

May 17, 1943.

Mr. William Best,
General Cigar Company,
119 West 40th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Best:

I appreciated your letter concerning my son, Amon Junior, who was reported missing in action in North Africa as of February 14th, since which time he has been reported a prisoner of war in Germany. I certainly should have answered it personally long ago; however there were about 1200 letters and telegrams altogether and I have been unable to answer them to express my thanks and appreciation for the generous interest in my son's welfare. The young man will have a very interesting accumulation of mail to read when he returns.

The War Department has made arrangements permitting tobacco and tobacco products to be included in "next of kin" parcels to American prisoners of war and the first two labels were received this morning from the Office of the Provost Marshall General, Washington, D.C. I am enclosing these two labels, herewith, each of which permits the shipment of 100 cigars; however, the thought occurs to me that instead of shipping 200 at one time that it would be better to ship at two different dates in the event something might happen to the transportation facilities. So will you please have 100 Robert Burns Panatela cigars shipped promptly and another 100 of the same cigars shipped June 10th.

Amon Junior smokes this particular cigar all the time - at least when he could get them - and the Fort Worth Club had a standing order to ship him a box of cigars every ten days as long as he was where he could get them. No doubt, these shipments are accumulating for him now in North Africa.

Enclosed, please find my check for \$12.24 to cover the cost of 200 cigars to be shipped as above requested. This price is according to a letter received from Colonel Howard F. Bresee, C. M. P., Chief, Information Branch, Washington, D.C.

Please ship 100 now and another 100
about June 10th.

Thanking you for your courtesy in handling
this matter for me and for your interest in my son's
welfare, I remain

Sincerely,

AGC.KD