

June 4, 1943.

Mrs. Lula Butler,
309 South Second Street,
Lamesa, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Butler:

Your letter of June 1st received and I wish there were something I could do or say to relieve you of your worry and anxiety concerning your son Pfc. William H. Witt who was reported missing, as you advise, on the same date as my son.

On March 11th, the War Department advised me that Amon Junior was "missing in action" as of February 14th. On April 14th, I was advised by the War Department that he was a prisoner of War in Germany. Then on April 29th, we received a letter from Amon Junior written from the German prison camp and dated March 20th., since which time we have received several other communications which indicate that he is fine and getting along all right.

According to the information sent out by the War Department Non-commissioned men and officers are not interned in the same prison camps and for this reason it is doubtful that my son would have an opportunity to look your son up. Meantime, I shall pass the word along to him with the hopes that it might be possible that he would be able to get the information.

In letters we received from Amon Junior after he was reported missing, although written before the battle he acknowledged receipt of Christmas packages sent him in October that reached him on February 13th, the day before the battle that he was reported missing in, so I am not surprised that your packages were returned. Doubtless these boys moved along so fast and the shipping and transportation facilities so inadequate that the mail didn't catch up with them until the victory in Tunisia.

If you have not already done so and if you have been officially advised by the War Department that your son is missing in action, I would suggest that you get in touch with your local Red Cross chapter

which might be able to help you secure information by communicating with the International Red Cross in Geneva. That is the only means of obtaining information and the news about my son came to the War Department through the International Red Cross.

As for your not receiving a cable from your son in Africa, until very recently they had no cable service and none of the boys could send cables out. The facilities were so overloaded with official communications that they could not get messages through.

Trusting I have given you the information you desire and regretting I know of no other suggestions to make that might be of help and with the hope you will soon hear good news of your son, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD