



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 1, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Carter:

In Chairman Davis' absence from the city for a few days, I have been asked to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26th and the enclosed photostatic copies of letters received from your son. They were certainly most interesting and all in all provide a fair picture of life in a prison camp. Certainly he can not be blamed for asking for things which will make that life less monotonous.

The Red Cross itself would have no objections whatever to your having parcels sent your son by someone in Portugal; however, it is our understanding that it will be impossible for you to obtain the necessary Treasury license for the exportation of funds with which to pay for the parcel in question.

Book packages will be forwarded by the Censor at the rate of one five pound parcel a month to identified United States prisoners. Such parcels must contain only new books and must be packed, addressed and mailed by the book seller or publisher. The books may not be written by, or contain material written by, Jewish authors or emigré authors from occupied territories. Our Chapter in Fort Worth has been provided with a list of the subject matters which are prohibited by the censors. You might find it helpful to consult the Chapter about this so that the books you order will not be condemned when they reach the censor. No package label of any sort is required for book parcels.

It is a pity that the watch you previously sent your son was returned. However, the revised export regulations covering prisoner of war parcels did not appear until June 10th. In them provision is made for the inclusion both of watches and service insignia in the next-of-kin parcel. We believe you will experience no trouble if you include these items in the package you will be sending shortly.

The American Red Cross has shipped 26,000 blankets for the Army to Switzerland for distribution as needed to prisoners of war. If your son

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actually is in need of the blanket when winter comes his presentation of his need to his camp leader will result in the necessary blanket or blankets being made available. The American Red Cross has a small stock of flannel pajamas in Switzerland but no wool ones. If your son actually wishes wool pajamas I am afraid it will be necessary for you to include them in one of your parcels.

Your suggestion as to forwarding the letter of April 15th to Mr. Morgenthau to obtain information concerning payment of your son's income tax would probably obtain for you the information desired. We believe, however, that our Fort Worth chapter is in possession of sufficient information about the matter to make it unnecessary for you to write to the Treasury.

Magazines requested by your son can not be sent to him; newspaper clippings, too, are forbidden in personal letters or the next-of-kin packages. Personal photographs, however, may be sent unmounted in your letters but must contain no revealing background. Unfortunately it will not be possible for you to send the tobacco requested to Captain Carter unless his next of kin resides in this country and transfers to you one of the tobacco labels issued by the Provost Marshal General, because only parcels bearing those buff colored labels can be sent from the United States.

The extended list of permissible items from which you might select things to include in the next parcel for your son will, we understand, be sent to you when the Provost Marshal General's Office sends your next package label. Please do not hesitate to call upon the Red Cross at any time, our Fort Worth Chapter or National Headquarters can be of help.

Very sincerely,

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Relief to Prisoners of War

