

May 12, 1943.

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Dear Major:

Your very interesting letter of March 14th received on April 5th, for which please accept my thanks.

We received the report of Amon Junior's missing in action on March 11th through the War Department and received information on April 14th that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. On April 29th, we received a letter dated March 20th and a postcard dated March 25th written from a prison camp in Germany, copies of which I enclose herewith.

He had hard luck - after hiding behind the German lines nine days - to be captured in the manner indicated in his letter. They took everything he had except his American Express Orders. I wonder why he was permitted to keep them; however, it is fortunate as he can cash them through the Red Cross Representatives and have them provide him with German funds that he can use in case there is anything he can buy.

There are 141 American officers and 11 American Doctors in this same camp situated 25 miles Southeast of Kassel in Germany. I've had letters from the head of the American Red Cross stating that they had sent an International Representative to visit the camp and that Amon is fine and sent his love. All of the above information has come officially through the International Red Cross and through the War Department, so I presume the censor should not object to this information. There are seven Texas boys in the camp, among which are John Jones, Jr., Lt. Beasley of Ennis, Lt. Batte of Waxahachie and Capt. Warren.

I've just had a letter from General Orlando Ward as well as one from Major Weidemann. We have all been watching with interest the progress in Tunisia and extend our congratulations for the fine job the boys have been doing. I am sure that Amon and his crowd are burned

Up on account of the fact that they could not be with all of you for the final push. Meanwhile, I imagine he will make the best of it and fit himself into the surroundings in a way to make friends with his captors. He will probably learn to speak the language.

I see Mary and your father as well as your mother occasionally and they are fine and, of course, we are all tremendously interested in your welfare and progress.

Please give Colonel Hains my very best regards and tell him that I look back on my visit with him in England with a great deal of pleasure - especially our last night in Liverpool, not overlooking the final inspection on the day following.

I wrote Tex Hightower congratulating him on his achievements and I hope he received the letter.

If you have an opportunity, you might show Major Weidemann the copies of Amon's communications which will save my sending additional copies.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD