

PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star - Telegram
Fort Worth
Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

We received your check and letter dated May 19th and shall be glad to send the gift package, tobacco and cigarettes to your son. We note that you wish to use the entire list and that your check is for \$9.20, just as a matter of information the total is \$9.28, however we will take care of the small adjustment. We have not got your son's address nor his prison number, if you will please have these sent to us we will place your order at once.

On May 13th we had a very nice letter from Mr. Carl Wollner in which he offered to help us in any way possible. We wrote to him explaining that at present we were in need of no financial help, but that we would certainly appreciate publicity for we are the only organization in this country offering free service to next of kin of our American prisoners of war. Our work is based on personal attention to each prisoner as well as to their relatives. We find that many next of kin are greatly confused by the government regulations or have been given erroneous information by their local Red Cross or Post Office, therefore there seems to be a real need for our personal service. The number of families we can assist depends entirely upon their being informed of our existence, and although we have helped relatives scattered through the country and Canada we still have hardly "scratched the surface," so to speak. We take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the government regulations which govern our activities and an outline of our work.

The organization, as it now is, has been in existence for slightly over six months, during which time we have shipped 1,088 food parcels to United Nations Prisoners of War. We have hundreds of cards from the prisoners expressing their appreciation of our work and we enclose several of these which may be of interest to you.

Mrs. Stuart C. Welch, daughter of the late Mr. Norman E. Mack, was formerly Chairman of the Buffalo Branch of Bundles for Britain and Bundles for America. On October 15th last, she and her committee became much interested in this work for prisoners of war which Miss Helen Wade Jackson had conducted on a smaller scale for British prisoners, and merged into what is now Parcels for Prisoners of War. We are especially interested in helping our own American prisoners and civilian internees although we still ship food packages for many Canadian relatives.

If you would be so kind as to publish the story of our work, it would be the greatest possible help to other relatives and our committee will be most grateful. If you would like further information, we shall be glad to supply it.

You may send the gift packages as often as you like and the individual parcel may not weigh more than five pounds. We will send your present order in two sections so that it will be within the weight limit. The tobacco and cigarettes will be sent separately.

If there is anything which we can do to be of service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Alice F. Goodhue.

On June 10, 1945, Mrs. Charles Prentice Goodhue, Shop Director, advised me that she had received a copy of your letter of June 10, 1945, and that she had forwarded it to the United Nations Prisoners of War Relief Committee. She also advised me that she had received a copy of your letter of June 10, 1945, and that she had forwarded it to the United Nations Prisoners of War Relief Committee. She also advised me that she had received a copy of your letter of June 10, 1945, and that she had forwarded it to the United Nations Prisoners of War Relief Committee.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am very glad to hear from you and to hear that you are well. I hope you are enjoying your trip. I am sure you will have a very successful one. I am sure you will have a very successful one.

Best regards,
 Alice F. Goodhue
 Shop Director

MAY 27 1945

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300 DELAWARE AVENUE

PACKETS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Phone MA 4012

Food Packets for United Nations Prisoners of War

- THOSE LISTED BY MATCOGUY
- WVLOS ZILVET C' METCH' C'V'B'
- WB' KENNETH ZEVACHAI
- FIENL' M' O' BOBERIZON' P'Z'N'
- THE LEVA BEL' DEVI ANSTIN B'NDPE
- ZEMVLOS TAVES W' HEVD
- WB' BOBEKI GOSVI
- WB' ZELWOLK H' KNOX
- LI' COG' MITTIAW G' KINOVIT' P'Z'V'C'
- NON' JOSEPH T' KETLA
- IAYI HEKIVIAN' W'D'
- WB' GEMIS HUBSHIAN
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- DB' JOSEPH G' BINK' B'D'
- EL' BEL' C'WNEON T' DVALIS' D'D'
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Parcels for Prisoners of War, started in 1941 by Miss Helen Wade Jackson, is a volunteer, non-profit organization, supported entirely by voluntary contribution. It was formed for the sole purpose of forwarding personal food parcels to United Nations Prisoners of War. The activities of the organization are controlled by the rules of the War, Navy, State, Post Office and Censorship Departments and the International Red Cross and Board of Economic Warfare. The General Fund has financed hundreds of food parcels to unidentified prisoners of war as well as to identified prisoners whose relatives are too poor to send the parcels themselves.

The current regulations as set forth by the Board of Economic Warfare allow shipment of only two types of personally designated prisoner of war parcels.

1. Those sent with the NEXT-OF-KIN PERMITS issued by the Canadian, British and United States governments.
2. Those sent with GERMAN-ISSUED PERMITS for United Nations prisoners of war other than the above mentioned nationalities. **Until June 10, 1943**

Both kinds of permits ARE TRANSFERABLE, that is to say; they may be given to another person or organization by the person to whom they were issued.

NEXT - OF - KIN PERMITS

The Next-of-kin permits are issued to the person designated by the prisoner as his beneficiary by the government with which he enlisted. For example: if an American enlisted in Canada and were subsequently taken prisoner, his permit would be issued by the Canadian government only, regardless of where it is used.

AMERICAN NEXT-OF-KIN PERMITS are issued by the Office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D. C. once every 60 days.

CANADIAN NEXT-OF-KIN PERMITS are issued once every 90 days by the Department of National War Services in Ottawa, Canada.

BRITISH NEXT-OF-KIN PERMITS are issued by the British Red Cross once every 90 days. These governments issue the permits as soon as the captivity of a man is established. Any beneficiary of a prisoner who does not receive a permit should write to the proper office as indicated above, requesting them. EACH PERMIT MAY BE USED FOR ONLY ONE PARCEL. These packages may contain only certain items of food, clothing or toilet articles as listed by the British and American governments and the German authorities.

GERMAN - ISSUED PERMITS

The German-issued permits for prisoners other than American, Canadian or British, are issued to the prisoner himself upon his request and he may send them to friends or relatives. Unlike the next-of-kin permits, there are three kinds of German permits: one for clothing only, another for food only and a third for correspondence only.

FOOD PARCELS SENT BY PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR \$3.75

Food parcels sent by this organization are priced at wholesale cost. They contain the following items: 1 box Type C ration biscuit, 1 pound dried fruit, 100 Vitamin tablets, 1 pipe, 2 pounds cheese, 1/2 pound cocoa, 1 box macaroni, 1 pound sugar, 1 pound chocolate, 2 packages tobacco, 1 pound powdered milk, 1 box cereal, 1/2 pound boullion cubes, 1 box dried soup, 1 pound nuts, 1 soap, 1/2 pound malted milk when available. The selection of these items from the list of permitted foods was made after careful consideration of their nutritional value and nonperishable qualities. The Vitamin tablets are most valuable. Our medical advisors investigated 31 products before deciding upon this brand manufactured by the Abbott Laboratories. They are of the same multiple potency as those used by our Army on active service and will prevent diseases due to dietary deficiency. Since this organization has received priority ratings on rationed foods, no ration points are required from the sender. Certain small items of clothing may be included in the parcel at the sender's expense, in which case our charge is only for the food we supply. Regulations are extremely strict as to contents, size and weight of these parcels. Our FREE SERVICE benefits the prisoner by the promptest receipt by him of parcels which conform to the intricate regulations and it benefits the next-of-kin by its accuracy as well as by saving both money and ration points. Many relatives have had their home-packed parcels rejected by Postal authorities for some unintentional infraction of the rules.

It is of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE that ALL PERMITS be used. This organization will finance and furnish parcels for any relative who is unable to pay for them - but we MUST HAVE THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR GERMAN-ISSUED PERMIT. NO PARCEL CAN BE SHIPPED WITHOUT THE PERMIT. We are most anxious to help relatives of prisoners of war and we urge them to avail themselves of our free service by sending their permits to us. We shall be glad to answer inquiries concerning our work.

May 5, 1943 - At present no parcels may be sent into the Pacific area to prisoners of war or civilian internees.