

Oklahoma City 4, Okla.

Jan. 3 - 1944.

Mr. Amos G. Carter,
Star Telegram,
H. North, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter.

I am writing you at the request of my son, Lt. John F. Shirk, who is a fellow P/M with your son, at Oflag 64, asking that I get from you all "the particulars on sending packages." I do have the Gov't. Bulletin in regard to size, contents, etc. of the packages we may send, when proper labels are furnished.

But I write, since he requested it, thinking perhaps since the 36th is a Texas Division primarily, and you as a newspaper man, may have additional data or information not available to an Oklahoma mother, or perhaps our sons felt there was a bond of interest between parents which might prove helpful.

My letter from John is most impersonal, yet it was the best gift of the Christmas season.

Naturally, our papers cover the 45th, so I hear very little of what the 36th has done.

When the Salerno action began, I went to newsstands and bought Texas newspapers, especially Sunday editions, for I felt

they might carry stories of what the men were doing. I wish I were nearer to Temple, Tex. that I might visit some of these returned from the front. There is so little one can do, to show her personal concern and interest in those who are giving so much.

If you have any information, which the Dept. has not covered in their "impersonal" bulletins, I shall consider it a true favor if I may hear from you.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Carrie N. Shirk.

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