

June 26, 1943.

Mr. Norman H. Davis, Chairman,
American Red Cross,
National Headquarters,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed you will find copies of letters dated May 5th and 20th, and received here June 21st, from my son, Lt. Amon G. Carter, Jr., American P. O. W. #1595, interned in Oflag IX A/Z, Germany, in which he makes inquiry as to whether it is possible for us to send packages through Portugal through some individual connection.

While I presume this would not be in line with the Red Cross' plans, I would appreciate any information you might give me as I have some personal connection that might enable me to send the packages if it were possible.

I am also enclosing a copy of his letter of April 15th which I am tempted to send to Mr. Morgenthau as Amon asked me in his letter to find out how he could pay his income tax.

Another inquiry we would like to make is whether there are any magazines, books or reading matter that we would be permitted to send to Amon?

He is anxious to have a watch and you stated previously that there might be some new regulation permitting him to receive a watch. Incidentally, in the last package I sent him a dollar watch but the censor returned it to me. And, Amon had asked for his artillery insignia to be sent - which was returned by the censor.

In Amon's letter of May 5th he asked that we send him a wool blanket, wool pajamas, fur lined gloves so they would be there in time for next winter. Would it be possible for the Red Cross to furnish these particular articles as we only have, under the present regulations, the privilege of sending 11 pounds each sixty days and we would like to send small individual items that the Red Cross could not

furnish. He asked us in one letter to send a rubber mattress. Of course, this would be too burdensome and I presume out of the question. He states in one of his letters that he hates to ask for so many things but that they need them in their diet. I imagine that even though they are getting as good food as the Germans are receiving that they are still anxious to get a hold of anything in the way of food. In one of his letters he indicated that he had lost forty pounds of weight. This may not have all been due to lack of food as he was ill and in the hospital with jaundice for a few weeks.

I realize you have tremendous responsibilities and troubles and I hesitate to further burden you with my personal affairs, but would appreciate any information your office can send me relative to the above matters.

I am sending photostatic copies of the letters as I thought they might be of interest to you.

Again, thanking you and with best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD