

May 12, 1943.

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Dear Captain:

Your very interesting and much appreciated letter of April 11th received on May 1st., giving a description of how Amon Junior was "missing", etc.

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 camp in Germany, copies of which I enclose herewith.

It was too bad that after hiding behind the German lines nine days that he had to be captured in the manner indicated in his letter. They took everything he had except his American Express Orders and I don't understand why he was able to keep them. However, it is fortunate as he can cash them through the Red Cross representatives and have them provide German funds that he can use in case there is anything to buy.

The International Red Cross Delegate reported to the American Red Cross that Amon was fine and sent his love. There are 141 American officers and 11 American Doctors in this camp situated 25 miles Southeast of Kassel in Germany. They advised that the Germans were issuing regular rations to the prisoners and that the stock of clothing at the camp was exhausted by the almost complete re-equipping of the American. There are also a number of British officers in the camp some of whom have been there since the fall of France. All of the above information has come officially through the Red Cross and the War Department, so I presume the censor should not object to sending it through to you. There are seven Texas boys in the camp among which are John

Jones, Jr., Lt. Deasley and Lt. Batte.

I've just had nice letters from General Ward and Major Wiedermann as well as Major Talbot. We have all 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 not being able to be with all of you for the final push. Meanwhile, I imagine he will make the best of it 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 sending practically this same letter to Major Talbot and would appreciate your showing this letter to Captain Malless which will save my sending additional copies of Amon's letter and card.

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

Sincerely,

AGC,KD