

The Armored School,
Tactics Department,
Fort Knox, Ky.,
April 20, 1944

Mr. Amon G. Carter,
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I've never had the pleasure of meeting you personally, however since we considered you nearly a member of the 1st Armored Division and since I've heard so many of my friends speak of you I feel that I know you myself.

I was a member of the Division from June 1940 and was executive officer of Combat Command "A" during the time we were in Ireland and England and during the Tunisian Campaign. Major Sid Weidemann of San Antonio was, as you know, in that unit.

I did not know your boy very well, however I did know him and as I recall he was on the same ship with me when we sailed for Oran. Also, as I recall the last time I saw you you were standing on the dock in Liverpool when we were loading on the Duchess of Richmond.

I left Italy about two months ago and am now on duty here at the school as an instructor. The work is pleasant enough, but I feel guilty at times being here in safety while my friends are still battling it out at Anzio and Cassino.

Of course the boys are hoping for an opportunity to get home after these two years of campaigning and when I left I promised them that I would try to do something when I got back. I've had an opportunity to ask the School to request Major R.L. Elkins of College Station as an Instructor to fill a vacancy in my immediate committee. This has been done and the request has been returned to Washington for consideration and, I hope, approval. There are two other Texas boys whom I am deeply interested in, Major Weidemann and Lt. Colonel Daniel G. Talbot of Fort Worth and if there is any way that you can do anything for them I feel certain that they and their families will be deeply appreciative.

Please consider that this request is made by me without the knowledge of the persons concerned and that they have not asked me to seek favors for them. However, I feel, and I know that you agree, that they have had an awfully hard time and have been away from their homes a long time.

Thanking you for any consideration that you might show and anything that you might be able to do that will lead to their early return to the United States, I am

Yours very truly
George H. Sutherland
Lt. Colonel

I think that what ever news you have of Amos is good and that he is well.