

April 19, 1943.

Mr. O. E. McClure,
Senatobia, Miss.

Dear Mr. McClure:

Your letter of April 15th, making inquiry as to how Mr. Carter received word that his son, who had been reported missing in action on February 14th, was a prisoner of war of the German Government, has been received during Mr. Carter's absence from the state.

As soon as Mr. Carter received the first notice that his son, Lt. Amon G. Carter, Jr., who was in the 91st Field Artillery of the First Armored Division, was reported missing in action in North Africa on February 14th, we immediately notified the local chapter of the Red Cross as it was our information the Red Cross was our only avenue of information. The first message came from the War Department on March 11th and on April 14th, the Adjutant General of the War Department advised Mr. Carter that his son was a prisoner of war of the German Government.

How the War Department acquired that information we don't know. It is possible that the International Red Cross gave it to the War Department, but Mr. Carter didn't do anything other than advise the Red Cross.

Trusting this will be of some assistance to you, I am

Yours very truly,

Secretary to A. G. Carter.