

Information Circular #3

PRISONER OF WAR INFORMATION BUREAU
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
DIRECTIONS FOR SENDING ORDINARY MAIL TO
PRISONERS OF WAR

When the Prisoner of War Information Bureau of the Office of The Provost Marshal General ascertains that an American soldier has been interned in a permanent camp, ordinary mail can be sent.

Do not send mail to the Information Bureau for forwarding. If possible, typewrite or write in block letters the address and the contents of the letter to facilitate forwarding and censorship of same. Leave room on the envelope for forwarding address in case internee has been moved to another camp.

Letters should be brief as possible and only personal matters should be included in order to avoid delay by censorship.

It is necessary that the Prisoner of War number and the camp name and number be used in sending mail to Europe. To Italy the Military Post number must be used in addition to the above.

POSTAGE:

Ordinary foreign mail can be sent free of postage if addressed to a prisoner of war. Write in the upper left-hand corner "Prisoner of War Mail", and in the upper right-hand corner, write, "Postage Free."

This is the form of address to be used for German Occupied Territory.

Prisoner of War Mail

Postage - Free

(Here insert rank & name), American P.O.W.
Interned at Stalag VII, Germany (or other camp or country)
P. O. W. Number
VIA: New York, New York.

This is the form of address to be used for Italian Occupied Territory:

Prisoner of War Mail

Postage - Free

(Here insert rank & name) American P.O.W.
Interned by Italy at Campo (Here put Camp number)
P. O. W. Number: Military Post Number
VIA: New York, New York.

Sender's name and address should appear on the back of the envelope

PERSONAL PACKAGES TO EUROPE

In addition to the Standard Red Cross package, American Prisoners of War interned in Germany and Italy also may receive from their next of kin in the United States, personal parcels. A label is forwarded without request from this office to the next of kin every 60 days with full and complete instructions concerning parcels and the mailing thereof.

The label is transferable by the next of kin but the person actually mailing the package must indicate the fact of transfer on the label.

The next of kin to whom the parcel label is sent is the person designated by the soldier himself as emergency addressee upon his entry into service.

Facilities for sending "V" Mail and Air Mail are not available for prisoners of war interned by the enemy.