann, Captain Pirnie and Lt. Anderson. We have been watching with interest the progress in Tunisia and extend our congratulations for the fine job the boys are doing. I am sure that Amon and his crowd are burned up on account of the fact that they could not be with all of you for the final push. Meanwhile, I am sure he will make the best of the situation and fit himself into the surroundings in a way to make friends with his captors. He will probably learn to speak the language.

I am sure you have heard from Amon Junior direct by now. There are no limit or restrictions on the number of letters he may receive, although Amon is only permitted to write three letters and four cards a month.

With best wishes and again thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD