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Judge Tom A Simons, Jr.,
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Dear "Jedge:"

This will acknowledge your letter of May 17, requesting me to contact the War Department in an effort to obtain information regarding your son, Lieutenant Capen R. Simons, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany.

I called the War Department this afternoon on receiving your letter, and was informed that your son was interned in Stalag 7A on March 5, after being transferred from Stalg-Luft 3. The Department further stated that all the prisoners in Stalag 7A were liberated on April 29 and evacuated to Franch two weeks later. These prisoners are now awaiting orders to come home. Needless to say, Jedge, I sincerely hope you will soon receive a direct message from your son, and that he will be returned to the states within the immediate future. I heard over the radio last evening that every effort was being made to permit the service men to send a message home.

My son, Mickey was in the Pacific for three years with the Naval Air Force, participating in sixteen major engagements, including the First and Second Battle of the Philippines and the covering of McArthur's landing on Luzon. He received his first leave in the states in March, and is now at Dallas where the Navy has an air field.

In some ways he is still the same Mickey but much too quiet. I am informed this is true of many of the boys who are returning, and you may encounter this in your son. We do have something to be thankful for and that is we still have them.

It is a real pleasure to hear from you. With kind personal regards and cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Milton

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