

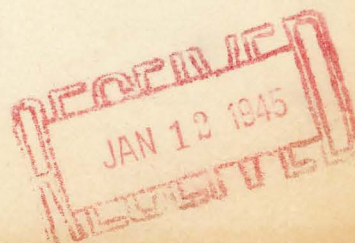
January 9, 1945, Wednesday

Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed are two letters I received from Col. Barron yesterday. I was quite pleased over the Dec. 10th one coming in such a short time. Am sending one also that I received January 2nd written Sept 18th. I do not understand about the parcels, etc, but after yesterday's letter I went out, gathered up everything he asked for and got it off at once. I do hope you have had good news from Amon Jr. and that he is well and fine. I would like to have these letters back as soon as possible, for I read them over and over each day.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Eldora Barron
3200 Ethel Avenue
Waco, Texas.



September 18, 1944

Mrs. Gaines J. Barron
3200 Ethel Avenue
Waco, Texas.
United States of America

Dearest Girl:

Another week gone - and the time is dragging more heavily on our hands and minds than ever before - and also no mail makes it worse. We have been notified, that due to transportation difficulties, there will probably be no more mail for us and that is very bad - but I want you to keep writing just on the chance that some may come thru'. Also, I suppose you had better stop sending any parcels or cigarettes. The May and July parcels have not arrived and no cigarettes sent since March have come. So don't send any more - maybe those on the way will get thru' eventually - otherwise I'll really be a "sad sack" - but I want through starvation before - so suppose I can again. But don't worry - I'll pull thru' - "simlin'" - Thoughts of you and our future happiness will overcome all hardship. Just think if I were there this weekend - what we would have done. A trip perhaps - maybe the coast. Oh! I day dream of all those things and you constantly - And Thank God - IT WON'T BE LONG NOW! Remember that I love you with all my life, my precious.

Gaines

Received January 2, 1945

From Lt. Col Gaines J. Barron
American P. O. W. # 3065
Oflag 64, Germany

Sun - 22 Oct 44

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

My Darling Girl: One year and two days ago I arrived here - what a long, lonesome and seemingly endless time it has been - but, oh! the bright spots your letters and parcels have made in this darkness - Well, finally they began to let us have our private parcels again and I got the one mailed in July from the Buffalo firm - it was a very good one, but I'd rather get the ones you pack - for one reason, there was no coffee - and as we do not get our Red Cross boxes each week anymore - I am out and guess I will be til this is over. The Red Cross certainly deserves all the criticism they will get - nothing could possibly been worse mishandled than the situation here - however, I am thankful that at least I have an overcoat - Several hundred late arrivals do not, with none in sight - I didn't get any letters this past week - so I just re-read the Sept. 18th one and make believe it just came. Give my best regards to all our friends, and remember I have a world full of love for you.

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