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WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
FT. MACARTHUR, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I remember well that you did me a marked and generous kindness when we were leaving Ireland, by cabling your secretary and having her call my sister and say that you had dined with us the night before, and that I was well. She wrote me in Africa of her thrill in getting the message. I faintly remember that I wrote and thanked you. I fully intended to do so, and now I can't remember for certain whether or not I did. In any event, I did appreciate your kindness very much.

I also fully intended to write you about your son's capture, but didn't get around to do so until it seemed entirely too late. Summerall's Battalion was under me at Faid Pass at the time, and I knew that he had written you.

I lost an Aide, Lt. Goddard, who also was captured. In addition, 14 men from my Headquarters Company were killed or captured. My other Aide, Lt. Boyd, was killed in a later operation. I made it a point to write the next of kin of each of these men, and I asked each unit commander to do the same with respect to his losses.

I had a most interesting visit with the Wiedermans in San Antonio when I stopped over-night with them last week. They showed me their scrap books with much about you and Amon Jr. in them. I told them that I would write you upon my return. They are as much interested in Amon Jr's welfare as though he were a member of the family. I was especially pleased to read his own account of his capture.

The Arabs helped many get away, but I think most of them were like those Amon encountered. I understand they tricked Colonel Waters, and I gathered from his letters that Lt. Goddard had bad luck with them, too.

I sincerely hope that Amon Jr. is continuing to get along well, and that before another Easter rolls around he will be home, safe and sound.

I came back just before the finish in North Africa - shortly after General Ward's return. I have been on duty here on the West Coast since. My principal contact with the 1st Armored now is through letters from Major Wiederman. I would like to see all of those fellows get "rotated" and a well deserved, much needed rest.

I again apologize for my failure to write you sooner. I wish you and Amon Jr. the best of luck in the days ahead. When you write your son please extend to him my very best wishes for his welfare.

Very sincerely,

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