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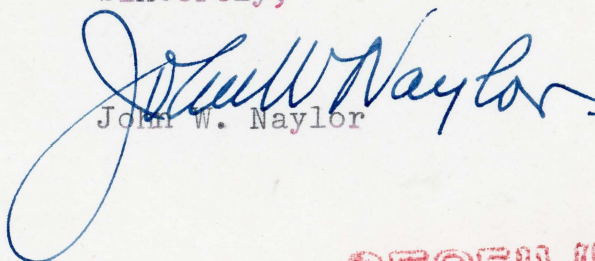
Mr. Amon Carter
Star Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Your return from Europe gives me the first opportunity of communicating with you and expressing the deep thankfulness felt by both Pauline and myself of the liberation of Amon Jr. and his return both safe and sound.

I have had a deep feeling all along that he would make it, though some of the events of the past few months have given me some bad moments, though of course nothing to what you have gone through. The hardest thing for me in this war has been the thing the youngsters have had to go through. In all the years that I struggled to help keep some semblance of military preparedness in this country, I have explained it to my friends by telling them I did it because there was one thing I dreaded worse than going through another war and that was to leave one for my kids to inherit. Feeling that way it went particularly hard that in this war I did not get to the field, but that sons of many friends were undergoing the horrors I wanted my own sons to miss. Consequently, I felt doubly for every father who had a son in this war and particularly in cases where I had known the youngsters since they were little more than babies. For everyone of you I had only to in imagination put one of my boys in place of yours to realize what you were going through. There is nothing encountered in going in combat yourself which compares to what a father who has a son in it goes through, and I am sincerely glad for your sake that your ordeal is ended.

Sincerely,


John W. Naylor

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