

April 19, 1943.

Mr. D. R. Bertaut,
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Dear Mr. Bertaut:

Your letter of April 15th, making inquiry as to what means Mr. Carter pursued in order to learn that his son, Amon Carter, Jr., was a prisoner of war of the German Government, received during Mr. Carter's absence from the city.

In his absence permit the writer that Mr. Carter didn't do anything other than advise the local chapter of the American Red Cross, who in turn communicated with the International Red Cross as we were advised that they were the only avenue of information and that we would receive no information until if, as and when the German or Italian Government released the lists and it might be in a week and it might be months, if ever.

Amon Junior was reported missing in action as of February 14th and Mr. Carter was advised of such on March 11th. The message in each instance came from the War Department although the message received April 14th advising that he is a prisoner of war of the German Government might have come to the War Department from the Red Cross. Mr. Carter does not know how or where the information came from.

Amon Junior was in the First Armored Division and was on a forward observation post near Faid Pass in the Lessouda Hills according to information received from some of his buddies who wrote Mr. Carter. According to Secretary Stimson's statement in the papers there were 2,009 boys captured and only 59 casualties.

So, if your son has been reported missing in action, doubtless you will soon have word where he is a prisoner as all of that territory has been retaken and had he been killed you would have been advised by now.

If we can give you any additional information please let us hear as we can truly understand the anxious hours you are enduring and while we are very happy to know that Amon Junior is alive it is not a pleasant thought to know he is interned in a prison camp.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to A. G. Carter.