

October 4, 1944.

My dear Jean:

So, tomorrow you will be a year older! I wish as much as you that Amon Junior could be here to help celebrate, or that I could dash over and have lunch with you but it can't be this time - surely by another year Amon will be home and we can have a real occasion.

The enclosed copy of a letter received by Mr. Carter during his absence as well as copies of a set of pictures he received came in Monday but I couldn't get them copied until Tuesday - then I decided to send them on your birthday as the next best thing to not hearing direct from Amon.

The pictures of the Richard Torrence funeral must have been taken by Amon as he appears in none of the funeral service pictures insofar as I can find. I've sent copies of the letter and pictures to everyone I could find an address for that are mentioned and all the Texans who have been mentioned in Amon's letter up to January 1944 thinking they might be in the group pictures of all Texans standing on the hospital steps.

In talking with Mr. Carter over the phone last night, he said he had heard that Colonel Drake is back in Washington and he is trying to get in touch with him to gather any more news possible. He was, or so he heard, repatriated because of stomach ulcers. I don't know the nature of Lt. Meadows injury or illness.

Anyway, just wanted you to know I'll be thinking of you "Manana" and hope you have as happy a birthday as is possible.

With lots of love, I am

Sincerely,