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Dear Mr. Carter:

I trust that you have heard from Amon Jr. by now. I received a letter from my husband this morning which was written Oct. 1. He had just received some letters which I wrote Aug. 13 and 14. I have also received some letters written in Sept., and in those he talked like they had practically nothing to eat. He said for supper they had nescafe in hot water, and that was all. In this letter of Oct. 1 he said "The Red Cross messed up as there are 190 men here who have no overcoats and 50 with 1 pair pants. We have only 1 week of Red Cross boxes. Oh unhappy day." He also mentioned that two men from France reached the camp three days after capture, while it took them two months to reach 9 A/Z. Evidently new prisoners are being taken to the camp all the time, and it looks like the Red Cross is probably only providing enough on the basis of the number there several months ago, instead of anticipating new arrivals as it looks like they should do. The Red Cross claims they have food boxes stored in Switzerland for several months in advance all the time- then why can't they get them to the camps? If they don't have enough supplies, it affects the boys already there just as much as the newcomers.

I thought I would tell you about it. I wrote to the Red Cross office in St. Louis, but I doubt if they will pay any attention to me. This office has been sending me information since I have been made Prisoner of War Committee Chairman of the Waxahachie Chapter of the Red Cross, so I wrote them to ask about it. Of course, supplies may have reached the camp soon after the letter was written. I certainly hope so.

He hadn't received any private parcels either in some time, as he said he was still looking for them.

If you get any news, I would be glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs. Edward G. Batte*

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