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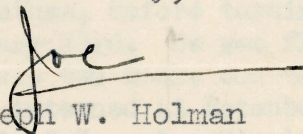
My dear Amon:

I have just recently learned that Amon, Jr., is a Prisoner of War somewhere in Germany and I want you to know that you have my good wishes and thoughts in this time of anxiety.

I understand that you can send these boys books direct and also write to them. I would be very happy to get in touch with him and if you have any suggestions as to the type of reading he likes I would like to know so that I might find something that would be interesting to him.

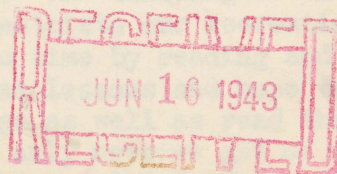
With my best wishes at all times, I am,

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Holman

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not like what we are used to at home. The people at home cannot realize how important the little things they take for granted are until they have to do without them. I have changed rooms here at camp as about 30 officers went to get artificial arms and legs leaving some rooms vacant."

In another letter he asked how he could pay his income tax. I was almost tempted to send a copy of it to Mr. Morgenthau.

I am sure Amon Junior would appreciate hearing from you and your desire to send him a book, however, I do not know what to suggest. He has always enjoyed reading very much and reads all kinds of books. I presume mystery stories and stories on aviation interested him most. These type of books, of course, are not permitted by the rules and regulations. The restrictions say "no mystery or books on escape." My thought is that it should be a book of a humorous nature. It couldn't be about China, Russia, Aviation, American Industry and so on - I give up. Though I would appreciate any suggestions you might have.

Again, assuring you of my sincere appreciation of your thoughtful and sympathetic letter and with best regards, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD

July 1, 1943.

Mr. Joseph W. Holman,
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Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Joe:

Your thoughtful letter of June 14th concerning my son, Amon, Jr., who is a Prisoner of War in Germany, received during my absence from the city and I appreciate your interest very much.

On March 11th, the War Department advised that Amon was reported "missing in action" as of February 14th. On April 14th, I was advised by the War Department that he was a Prisoner of War in Germany and on April 29th, I received his first letter which was dated March 20th, and have received several since - the last being a letter dated May 5 and one May 20, both of which arrived here June 21.

In his first letter he told of having hidden behide the German lines for nine days before being knocked unconscious by the Arabs, who stole his pistol, watch, camera, money and all his clothes, before turning him over to the Germans on February 23rd. He was flown to Italy and after remaining there two weeks was taken by train to Germany where he is interned at Rotenburg a little town about 24 miles Southeast of Kassel. His location was given me by the Red Cross through the International Red Cross.

Although he has been ill, lost about 40 pounds in weight, his letters are still cheerful and indicate he is making the best of things. In his last letter he said:

"Here in the camp, life is very borssome as we do not know what is happening. The building is enclosed with barbed wire, which restricts our recreational facilities; however, we pass the time by reading and playing cards. I am taking German lessons and hope to soon be able to speak the language as well as read the German newspapers, which are the only news we get of any kind. We only get two meals a day and the food is