



Office of the Postmaster General
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Mr. Amon G. Carter,
President, Fort Worth Star-Telegram,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Amon:

I have received your letter of November 27, 1943, with enclosures, concerning parcels sent to Amon, Jr., who is a prisoner of war in Germany, and I appreciate your feelings in the matter.

At this time the Post Office Department, in cooperation with other agencies of the Government, is endeavoring to secure more liberal regulations covering the mailing of parcels and letters to our officers and enlisted men who are prisoners of war in enemy countries. Interested governments and agencies, including the Red Cross and Censorship, have been trying for several months to bring about a revision of the arrangements with Germany. It is my understanding that these negotiations, if successful, will do much to eliminate some of the difficulties you have experienced in sending parcels to your boy. I am doubtful, however, if there is much hope at the present of any material liberalization in the list of articles which may be sent to prisoners of war, or in the use of tin containers.

The Provost Marshal General has the responsibility of determining what articles may be sent to prisoners of war in enemy hands, and I am advised that a list of such permissible articles was mailed to you by that official.

Yours is the only case that has come to my knowledge indicating that some prisoners of war are not permitted to receive parcels of the same size and weight as others. I am having immediate inquiry made into this phase of the matter and will write you further concerning it.

I want you to know how deeply I feel for you and Amon, Jr. I am in entire agreement with you that these boys are entitled to

everything that can be done for their health and comfort, and I shall continue to do my best toward that end.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Postmaster General.

