



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1943.

Mr. Amon G. Carter, (President,
Fort Worth Star-Telegram,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I appreciated reading the copies of your son's letters which were enclosed with your letter of May 10th. It is certainly encouraging to see his attitude toward his involuntary inactivity.

It certainly was thoughtful of Captain Pirnie to write you. His letter was one of the few first-hand descriptions of such activities that we have seen.

I have asked our Prisoner of War Relief Department to check the list of items requested by your son and am informed that the Board of Economic Warfare is at present preparing a revised list of articles which can be included in prisoner of war parcels. This list will include watches, which you mentioned wishing to send your son. We would suggest, however, that the watch sent in the parcel be a cheap one because packages are subjected to rough handling (and there is a certain unavoidable amount of pilferage.)

The following things which your son requested cannot be sent: camera, pocketbook, Boy Scout knife, condensed cream and tooth paste. As a substitute for the latter, however, tooth powder in a non-metallic container can be included. The other things requested can be sent, although one pound each of chocolate and sugar is all that can be included in one package. You probably will have received before this the tobacco parcel labels issued by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

We hope that the packages you prepare will reach your son as rapidly as possible because we know how much he will appreciate them.

Very sincerely,

CHAIRMAN.

