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Dear Mr. Carter: Mauday.

You're the dearest man - honestly
Mr. Carter, I can't express my feelings
adequately - but I want you
to know how dear you are to me -
and how much I appreciate your
calling me about Sidney and
Amon, Jr., and how ideal our
day with you was - for you to give
us so much of your time, & you
did have other engagements!

Enclosed is a copy of Sidney's letter
rather amusing in spots. And when
he writes about Amon I'll call you -

Remember I want you to come
down here - we must finish that
game, & in the meantime I'll practice
I'm looking forward to receiving the
pictures & to your visit here - any
time.
Sincerely,
Jane

Jan 25
Africa

Dear Family:

Started this several minutes ago and then Kay's licorice started to work so I got the shovel and The Music Roll and started out. Soon as I got settled, the alarm went out and I had to hit my slit trench. These damn Germans are playing hell with my stomach. It happens invariably.

Received two telegrams today congratulating me on my promotion-one from Jane and one from Flora U. dated October 28. Also received V Mail Nov. 12, 25, 27 29 from Jane; Dec. 11 mother, Nov. 18 Dad. Letters of Oct. 9, 26, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 Jane and Nov. 17 Benita. Didn't expect anything here and it was a big surprise to all of us to receive anything here.

So disorganized and a little busy that's hard to write. Actually not doing much work but there is a strain even in so called rest areas. I have a flock of assistants and they keep the long hours. I've had about 24 hours sleep in the last 2 days. Interrupted again-will try to finish this some other time.

After 7 hrs. I'll try again - something always comes up to interfere. Notice my typing wasn't too good but had no lite. Don't know what there is to write. Started raining today and the so-called desert is a sea of mud. Instead of sandy, it's a clay type. Some fun.

Have lots of Roman ruins which would be interesting to explore and have seen many things I can not describe at this time. Among some new things I'm sposed to know is meteorology, so I'm still studying in my spare time. Interesting subject-tho my reports were not so hot!

I'm fairly safe- if anyone can be safe in this mess. I'm an expert fox hole digger and it's surprising how fast I can move to get in one. I can spot anyone 10 yds. and hit the hole before they do. It's a prerequisite of health here. I have several assistants now-Jim Fraser (Jane may remember him) being the chief one. He got some olives today from home-while sitting under an olive tree we ate them! Also have a young Air Corps Lt. who was at Brooks last year! Certainly likes San Antonio.

Sent Benita some German silk-sorry about the tear in it but the boys are too quick on the trigger. It was an equipment chute for paratroopers!

Wrote you before to look for Margaret Bourke-White's 2 articles in Life, if they appear. One about an exciting (?) trip & the other about life on an airdrome in Africa. I was around both places when she took the pictures but don't look for me-I couldn't be in them.

Mother wrote that she was glad I wasn't enduring primitive conditions-she should have seen me when I got the letter. Of course, we're trained for it and don't mind any discomforts.

Surprised to learn Vincent was in the Army-got it from an old letter of Janes. Rec'd the Temple bulletin of 11/30 a week or so ago. Rec'd Time of 11/9 today.

Have to get somebody to cut my hair-it's really down my ears & neck. Didn't tell you before but Stan & I had a hot bath about 10 days ago in an old Roman bath. Makes #1 for this year. Hope to take another someday.

Appreciate the business Dad got from Vexler & Karren. Can't write them while I'm in the line as it's hard enough to write you every once in awhile.

Received two patches.

Love,

Sidney.