

HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Office of The Provost Marshal General
Washington 25, D. C.

Supplementary Mailing Instructions - Germany
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The Department of State has informed this office that the German Government will confiscate letters and parcels addressed to American Prisoners of War when they bear patriotic symbols or slogans such as, "Buy Bonds", "V For Victory", "Win the War", "For Defense", etc.

To assure delivery of letters and parcels intended for American Prisoners of War interned by the German Government, you are advised to adhere strictly to the following instructions:

LETTER MAIL

A letter which is intended for ultimate delivery to a prisoner of war in Germany should be prepared in accordance with instructions contained in our circular entitled, "Revised Mailing Instructions - Germany (25 October 1943)". It should then be placed inside a second envelope, which requires no postage. The second envelope should be left unsealed and addressed as follows:

"Postmaster - Prisoner of War Mail"

Letters posted in accordance with these instructions will be processed separately by the Post Office Department. They will be inspected carefully to assure that they do not bear forbidden slogans. Letters bearing forbidden slogans or symbols will be returned to the sender for corrective attention.

PARCELS

Care should be taken when preparing next of kin parcels to avoid using stickers or other material which bear patriotic slogans either within or on the outside of the parcel. Parcels, otherwise, should be prepared as explained in the package mailing circular furnished with parcel labels issued by this office to the next of kin every sixty days.

Parcels bearing forbidden slogans will not be accepted for mailing by the Post Office Department.

