

June 11, 1943.

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Dear Elliott:

Your letter of April 17th received May 31st, and I was delighted to hear from you and to know that you had received the news about Amon Junior.

On March 11th, the War Department notified me that Amon Junior was reported "missing in action" as of February 14th, and on April 14th, I was notified by the War Department that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. On April 29th, we received the first letter and card from him dated March 20th and 25th, and have had another letter and a couple cards - the last dated April 25th, Easter Sunday, in which he told us that he was just getting over several weeks illness of jaundice and that he would write me on May 5th. I am anxiously looking for this letter from day to day. His letters seem very cheerful and indicate he is in good spirits and that they are treating him fine, although he has lost about forty pounds of weight and all his letters asking for many items of food and personal things. He is interned in a camp in a little town called Rotenberg, 24 miles Southeast of Kassel. There are 141 American Officers, 11 American Doctors and some 400 British Officers at that particular camp. There are 9 Texas boys in the same camp with Amon Junior and from the tone of his letters he is already "selling" the British and Australians on coming to Texas after the war.

Naturally, I am delighted and happy to know that he is alive and is a prisoner of war and hope he will escape all the difficulties - bombing, etc. - and be able to come back home later on. I agree with you and hope that the sacrifices being made in this war will not be in vain. I appreciate your kindly expressions regarding Amon Junior and his type of youth of America and what they mean to our country.

I have received some 1200 letters and telegrams from all over the country, so when Amon does get back safely, he will have some very interesting matter for his scrapbook. Incidentally, one of the nicest letters I had was from your Father, photostatic copy of which I enclose, herewith. I also had nice letters from Steve, Mac, Admiral McIntire, Paul Watson, Grace Tully, General Arnold, Secretary Patterson and many of the officials in Washington. Unfortunately, I have been unable to answer all of them, however I did answer your Father's letter and expressed my thanks and appreciation. It did mean a lot to me and I am sure it will mean a lot to Amon Junior if he ever gets a chance to see it.

I see Ruth occasionally. As a matter of fact, we are all going out to the Roesers tonight for dinner. We are still holding the Jerobaum for your return and although I have not had a drink or smoked a cigar since June 15th, last year, I will break over and take one with you. So, hurry home as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

AGC.KD