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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
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Mr. Amon Carter, Publisher,
Fort Worth Star Telegram,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Provost Marshal General directs me to reply to your telegram of 6 October 1943 in regard to the sending of Christmas parcels to prisoners of war.

The regulations as to frequency of next of kin parcels to prisoners of war were determined by a committee composed of representatives of the American Red Cross, Post Office Department, Office of Censorship, International Red Cross, Board of Economical Warfare, War Department, Navy Department, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. These regulations have no bearing on the standard Red Cross food parcel furnished each prisoner every week by the International Red Cross delegate in Germany.

It must be realized that the limited shipping facilities available to the International Red Cross to transport supplies for prisoners of war through enemy territory cannot satisfy the demand.

It is also interesting to note that the German Government has imposed restrictions in the past on the sending of Christmas parcels to allied prisoners of war, and will probably do so this year.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Howard F. Bresee
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