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12 Colonial Circle  
Buffalo, New York  
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Mrs. A. P. Clark, Jr.  
215 Young Street  
Alamo Heights  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Of course you are anxious to know whether your material is to be used in "Life" and so are we, but we have had no definite reply as yet. Apparently, the editors are considering this or they would have rejected it before. They seemed doubtful about the pictorial value of any of our work which is slightly mystifying to us as, of course, we think it would arouse a great deal of interest.

You have a pleasant surprise coming to you ! Dean Pardue, who is Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral here and a magnificent speaker, gave a perfectly beautiful talk about prisoners of war the other night and mentioned our organization. He also read two of your husband's letters. A record has been made of this and we are going to send it to you. I am sure that your radio station will put in on that if you had advance publicity all of the relatives would be prepared to listen to it. It was very poignant and extremely touching. We have had many inquiries from this.

I have just had a most astounding letter from Red Cross Headquarters in Washington in answer to various specific complaints I sent in about the Americans not receiving a regulation weekly Red Cross parcel. This letter states that the earlier parcels were purchased from a manufacturer and were not according to specifications or according to the amount paid. That certainly was a serious matter and I can not understand how such a mistake could have occurred as these parcels should have been carefully inspected. They also state that until the Tunisian campaign there were very few Americans at the camps and they apparently did not have a "large supply of food at each camp" as they had previously informed us. This is a perfect example of the need of an organization such as ours and a relatives association, as checkups of this sort seem essential and more accurate information seems to come from the prisoners than from official reports of what is supposed to be.

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As soon as we have any news from "Life" I will let you know at once.

We are sending our applications for registration to the Presidents Committee in Washington. We must wait until that is officially granted before we do anything formally about the relatives association. In the meantime, it is helpful to find all who are interested so that as soon as we know exactly what to do we will lose no time in organization.

A lot of requests are coming in from the relatives of Stalag Luft as your husband said they would. We are so glad to be able to help as there was certainly general confusion.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Wheeler,

cordially yours,

Helen Wade Jackson,  
Co-chairman Parcels for Prisoners of war