

July 16, 1943.

Mrs. Stuart C. Welch  
Co Chairman,  
Parcels for Prisoners of War  
269 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Welch:

Your letter of June 18th received and I apologize for the delay in acknowledging same due to a multiplicity of duties which have kept me away from the office, as the result of which I am snowed under with unanswered correspondence.

While I appreciate the invitation to act as Chairman of the Texas Branch of the Relatives Association, I shall have to ask you to pass me up at this time. I am already loaded to the guard with outside activities and civic matters to the point that it is necessary to neglect my own business and to accept this chairmanship would not be fair to your organization or to the writer for the reason that I could devote no time to the Associations activities.

Therefore, while I appreciate your thought I must decline the invitation and trust you will understand the circumstances making it necessary.

With best wishes for the continued growth and development of your organization, I am

Yours very truly,

AGC,KD