



HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

17 June 1944

TO: THE NEXT OF KIN OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES
FOR WHOSE BENEFIT PARCEL AND TOBACCO LABELS ARE NOW BEING
ISSUED BY THIS OFFICE.

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to announce a change in the procedure regarding the issuance of parcel and tobacco labels.

In the past parcel labels have been mailed from this office on the 10th of every other month. In order to more evenly distribute the work without diminishing the frequency of labels to the next of kin, parcel labels hereafter will be issued at different intervals during each month. Under this new plan there are inclosed one parcel label and two tobacco labels with instructions for their use. These constitute your first issue of labels under this plan. You will receive the next issue of labels within 60 days from the date of the present issue.

Your cooperation is urged in promptly using these labels and securely packing parcels.

This revised plan for the issuance of parcel and tobacco labels has been adopted by this office in an attempt to increase its service to the next of kin of prisoners of war and civilian internees. It will not deprive anyone of benefits previously enjoyed. It will tend to produce an even flow of parcels through the agencies handling them while enroute, and should result in expediting their ultimate delivery.

IMPORTANT: The practice of date stamping parcel and tobacco labels has been discontinued. Effective this date, parcel and tobacco labels will not bear maturity dates but should be used within 60 days from date of receipt. You may present this letter to your local postmaster as evidence of your authority to use these parcel and tobacco labels.

Sincerely yours,

Howard F. Bresee,
Colonel, C. M. P.,
Assistant Director,
Prisoner of War Division.

Incls:

- 1 Parcel label & instructions.
- 2 Tobacco labels & instructions.

