

May 15, 1943.

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My dear Harry:

Your letter of April 19th received,  
for which please accept my thanks.

I appreciated your investigation regarding the location of my son, 2nd. Lt. Amon G. Carter, Jr., O-402537. Meanwhile, on April 14th, I received word from the War Department that Amon Junior was a prisoner in Germany at a prison camp in Rotenburg, 25 miles Southeast of Kassel; that there were 141 American officers and 11 American doctors in this camp together with some British officers who have been there since the fall of France. I received word through the Red Cross that an International delegate had contacted him and that he sent me the message that he was well and sent his love. So, naturally, this was about the happiest information I could possibly receive.

On April 29th, we received a letter dated March 20th and a postcard dated March 25th and today we received another postcard dated March 30th. If it had not been for the Arabs Amon Junior would have gotten back to his quarters. As a matter of fact, I am enclosing a copy of the letter which speaks for itself.

I wonder if there is any way possible that a check up could be made and recover his cameras (Eastman Kodak Company 16 mm movie camera and a Leica camera), six shooter and watch the Arabs, as he states in his letter, took from him including his clothes and money. However, they did leave him his American Express Orders amounting to \$1200.00. I would like to offer a reward of \$500.00 if there is anyway these things could be recovered. If the Arabs took them themselves there should be some way they could find them as they could not use the cameras or get films. On the other hand if they sold the articles to the Germans or Italians, they might still be rounded up.

I realize you still have plenty to do, but if there is anyway you could assign this job to some enterprising Intelligence Officer I would be willing to compensate him liberally for his services, whether he recovers the things or not.

Enclosed, herewith, you will find a clipping reproducing a letter from Amon's commanding officer. It seems strange that he should stay behind the lines 9 days and then get double crossed by the Arabs. So, anything you do to these bullies over there will suit me fine.

It was unfortunate again that Amon should have been transported to Germany before the final clean up.

I want to take this occasion to congratulate the General for the grand job he has performed in finally clearing out Tunisia. Give him my very best regards and more power to him. Further tell him I hope he is still carrying the silver dollar for a good luck piece.

I talked with Ira Eaker recently in Washington.

I am glad to know that you returned safely and with best wishes I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD