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Mr. Allott Yadon, Manager Tarrant County Chapter American Red Cross 225 Majestic Building Fort Worth, Texas SERVICEMEN: CARTER Amon G Jr 0 40 2 537 STATUS: PRISONER OF WAR OF Germany

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE: Mr Amon G Carter, Sr % Star Telegram Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr Yadon:

The War Department has notified the above named emergency addressee that the serviceman is now a Prisoner of War of Germany

We know you will wish to render whatever Red Cross Service is necessary, and it is well to keep in mind the fact that while only the dependents of servicemen in the lower four grades are eligible for benefits under Public Law 625, they may be eligible for benefits under Public Law 490.

Since we can readily understand that the emergency addressee will immediately wish to communicate with this person, we are giving you the following information to assist you.

I. MAIL and PARCELS for Prisoners of War of Countries OTHER THAN JAPAN

- a. If the nearest of kin or the emergency addressee have been informed officially by the Provost Marshal General's Office that this person is a Prisoner of War, they also received instructions for addressing mail to him and the letters may be sent POSTAGE FREE, thru REGULAR MAIL CHANNELS, but the final line, "VIA NEW YORK, NEW YORK", must be added to the address.
- b. Explicit instruction for Gift Shipments was outlined in Mr. Hoffmann's letter of November 27, 1942 - "Parcels to Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians. - Current Controls Bulletin No. 56".
- c. Cable messages will be accepted for persons in this category, <u>ONLY</u> in cases of real emergency. If a cable is desired, Form 1616 should be filled in and the white and yellow copies sent to Inquiry Service, Home Service, National Headquarters, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C. It is necessary that the words "CABLE" and "AUTHORIZE COSTS" be typed in the upper right hand corner of the form, and that the sender or Chapter be prepared to reimburse National Headquarters for the actual expense involved.

II. MAIL and PARCELS for Prisoners of War OF THE JAPANESE.

a. After a person has been reported as a Prisoner of War or interne in JAPANESE controlled territory and pending receipt of a definite camp address, mail may be addressed to the individual in care of the Japanese Red Cross, Tokyo, Japan, via New York, New York. For example, a letter to an American Prisoner of War in the Philippines should be addressed as follows:

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Prisoner of War Prisonnier de Guerre Postage Free Franc de Port

Rank Name

American Prisoner in the Philippines c/o Japanese Red Cross Tokyo, Japan Via New York, New York

When a definite prisoner of war address is known, mail should be addressed as follows:

Prisoner of War Prisonnier de Guerre Postage Free Franc de Port

Rank Name

American Prisoner of War Prisoner of War number (if known) Name of Camp Country Via New York, New York

- Letters to American Prisoner of War in Taiwan should be addressed: Rank, name, American Prisoner of War, Camp Taiwan, Island of Formosa, and the rest of the address in accordance with the outline given above. The name and address of the sender should be placed on the BACK of the envelope and the letter should be TYPED IN CAPITALS or PRINTED IN BLOCK CAPITALS. It is suggested that only personal matters be included in the correspondence to avoid delay by censorship.
- b. GIFT SHIPMENTS OR PARCELS TO PRISONERS OF WAR or INTERNED CIVILIANS IN JAPAN OR JAPANESE CONTROLLED TERRITORY CANNOT BE SENT AT THE PRESENT TIME.
- CABLED MESSAGE FOR OFFICIALLY REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR OR INTERNES C. IN THE FAR EAST AND PHILIPPINES may be sent in accordance with the instructions outlined in Mr. Hoffmann's letter of February 4, 1943.

Very truly yours, Theodore H. Hoffmann Director

Director, Home Service Midwestern Area