

June 11, 1943.

Mrs. Ada Averill Hains,  
425 Loma Linda Avenue,  
Sarasota, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Hains:

I have your letter of May 24 and I was delighted to hear from you and to receive the snapshot of the three youngsters, which I am sure together with you makes an extremely strong incentive for the Colonel to clean up the Germans and Italians as soon as possible so that he can be home with all of you. Although the Colonel did talk to me and tell me all about Peter, Ada Louise and John as well as your good self, I am delighted to have the picture which more than verifies all of his enthusiastic description of them. I am glad to know that you received a cable advising that the Colonel is safe and I hope that you will have him home with you as soon as possible.

My son, Amon Jr., who is a Lieutenant in Battery B, 91st Field Artillery, First Armored Division, is now a prisoner in Germany having been captured in the battle at Faid Pass on Valentine day, February 14. As a matter of fact, he hid out nine days behind the German lines before he was captured. He was trying to work his way back to his own battalion when the Arabs knocked him unconscious, stole all of his clothes, money, camera and gun and turned him over to the Germans. They flew him together with other officers to Italy, where they stayed two weeks and from there to Berlin by train and are now located in a prison camp in Rotenberg, 24 miles southeast of Kassel in Germany. There are 141 American officers and 11 doctors in this same camp, all from the same division, I believe. Seven of the boys are from Texas. We have received two letters and four post cards from him. Although he has dropped from 185 to 145 pounds, he is in good spirits and he says the Germans are treating him all right. The Red Cross delivers him a package of food once a week. I am entitled to send him an eleven pound package every sixty days through the Red Cross in Geneva.

When you write to the Colonel again, give him my best regards. I always recall with pleasure my

last dinner with him at the Adelphie Hotel in Liverpool, December 9, the day before they sailed for North Africa. I had a chance to see him again the last day at the time the American officers as well as British officers gave his boat, the Empress of Canada, its final inspection.

Please give my best regards to your children and I hope some time to have the pleasure of meeting them after the Colonel finishes the war and comes home.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

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