

May 15, 1943.

Mrs. George M. Stipp
3239 North Illinois Street,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Stipp:

Your very interesting and much appreciated letter of May 13th received and I was delighted to hear from you.

Meantime, I am exceedingly sorry that Col. Summerall's recommendation did not prevail as, in my estimation, by all means Major Stipp should have had charge of the battalion as well as to have received the promotion. Tell him not to be disappointed that something may develop later.

I note that you state eleven of the forty officers of the 91st division were missing. No doubt they are all with Amon Junior and if so they will have lots of company. I have had information that the following are in the same prison camp where Amon Junior is located: Lt. Beasely, Lt. Batte, Lt. John Jones, Jr., (nephew of Jesse Jones of Washington) Lt. Warren, Captain Herring and Colonel Watters.

I have just received a letter from Capt. Pirnie of Battery B, 91st Field Artillery, Amon's battalion, advising me of the details of what happened - copy of which I enclose herewith.

On April 29th, received a letter dated March 20th and a postcard dated March 25th written from the German prison camp. This morning, we received a postcard dated March 30th. He has asked for a long list of items which we have tried to send; however with the restrictions and a limit of 11 pounds every two months, we will just have to do the best we can. Meanwhile, the Red Cross distributes to all of these prisoners a package of food once a week. So I imagine they will get along all right, although Amon said he had lost some weight in the card we received today.

Please convey my best regards to the Major and inasmuch as I wrote a letter to Capt. Pirnie

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Admiral Harold R. Stark, U. S. N.,
American Embassy,
London, England.

My dear Admiral:

Your letter of April 19th received, about the same time that I received one from Ambassador Winant dated April 15th.

I appreciated your sending me the clipping from the London newspaper about Amon Junior's having been reported missing in action, since which time we have had the good news that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. On April 29th, I received a letter dated March 20th and a postcard dated March 25th, written from a German prison camp saying he was well and getting along all right. On May 15th, this morning, I received another postcard dated March 30th in which he said he had lost a little weight and asking that we send food and cigars as often as possible.

In Amon Junior's first letter he told us about hiding behind the German Lines 9 days from February 14th to February 23rd and that he would have gotten back to his division if the Arabs had not knocked him unconscious, took his pistol, both cameras, watch, money and all his clothes and turned him over to the Germans.

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 the camp, as well as some British officers who have been there since the fall of France. The camp is at Rotenburg about 25 miles Southeast of Kassel, Germany. The Red Cross advise that they are distributing one package a week of food parcels to all these prisoners and we are permitted to send him a package of 11 pounds every sixty days.

I am writing Ambassador Winant today giving him about the same information as in this letter.

today answering his letter, I am sure he will pass the information along to the Major. I realize your anxiety concerning the Major, meanwhile the situation seems to have cleared up in Tunisia so I trust you will not worry any more than necessary as I feel they will be all right.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD