

March 10, 1945

Dear Mr. Carter and Miss Deakins -

The clipping about Col. Drake arrived this morning - and it certainly pepped me up considerably. Just to have figures on how many officers were at 64 and how many (total) had been liberated makes things look much brighter.

You probably had the release from AP yesterday that 1500 American officers and men had sailed from Odessa for home. I checked with the WFAA newsroom (who gave the report on the noon news) and Pete Holt said they'd not released anything else nor had they released a list from the 2nd Dept. of men in that group.

I'm still holding out lots of hope that the whole bunch was overtaken by the Russians. Had a card from Henry today written Jan. 3 in which he said they had 6 inches of snow and it was the coldest he'd ever been. They couldn't walk very fast in such weather, I'm sure.

Thanks very much for the clipping. It's awfully kind of you to keep us all informed and I shall never forget it.

Sincerely
E. H. Pritchett