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# WAR PRISONERS' AID of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

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## WORLD'S COMMITTEE of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND CABLE ADDRESS "FLEMGO"

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NEW YORK, U. S. A.  
347 Madison Avenue

New York, N.Y.  
April 26, 1943

Mr. A. G. Carter  
Fort Worth Star Telegram  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am sure it was a relief to you to receive word from the War Department that your son has been reported a prisoner of war of the German government even though at the time they could not tell you in which camp he would be located.

With the information which you have given us, we should be glad to cable our Geneva office to see if they can report upon his camp address. We shall ask that he be contacted the next time one of our secretaries visits the camp in which he is interned. We would not, however, be able to raise any questions concerning what might have happened to any of his personal property.

We are enclosing a mimeographed sheet which would give you general information about corresponding with prisoners of war in Germany. Full details will also be given you by the government when they verify your son's camp address.

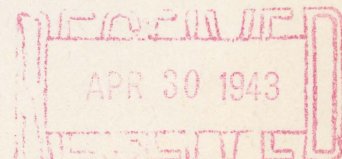
Official receipt for the check which you enclosed will be forwarded as soon as it comes from the treasurer's office.

We shall be sure to pass on to you any news we receive from our Geneva headquarters in response to this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

*Tracy Strong*  
Tracy Strong

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MAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTERS  
AND PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR  
in  
Germany or Italy

Information Supplied by War Prisoners' Aid  
Y.M.C.A., Room 707, 347 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.

LETTERS:

(Address them as follows):

Prisoner of War	Postage Free
Prisonnier de Guerre	Franc de Port
Kriegsgefangenensendung	Gebührenfrei

(Sender - Name	Private John Smith
Address)	Number 4302
	Camp Stalag VIII-B
	Germany
	VIA NEW YORK

PARCELS:

According to the Postal Bulletin of November 13, No. 18515, which can be seen on request at any post office, export licenses from the Board of Economic Warfare are no longer necessary. Instead, it has issued a General License and it is only necessary to write on the parcel -  
General License "G-PW-2"  
VIA NEW YORK, NEW YORK

No provision is made for the sending of parcels except by the next-of-kin, or beneficiary designated by the prisoner, and only when the address of the prisoner of war is known. The notification is automatic in the case of the Armed Forces of the United States, and the Provost Marshal General's office provides labels to be used on parcels for such prisoners.

In general, parcels may not be sent except by persons who have received from the prisoner's government or from the prisoner, a proper label. The Bulletin includes a long list of non-perishable foods which may be sent. Special regulations with regard to Italy, as well as other regulations concerning contents of the parcels, too long to reproduce here, are included in the Bulletin referred to.

Parcels must be limited to 11 lbs. in weight, 18" in length, and 42" length and girth combined. Only one parcel may be sent to a given prisoner or internee in a 60-day period.

A Customs Declaration must be filled out on Form 2966, obtainable at the post office, or on a piece of paper to be attached to the parcel in case the post office does not have a copy of Form 2966.

November 27, 1942