

Wichita Falls
April 29, 1944

Mr. A. G. Carter,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of April 17th regarding my son Carl R. Woodward of the U. S. Field Artillery, now a prisoner of war on the island of Java. Carl Ray was a member of the Lost Battalion the Battalion all reported missing in action over a year ago. I was notified in January he was a prisoner & after all those months of worry & anxiety, one

welcomes most any news.
I have always felt Carl would
come home, he was a
Christian boy, of which was
~~a~~ a great comfort to me.
we had sixty five officers +
men from Wichita Falls
in Java. at the time of the
capitulation, whom we have
never heard from in any
way, still carried by the
war kept as missing I
pray God has blessed them.

You were indeed, fo-
tunate in hearing so soon
your dear boy is alive, we
can only trust God for their
safe return, + keep faith and
courage. We have all been
brave, Carl was permitted to
make a record in the prison
camp + it was taken to Tokyo

& broadcast. I received fifty-five letters from the good people all over U.S. & Canada even boys in the navy, who picked up the broadcast, I was overjoyed as I had prayed day & night of some word from him. I also received three recordings of the message & he spoke so plain & strong he called the names of several boys who were with him from Wichita.

It was such a sweet message, asking us not to worry, & that God would bless us.

I really thank you from the bottom of my heart for your nice letter & the information the Japanese were observing the international code in

handling our boys.

After what happened to our aviators, makes us wonder just what they will do next. It was so heart rendering.

We of Wichita Falls, wish to thank the Fort Worth Star Telegram for their kindness in remembering our boys of the "Lost Battalion" they have been more than kind, & we appreciate it.

I shall keep your letter as I am making Carl a very nice scrap book, trusting some day he may be able to thank you in person,

Do pray it won't be too long before we can be united with our dear boys. I am really too nervous to attempt writing.
Most sincerely
Mrs. R. E. Jacobs