

May 17, 1945.

Mrs. S. S. White,  
Eagle Lake, Texas.

Dear Mrs. White:

In the absence of Mr. Carter as well as his son, neither of whom have returned from Europe as yet, permit the writer to acknowledge your letter of May 16th making inquiry concerning Lt. John T. Vallentine who was a prisoner of war in Oflag 64, Germany, with Lt. Amon G. Carter, Jr.

Naturally, we know no more than has appeared in the press reports but from those items it is concluded that Stalag III A at Luckenwalde, Germany, was liberated about April 22nd by the Russian Armies East of the Elbe River and these boys are under the jurisdiction of the Russian Government. Meanwhile, representatives of news sources knowing Mr. Carter's son was reported to be in that camp found him and forwarded the information here and we in turn relayed it to Mr. Carter who was and is in Europe touring the atrocity camps. According to newspaper reports the International News Service Correspondent Frank Coniff, who is a friend of the family went into the camp and brought Amon Jr, together with John Jones of Houston out to the American side. It is also understood that the others are remaining in the camp in accordance with orders from their superior officer or commanding officer until arrangements are made for transportation home. The Russian Government does not perform like the U.S. Government or like we think they should but it seems these boys are under their jurisdiction. In all probability Lt. Vallentine will return home, walk in, wire or call from his port of entry before any notification is received from the War Department.

Anyway, should Amon Jr return before you hear anything we shall be glad to make an effort to ascertain any information he may have about Lt. Vallentine and forward it to you.

I am sorry not to be able to give you more definite information but really feel that all