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Dear Lieutenant Anderson;

Your very nice letter of April 3rd concerning Amon Junior's welfare received and I appreciate tremendously the interest you have displayed in his behalf.

The War Department notified me on March 11th that Amon had been reported missing as of February 14th. On April 14th, I was notified that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. On April 29th, we received a letter from Amon written in the prison camp dated March 20th and a postcard dated March 25th. On May 15th, we received another postcard dated March 30th. He seems to be in good spirits and stated they were treated fine, although that he had lost some weight. He asked for a long list of things to be sent to him - mostly food and cigars which of course we are unable to do. Although the Red Cross advised that their standard package was being delivered to these boys once a week. I can send Amon Junior a package every two months not to exceed 11 pounds in weight and there are certain items that may be sent. One of these packages had been sent just a few days before we heard from Amon on April 29th.

Amon had tough luck for he wrote that after hiding behind the German lines nine days he was knocked unconscious by the Arabs and they took his six shooter, his two cameras, watch, all his money, all his clothes and turned him over to the Germans.

I've had letters from the head of the American Red Cross who have been advised by the International delegate that they have visited the camp where Amon is located in Rotenburg, 25 miles Southeast of Kassel, Germany, and that he is fine and sent me his love. There are 141 American officers and 11 doctors in this same camp together with quite a few British Officers who have been there since the fall of France. All of the above information came from the Red Cross through the War Department so I presume



the Censor should not object to it. There are seven Texas boys in the camp among which are John Jones, Jr., Lt. Beasley of Ennis, Lt. Batte of Waxahachie, Lt. Warren and Saon.

I have an idea that these boys 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.

It was nice to hear from you and I hope you boys get a little rest and breathing spell before you move to another location.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD