

May 5, 1945.

Judge William P. Cole, Jr.
United States Customs Court,
201 Varick Street,
New York 14, N. Y.

Dear Judge Cole:

Your letters of May 1 and May 3
have been received today during Mr. Carter's
absence from the city.

As I recall, Captain Bond is a
Waco, Texas boy and I am quite sure that he will
communicate with Mr. Carter's office as soon as
it is practical. Meanwhile, a couple of days ago
an Associated Press correspondent with the Russian
Armies east of the Elbe River advised that Mr.
Carter's son had been liberated from Stalag III-A
at Luckenwalde, and I feel certain that this in-
formation is authentic and am quite excited and
happy and anxiously awaiting some information
direct from Amon Junior.

I know how distressed Mr. Carter
will be to know that your son has been reported
killed as of September 11, 1944 and I wish there
was something to say to lessen the hurt, but permit
me to assure you that no one will understand more
thoroughly than Mr. Carter what your loss has meant
and it was certainly thoughtful and considerate of
you to try to get word to Mr. Carter concerning the
information you had about his son.

With deepest sympathy, I am

Sincerely,

Secretary to W. C. Carter.