

October 18, 1943.

Lt. James L. Simmons,  
3830 N. Capitol Avenue,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Lt. Simmons:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of August 9th which arrived during Mr. Carter's absence from the city. He passed through Fort Worth on Sunday, August 15th, and put your letter in his brief case and took it with him to New York. After remaining in New York several weeks he returned home and for some unaccountable reason did not take the letter out of his case until he was preparing to return to New York yesterday - and, all this time your letter had not been answered.

Mr. Carter remembered you quite well and was sorry to hear you had been injured yet he was glad you had an opportunity to come home for a brief visit.

We have been hearing from Amon Junior from every four to seven weeks since he has been a prisoner of war in Germany. At first he was interned at a prison camp near Rotenberg on the Fulda river about 30 miles Southeast of Kassel. In June these 152 American officers and 11 American doctors were moved to a new all-American camp at Schubin in Poland about 100 miles south of Danzig. Although Amon Junior has lost forty pounds weight and has received none of the packages sent from his Dad - which is an 11 pound package every 60 days - and only two letters he seems in good spirits. In his letter to his Dad of July 4th he told of having been granted the privilege to sing and although they were not allowed to sing our national anthem they could sing "God Bless America". Then he said some of the boys sang their state songs and "Did we Texans (7) go to town on 'Deep Down in the Heart of Texas'". Also he said in the same letter that they had a rare treat that morning as they were given oatmeal (without sugar and milk) for breakfast and that they never had oatmeal or breakfast since lunch was their first of the two meals a day.

I am sure you know they are restricted as to the number of letters they can write each month, although there is no restriction on the number of letters he may receive and I know he would be mighty happy to hear from you. You may address him and send the letter as follows:

Prisoner of War Mail

Postage Free

2nd. Lt. Amon G. Carter, Jr., U. S. Army,  
American P. O. W. #1595,  
Interned at Oflag 64, Germany  
Via New York, N. Y., USA

and place your return address on the back. It has been our understanding that officers in the service could not write to prisoners of war but if this is incorrect I know he will be glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, I am writing him about hearing from you and giving him as much information as I think will pass the censor.

We will be glad to hear from you any time you have time and to pass on any information we have from Amon Junior.

With best wishes and good luck, I am

Sincerely,

Secretary to A. G. Carter.