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A MUSTANG STATION
England

Dear Mr. Carter:

I would like to introduce myself first and then get on with the business of this letter. I am Lt. Tanner Laine from Midland, Texas. Worked on the Reporter-Telegram there and of course read your Star Telegram regularly as all good West Texans do.

I am stationed at a P-51 Mustang base of the Eighth Air Force in England. We often listen to the German radio broadcasts.

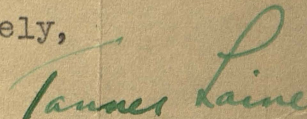
ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 30 I HAPPENED TO BE LISTENING AND HEARD AMON G. CARTER, JR. MENTIONED. THE PROGRAM WAS BEING BROADCAST FROM ONE OF THE GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR CAMPS. IT MAY HAVE BEEN PROPAGANDA BUT THE COMMENTATOR WAS TELLING THE HOBBIES OF SOME OF THE AMERICANS AT THE CAMP. HE SAID THAT AMON G. CARTER, JR. HAD THE HOBBY OF COLLECTING CIGAR BANDS.

Noteworthy was this: the commentator explained that the Americans at the camp were well and well kept.

So Mr. Carter, knowing that your son is Amon G. Carter, Jr. and that you might be pleased to hear anything about him, I decided to write and tell you what I heard, for what it is worth.

That's all. Except I wish you continued success with the finest newspaper in Texas and that you son returns home safely when this is all over.

Sincerely,



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