

April 5, 1943.

Mrs. Will Rogers,
445 Ocean Front,
Santa Monica, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

With the hope from day to day that we would have something to report on Amon Junior, I have waited to write you but still no news - 50 days today!

Mr. Carter is optimistic one day and gives up all hope the next day. I have steadily refused to believe anything but that Amon is a prisoner or hiding out with some of the natives -- of course, the latter is probably wishful thinking yet it is not entirely impossible. If he were on an observation post up in the hills and saw his battery surrounded and was not surrounded himself, it is perfectly plausible that he stayed in the hills. Again, he may have been captured too. The anxiety we are experiencing is almost beyond endurance and we have to keep busy or go crazy thinking.

Mr. Carter went to Washington on the airport matter and while there spent a couple of hours in the War Department and had a visit with Mr. Norman Davis, President of the Red Cross. He found them thoroughly sympathetic and cooperative in the entire situation and feels they are doing everything possible to secure additional information about these boys. However, it seems the only avenue of information is through the International Red Cross and then only when and if the Germans and Italians feel disposed to release the prisoner and casualty lists. He learned that none of either had been released by Germany since this battle.

Also during Mr. Carter's visit in Washington he called Bill's office once and got no response and then he called a second time and left word for Bill to call him at the Mayflower. Since he hasn't heard from him he feels that Bill was never given the call and was disappointed that he didn't get to see Bill since he is a Congressman.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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