

October 30, 1943.

Mrs. Richard W. Martin,
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Dear Mrs. Martin:

Your letter received this morning concerning the YMCA's Executive Secretary's appearance in Pittsburgh as well as enclosing a report by the WMCA on Oflag 64 - Germany, for which please accept my sincere thanks. Mr. Carter received a similar report, so I am under the impression that this report went out to all the next-of-kin of those interned in this particular camp as well as other camps and I am returning it to you as per your request.

We have in the past ten days received several letters and cards from Amon Junior dated in September in which he has acknowledged two packages and cigars that were mailed in April and May. He had also received a number of letters, so perhaps the mail will go through now with some degree of regularity. We have felt that their having been moved from one camp to another might have held up the mail to some extent.

Amon Junior has mentioned in several of his letters not to believe what we hear and after reading the news reports of the American prisoners who have been exchanged and the rigid censorship by the British and American Governments, I have been very distressed and I am inclined to believe that the reports of good treatment we have been led to believe are not true. It was a surprise to me to learn that the Germans hated the Americans so much more than they did the Britons. I had felt that it was the other way around. I suppose that it is natural for us to think of all the horrible things that could happen, but we must keep hoping and praying that these boys will be returned in good shape and very shortly.

We are always interested in anything you may hear about your son.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to A. C. Carter.