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Mrs Amos G. Carter:

We all rejoice with you on the release of your noble son from a German prison camp. We are glad to hear of everyone's son who is freed. But we appeal for those of us who have waited so long and uncertainly that you do not forget our agony.

The enclosed clipping from your paper shows the promise we wish kept. Why have radios and newspapers stopped their lists - waiting for the slow facilities of the Red Cross to give the names so long awaited.

There is such repetition and scarcity of European news now, why could not one 15 minutes a day be given to reports from the various camps and their releases.

We are aware of disorders - men released and gone to their own ways to freedom. But, since they must all be registered before being shipped, why can't their names be called - as was done in the Philippine release? Sincerely, Mrs T W McCain

Army Speeds Up News Of Freed Prisoners

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP).—The War Department announced today that names of American prisoners of war liberated by Allied Armies in Germany will be released immediately to newsmen in the European theater.

The new policy, effective at once, was instituted as a result of the recent liberation of large numbers of American soldiers from German prison camps. Previously, the names were withheld until the War Department had notified the next of kin.

Official notification will continue to be given by the department but in many cases the first notice a family will receive will be through newspaper reports or radio broadcasts. These reports, the department said, will be based on reliable information from American sources and the names and serial numbers will be checked carefully before the information is released.

Liberated prisoners will be permitted to write immediately to their families and friends and the War Department said it will make every effort to establish contact between the soldier and his family as "expeditiously" as possible.

The families were urged not to write to the War Department for information prior to receipt of the official notification from the Adjutant General's Office because no information will be available there. When official word is received from overseas, the department added, the next of kin will be notified within a matter of a few hours.