

Friday - Feb. 16th 1945

Dear Mr. Carter: Enclosed is the letter you ask me to send about the 2500 parcels being withheld from our men.

Also, two letters I received on my return from Ft. Worth. It sounds like the 2500 parcels were finally given to them. I was quite pleased with his Xmas day letter, but that was then; I'm so worried for their safety at the present. This morning I heard a 6 A.M. news-cast, saying the Germans were moving all the prisoners away from the Russian advance - on foot - from 10 to 12 miles a day and

more than that if necessary.
That the Geneva Treaty
states such procedure is alright
in order to get food and
water. However you may
have heard all of this yourself.

Here is an article from our
Sunday paper here (this past
Sunday). Do not know what it
could mean. I am sure
you will return the enclosed
date as soon as you can.

How I wish I could be in
77. March all the time in
order to get first hand news
from your office - I know
you are entirely too busy to
write every little thing that
comes to you about our
prisoners over there. And how

I wish I could be of some help to you and Mrs Deakins with the letters and work piled upon you.

Thank you so much for the time you gave Mrs Sanson and me. We appreciated it so much.

Should I hear any more from Col. Barron I shall notify you at once.

Sincerely
Mrs Gaines J. Barron
3200 Ethel
Waco.

Sun. 15 Oct. 44

Dearest Dodie: I am so happy that a letter day came on our anniversary. It would not have seemed right not to write today. Much water has flowed under the bridge since that day - and we have had much happiness as well as unhappiness - but after this is over - then the real happiness of our lives should be ours-And, believe me, darling, I love you even more today than when we married-I was thrilled again this week to get your Sept. 17th letter. Yes, I know that it has been terribly dull there in Waco for you, but just hold on a little longer, Sweetheart, and somethings will change I wrote last week not to send any more parcels. The March one was the last they have delivered to us, and altho some 2500 for the camp have arrived, we haven't been allowed to have them, and probably won't. But some day the shoe will be on the other foot, then all of these things will have to be answered for. I know that you must realize true conditions here, so vastly different from like places there. It's beginning to get cold here now, and I sure dread it-just hope it won't be long. Goodby, Sweet, I love you.

Gaines

Copy of a letter from Lt. Col. Gaines J. Barron, P.O.W. #3065, Oflag 64, to Mrs. Gaines J. Barron, 3200 Ethel Avenue, Waco, Texas, received in Waco January 25, 1944.

My Darling

Sun-12 Nov. 44

It made me so happy to receive your letter written Oct. 8th, yesterday. The first in over 4 weeks. You can imagine that I was feeling quite low. Things are not very good here - all Red Cross food is exhausted, with no more in prospect. We haven't had the weekly box for some time now. Your May and July parcels were real life savers, but they are mostly gone now. I am saving the Kraft dinner and butterscotch pudding that was in the July pkg. for Thanksgiving-at least it will be something. Coffee is a thing of the past-incidentally, Darling, most send the lb. pkg. of Nescafe and lb. pkg. of coffee, also. You do that next time, also the two lb. boxes of Kraft cheese, "bisquick", "Aunt Jemima", etc. Aside from the parcels, our rations are very slim. Also, I need at least two pair of heavy wool socks badly-my feet nearly freeze-chilblains are already beginning to trouble me, but in spite of all, I am staying well-weigh 174 lbs, about 15 lbs. off, and I'll make it O.K. Just keep writing and loving me, and after this is all over, we can look back on it as all a bad dream. I love you.

Gaines

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My Dearest Darling-

Christmas Day 1944.

It is really a big Xmas for us today-and three wonderful sweet letters from you, Nov. 2, 4, and 7th, made it complete. After seven weeks with Red Cross boxes, we have now had two each. In addition, the Red Cross Xmas boxes arrived at the last moment almost-and they were wonderful-liberal quantities of turkey, dates, nuts, plum pudding-and believe me, a regular U. S. Xmas dinner with nearly all trimmings was enjoyed by all. Also, even the weather man was good to us. We have had five days of brilliant sunshine-and even tho' the thermometer hovered just above zero, it was certainly appreciated-but, the greatest joy of all to me was the knowledge that you and all our loved ones are safe, free from want and cold, and able to enjoy this day to the fullest-things that cannot be done anywhere else in all the world-- You have done and are doing a wonderful job there-Sweetheart-please don't feel bad about the radio job in N.Y.-as to visiting Ann-by all means go any time you wish-however-I hope that before many months we can do it together-N. Y. also-So keep that sweet smile on-I love you dearly-and together we'll make it all up-I love you, my darling wife-

Gaines

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