

January 13, 1945.

Miss Lillian Granberry,
510 N. W. 1st Str,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Dear Miss Granberry:

Mr. Carter left the city without an opportunity to acknowledge your letter of December 16th and neither had I had a chance to do so when your letter of January 11th arrived. I hope you will forgive us but this time of year takes from 12 to 18 hours a day, including Sundays in this office and the correspondence simply has to be neglected.

Within the past week Mr. Carter has received two letters from his son who is a prisoner of war in Oflag 64, Germany, one of them dated September 14th and the other October 10th. However, next of kin of others in this same camp have letters as late as December 11th received a couple of days ago. They are still at the same location and although there seemed to be quite a lapse of receiving, personal and Red Cross Food parcels, as well as mail from the tone of these letters dated in December it would seem that their food parcels are coming through again. One boy told of having prepared a chilli dinner that day and they certainly would have had to received their supplemental food parcels as the German ration does not permit.

In Anon Junior's letter of October 10th he told his Dad of other officers arriving and mentioned that nearly 300 of them had no overcoats, U. S. blankets, underwear and essential toilet articles. He said they would be out of Red Cross food parcels on October 20th and that they hadn't seen nor heard of a Red Cross Representative in five months; that he was still waiting for his food parcel (sent by next-of-kin) as he could really use it. He also said, " I can't understand why the people at home are so optimistic."

As stated previously, later letters from others in the same camp indicate that packages have been received again.

In compliance with your request, enclosed, you will find enlargements of the pictures received from a boy who was repatriated from Oflag 64 last July. The pictures were made in January 1944 and are mostly of the funeral service of Dick Torrence. The group on the steps was all the Texas boys in the camp at that time.

I hope you will be able to find your brother among these faces.

Any time you hear anything, Mr. Carter would appreciate your advising him and he likewise will communicate with should anything information of interest come through.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Secretary to A. G. Carter.