

April 8, 1943.

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Dear Janet:

Your letter of Monday, April 5th, enclosing a page from Sidney's letter of March 9th, received for which please accept my thanks.

In trying to read between the lines I presume that Captain Ashbury Lee was sent by General McQuillen to investigate the territory where Amon Junior was last reported to ascertain whether he had been a casualty or whether they could secure any other information and that Sidney wanted to do this job himself. Bless his heart, that is very fine and commendable and it will be a relief to hear the report.

I introduced Amon Junior to the General in the dining room of the Duchess of Richmond Tuesday night, December 8th. In fact, the General had invited me to have dinner at his table and I explained that I was having dinner with Amon the last time before his departure. The General asked me to bring Amon by and introduce him when we had finished and I did.

No doubt, Ashbury went to Lessouda Hills where Amon had been stationed on a forward observation post as told me by Colonel Summerall on the night of the day I received the information about his disappearance. Colonel Summerall is now in Fort Knox. He stated over the phone that Amon had been sent out with five other men.

I received a telegram last night from Senator Connally as per the enclosed copy and also enclose a copy of my answer which was sent after Mrs. Deakins had talked with Mr. Holman Willis in Roanoke, Virginia. This did not give very much information but at least it is encouraging in the fact that another observation crew at an outpost was taken prisoner. It is feasible that Amon Junior was taken likewise. You

might send Sidney the message and ask for any observation he might have to make.

While in Washington last Tuesday, I spent about two hours in Colonel Charles Allen Easterbrook's office. He has charge of the lists of casualties, wounded, missing, etc., and incidentally receives the lists of prisoners when they do come in through the International Red Cross. The list in which Amon's name was included consisted of 56 and he was the only officer in the list - meanwhile three of the boys reported missing at the same time as Amon had returned to their respective headquarters. Quite often the enemy is not as particular about keeping the privates as they are the officers and permit them to escape.

Norman Davis, head of the Red Cross, told me on Saturday previous to my visit with Colonel Easterbrook last Tuesday, that they had received word that 1300 American prisoners had arrived in Germany. Of course the main thing now is to hope and pray that Amon is a prisoner. However, if we had any preference I would rather he be an Italian prisoner instead of a German prisoner as the Italians may blow up before the Germans do.

It goes without saying that we have had a very unhappy four weeks today since receiving the information, meanwhile analyzing the situation from all angles, we cannot keep from being encouraged to the point that we feel Amon is probably a prisoner either in Germany or Italy. Knowing his disposition, I feel sure he will make friends with the enemy as we have often discussed these matters together personally.

Also, enclosed are copies of letters I received from Major Talbot and Captain Malless. Captain Malless is the intelligence officer in the 91st Field Artillery. Major Talbot, of Fort Worth, has been on the General's staff although I understand that he is now in charge of a battalion.

I want you as well as Sidney's Mother and Dad to know how much I appreciate your thoughtful and constant attention concerning Amon Junior in the difficult

times we are passing through. Incidentally I have had some seven hundred letters and telegrams from people all over the United States, which have been exceedingly consoling. Among them are lovely letters from the President, General Arnold and General Ward.

I wish I had an opportunity to come down and pay all of you a visit but it has simply been impossible to get away and besides I have felt I should be here where any information available would be received immediately.

If you get a chance come up and spend a week end with us. We will be glad to see you.

Sincerely,

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