

September 6, 1944.

Mrs. Gaines J. Barron,
3200 Ethel Avenue,
Waco, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Barron:

Please accept my apology for not acknowledging your letter of August 18th in which you were nice enough to send me your letters of May 21 and June 11 from Colonel Barron as well as a clipping from the Waco paper about American Prisoners of War having been released in Warsaw. I have been snowed to the guard with a multiplicity of duties and out of town guests until my correspondence has had to be neglected.

While I am sure it is impossible for the boys not to get blue, homesick and lonely at times, it makes you discouraged that your letters are not getting through as promptly as they should. Perhaps by now Colonel Barron has received more of your letters and will be feeling better physically and mentally. I have an idea the state of mind he was in for I have not had anything from Amon Junior since my letter of May 10th, although his mother received a letter dated July 11th and Mrs. Deakins, my secretary, received a card dated July 13th. Nothing in June.

After receiving the clipping, I remembered having seen the same article in our paper; however it is very doubtful that the boys from Oflag 64 were among these prisoners. As were they being moved, it doesn't stand to reason that they would be sent into the country at battle and would be moved nearer to Germany or into Germany. Doubtless these boys were interned near Warsaw and were being moved out when they were released by the Poles.

I note your desire to become associated with some radio station and mention WBAP. And frankly, this is something I know very little or nothing about. Mr. Harold Hough, Circulation Manager and Treasurer of the Star-Telegram, has complete supervision of our

radio stations and I shall be glad to pass your letter along to him. Naturally, I would be glad to help you in any consistent way possible but it is something I know so little about.

As for guessing when the war will be over, I have no idea. Some of the smart people over the country predict that it can be over anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. It all depends on how long it will take Germany to capitulate. After that, again, I have no idea how long it would take to move the prisoners home. There are from 25,000 to 30,000 prisoners of war of the German Government and it could be from three months to six months or even longer before they are moved home. It would be a matter of transportation and all those people of the overrun countries will have to be fed and clothed. I would imagine the Allies will return these boys as soon as possible, but even at that it will probably seem like "slow motion" to those of us at home as well as the prisoners of war.

I wish I could be more encouraging but this is merely my own idea as no one knows how long the war can last or how quickly it could end.

Again, thank you very much for giving me the privilege of reading your letters and when I hear from Amon Junior again I shall be glad to pass the information along to you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC:KD