

Editions of AAF Papers In Nazi Prison Received

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (Spl.) The American Red Cross has just received two "home front editions" of camp newspapers issued by American prisoners of war in two compounds of Stalag Luft III, the German camp for Allied airmen.

These newspapers, which are called "Kriegie Times" and "The Circuit," are typewritten and illustrated by pen and ink drawings. Inasmuch as only one copy could be made of the "home front" editions, intended for the men's families in the United States, the American Red Cross has reproduced the two newspapers in the August "Prisoners of War Bulletin," and has made extra copies which will be distributed to Red Cross Chapters throughout the nation where the relatives may see the camp papers intended for them.

The two "home front" editions were sent from the prisoners through the International Committee of the Red Cross by Col. Delmar T. Spivey, senior American officer at the center command, and Col. Charles G. Goodrich, senior officer at the South compound, Stalag Luft III. Mrs. Spivey lives at Jersey City, and Mrs. Goodrich at Washington.

At Stalag Luft III, the American airmen issue three editions weekly of their newspapers. Only one copy is made of each issue and they are posted on the cookhouse wall, which is the customary bulletin board.

"Kriegie Times," from the Central compound, has an impressive masthead with insignia of the Army and Navy Air Forces and the two pilot wings chained together. "The Circuit," from the South compound, is simpler in make-up but has a comic strip across the lower part of the page. Both papers carry editorials addressed to the families at home. "Kriegie," the editorial explains, is an abbreviation commonly used by Americans in the camps for a long German word meaning prisoner of war.

The papers contain stories on a variety of happenings within the camp; the hard work put into pre-

paring a hockey rink which refused to jell due to continued warm weather, a baby contest and a beauty contest in which pictures from home competed, recent events in camp theaters, classes and sports, and the "brief but brilliant careers" of papers competing with "The Times" and "The Circuit." The point system "foodacco" for barter and exchange is described in an article ending: "Camp economists fear an inflationary period now that cigaret parcels and personal parcels bringing chocolate are beginning to roll in."

Some of the mail from home is quoted by way of ironic humor: "Do you have enough money or do you want me to send some in a money order?" And "Your copy of the new Sears Roebuck catalog has possibly already reached you. It isn't always possible for a member of our Army to reach a shopping center, but with our catalog it is a simple matter." (No money can be sent into or out of camps).

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