

May 21, 1943.

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Dear General Hartle:

The enclosed message was relayed to me from the Adjutant General's Department for which please accept my sincere thanks. It was exceedingly thoughtful and nice of you to send me the message.

I wrote you on April 14 and I cabled you May 15 expressing my thanks and had previously written you on April 14 advising of the fact that he was reported a prisoner of war in Germany since which time I have had one letter and two postcards, one written on March 20, 25th and 30th stating that he was fine and doing all right and sending a list of things which he needed. So naturally, we are relieved of our anxiety and happy even though he is a prisoner. The tough part on the youngster will be the fact that he will be disappointed in not being able to be with his Division in the final clean-up of Tunisia.

As a matter of interest, I am sending you a photostatic copy of his first letter, which is very interesting. The fact that he stayed nine days behind the German lines and then was knocked unconscious by the Arabs.

I am also enclosing a clipping which appeared in the Star-Telegram, Wednesday May 5, which has no doubt already been sent to you from other papers.

I am also sending you a clipping from Life as well as Newsweek showing the picture of his Majesty enjoying a good laugh as well as the Secretary of our Navy and Jesse Jones and my humble self. If the occasion arrises, you might present the Life clipping to his Majesty as you recall he asked you whom I represented as there was no gadget on my correspondent's uniform other than the mere letters of the U. S.



We are all delighted over the happy results in Tunisia. Incidentally, I am presenting the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill with a fine Stetson hat, the same type of hat the President wore on his trip. I have another one that I am having prepared for the Minister of Information, Brandon Bracken, as well as one for the First Lord of the Admiralty, A. V. Alexander, which I will get over to them the best way I can.

Enclosed are two snapshots made of Amon Jr. after his arrival in Africa. I hope you are fine and that you will give Anthony Biddle, Major Kraschel and others that you know which you may happen to meet my best regards.

Sincerely,

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