

Dear Mrs. Deakins - was so glad to receive your letter but disappointed to learn that it had been some while since you'd heard from Amos Jr. After I wrote to you at Christmas time, telling you that I had rec'd a card X-mas day (dated 9/4/44) I later rec'd a letter (about the middle of Jan) which was dated Oct. 24th. However, your last letter was a few days later. I was so thrilled at the time but now, after re-reading some letters, I feel rather dispendent. His letters have not come to you since Oct. 31st has not puzzled for you all have usually heard several times since I have. In his last 2 letters, he spoke of my letters arriving regularly? Yet in the last paragraph of the last one (10/24/44) he said that mail had started arriving regularly, after 2 mos of no mail. Yet, in the preceding letter (9/4/44) he spoke of getting all my letters - I've reached the conclusion, now

that he isn't allowed to tell
the truth at all - And, too, in
his Oct. letter - part of it was
blacked out and that has never
happened before? I'm enclosing
it with this letter. You read it
and return it, when you answer
my letter. Where he says, "In your
last letter you said something
about your friend in L'ville and
then blacked out. I tried to ask
how he felt & stated it so
that he would know I meant, him
but that Censor would think
it was a friend. Do you know of
any way this ink could be
removed so that his writing
could be seen? I feel it's something
about his health.

Last night, I just couldn't sleep
at all for worrying about him -
I'm afraid that the Germans
moved them inside Germany
before the Russians could reach
there. Hope I'm not too pessimistic.

Wont it be glorious if they
did reach Oflag 6 4 in time
to release them? I have begged
God to let him come home again
to his loved ones, for he loved
them all so much & spoke of
all of them with such great
respect. It has seemed ages
instead of years since he left
Ky. & to him, I guess, it's seemed
eternities - Sometimes, I feel so
helpless but all I could do, I have
done - write every day - Do you
suppose any of the mail will
get through now?

In January's issue of Cosmopolitan
Larry Allen's article gave me
so much hope. I was reading
it & ran into Amoy's name -
You can imagine how I felt?
It was such a thrill to know
that he had charge of Red Cross
parcels but you, since you
all haven't heard, I wonder?

Did Mr. Allen tell you all that he was in fairly good condition when he was repatriated? He has spoken of his feet so often, but Mr. Allen would have known it if he had been ill, wouldn't he? Hope you can understand these questions? I stay so close to the radio now & try to write too, that my letter must be complicated in places -

I'm also enclosing 1 article from The L'ville Times & 1 from Courier J. about flag 64. Am sure you had the news already but thought you'd like to see these articles -

I'm staying as busy as I can these days. Directing a choir & working on a Radio program but it keeps me from thinking so much. My school will be

out in May & I suppose
I'll stay at home or go to
school in L. ville. I'm taking
voice lessons here but want
to get more advanced lessons.
Mrs. Deakin, I'm sending you
a Valentine gift - again, a
token of gratefulness for
your letters about Amos Jr
Odd - the name of the gift
some of your relatives? -
If you have any news, I'd
love to hear as soon as it is
possible for you to let me hear
until then, let's keep our fingers
crossed & hoping that good news
will soon come -

Sincerely -

Margaret E. Gardner

1/28/45 (Sun. afternoon)

P.S. A friend of mine, from
our neighborhood here, wrote
from England last week
and said that two nights
he has been listening to
German radio or news +
that they've spoken of
Amos Carter Jr. Once - they
said that each P.O.W.
had a hobby + that Amos
had a pet crow. Then
again, he said that
they said they were broad-
casting from flag 64 +
that they mentioned his
name again referring to
him as the pet of the cause.
My friend said that one could
never believe what they heard.

from those broadcasts
as so much or practically
all news, was propoganda.
He didn't say just when
he heard this. He just
said it was recently. So,
perhaps it was since
Oct. 31st. I'm writing
him to-day to try & find
out just when he heard
those reports -

Please return Ann's
letter -

Russ Hope of Prisoners

1,000 American Officers In Camp Probably

Overrun By Reds Unless Moved

From Path By Nazis.

*From
Leville
Times*

By LARRY ALLEN.

7-6-44

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From Courier Journal

October 24, 1944

Miss Edythe Harding,
Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Dear Edie, Here it is another Sunday and I can't think of a thing to write. Nothing new ever happens here, unless some new officers arrive. Lately we have received quite a few and we now have 981 in the camp. What I was first captured, there was about 30. Your swell letters have started arriving again, after a period of 2 months of no mail. I don't know your latest address so am sending it to your home. In your last letter something you said about your friend in Louisville -----.

Remember the boy who said "You're in our troop"? -----

He married a nurse in England. Am eagerly waiting for those pictures you are going to send. You can't imagine how much pictures mean to us. Winter has finally arrived and I spent most of to-day in bed trying to keep warm. After 22 months of this life I am getting a little tired of it. Once I get back home, little things that mean nothing to you, will be a luxury to me. One thing I am sure of is that I'll never leave the States again. I have seen enough already. I do plan on coming back to Kentucky and I am sure we will have some swell times. Give your folks my regards and for yourself, well just be sweet. I'll see you soon I hope. Miss you lots. Always,

Amon