

March 31, 1943.

Mrs. Maurice L. Docton
11414 Temblett Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Docton:

Upon returning from Washington this morning I found your letter of March 26th and am distressed to learn that your husband has been reported missing in action, the same as Amon Junior.

The anxiety and strain we are going through is probably the toughest assignment we've ever had to face and the worst torture we could be asked to endure - still, we must not give up hope.

While in Washington I had a nice visit with Norman Davis, President of the American Red Cross, as well as with Colonel Easterbrook of the War Department and they are most sympathetic and understanding of the problems facing all the parents and wives and relatives of these boys and are leaving no stones unturned to ascertain additional information. They seemed very hopeful although it seems the only avenue of information is the Red Cross and then only and when the German and Italian Governments release the lists through Switzerland. That may come any day and it may be months.

So, my dear, we must be as brave as our boys are being and continue to pray and hope for their safety.

I shall appreciate any information you may receive and will likewise communicate with you in the event I should have any further news.

With my very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,