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Tuesday

Dear Mrs. Deakins:

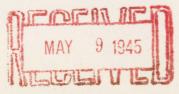
The newspaper came today, and I'm so grateful to you for sending it. I had written a letter to you on Sunday saying that I hoped there would be a picture published of famon, Jr. and his dad. It all must have been so very exciting, and the comments that Amon, Jr. made are so indicative of his unselfish good character. The treatment he received from the Arabs is appalling--seems as though we ought to deal with them in a similar manner.

One of the reasons that I wrote to you on Sunday was to tell you that Sidney was still here since he was advised that all men on leaves from the Mediterranean and European theatres are to be kept in this country awaiting further orders. We all were very pleased, of course, until we thought that perhaps it could mean a Pacific assignment right away. However, we didn't have to be concerned very long, for when Sidney went out to the post yesterday, he learned that men on specific duty here are not included in the blanket order that was issued. And so Sidney is leaving Thursday morning for overseas to rejoin his unit.

Sidney has had a very good rest here--we are so thankful that he could get to miss some of the fighting. And now that the firing has ceased his return to Italy does not seem too bad. He wants to be with the Ist Arm'd. Div.--feels that it is his place, and even if they should be sent to the Pacific, a lapse of time will evidently take place before those arrangements can be made. And if the division has the good fortune to be one of the units to come home, it will be our good fortune.

Now you're awaiting the day when Amon, Jr. can come home, and I hope it will be soon. Sidney was glad to know that the Jones boy was with him. You have been so good to meto keep me posted. I know how much you have to do and realize how very many are interested and should also be advised-and those friends of long years standing. But tho' we have known each other a short space of time, I feel that we are truly real friends--war does that together with your special gift of being a real friend.

Give my love to Ruth--it all will be so different now with the prospects of such a reunion. Thank you again--and I'm always eager to hear from you.



Love,