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February 3, 1945

Mrs. Lennie G. England
Box #42
Des Moines, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. England:

This acknowledges your letter of January 10 inquiring about additional property of your son, Staff Sergeant William P. England.

All the property received at this Bureau marked as belonging to your son has been forwarded to you. Regrettably, we have no information indicating that other effects of your son will be received at this Bureau.

I regret that I can be of no further assistance to you at this time.

Yours very truly,

A. F. TIMMS
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

WAR DEPARTMENT
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON

28 March 1944

ASN 38 168 075

RE: S/Sgt. William P. England
American Prisoner of War #43168,
Stalag 9C, Germany.
VIA: New York, New York.

Mrs. Lennie G. England
Box 42,
Des Moines, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. England:

The Provost Marshal General directs me to inform you of the transfer of the above-named prisoner of war to the camp indicated.

You may attempt to communicate with him by following the inclosed mailing instructions.

One package label and two tobacco labels are inclosed with instructions for their use. Parcel labels are forwarded to the next of kin every sixty-days without application.

Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

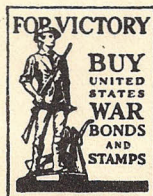
Sincerely yours,

Howard F. Bresee

Howard F. Bresee,
Colonel, C.M.P.,
Assistant Director,
Prisoner of War Division.

Incls:

Labels
Mailing Circular
Package Instructions
Tobacco Instructions



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HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Office of The Provost Marshal General
Washington 25, D. C.

The Provost Marshal General directs me to inclose W. D. P. M. G. Form No. 19 which may be used within the date stamped thereon for the purpose of sending a prisoner of war or civilian internee parcel. Should you desire to use this label, it is suggested that the following package mailing instructions be strictly followed.

Only one label at a time will be issued to the designated next of kin, or emergency addressee, to each American internee or prisoner of war officially reported. The label may be transferred to another person if so desired. Each label will be issued in duplicate. The original to be securely pasted on the outside of the package and the duplicate to be placed on top of the contents inside of the package in order that it may be removed by the postal censor. Additional labels will be issued from time to time.

The contents of the package must be listed on Post Office Department Custom Declaration Form No. 2966, at the time of mailing. If this form is not available at your local post office, the contents may be listed on plain paper and attached to the package. No postage is required.

The weight of your package should not exceed 11 pounds, gross dimensions, not over 18 inches in length, nor 42 inches length and girth combined. The package should not be sealed and should be wrapped in a manner which will facilitate opening for postal inspection.

Current Export Bulletin 100, Office of Economic Warfare, provides that the following articles only may be included in the package:

SMOKING ACCESSORIES

Tobacco pouches
Pipes
Cigarette holders (except paper)
Cigarette cases (non-metallic)
Pipe cleaners

TOILET ARTICLES

Washing powder
Medicated soap
Bath Soap
Towels, bath and face
Mouth washes and dentifrices (non-liquid)
Wash cloths
Shoe polishing cloth
Toilet kits
Tooth powder (in non-metallic containers)
Tooth brushes
Shoe brushes
Combs (non-metallic)
Brushes, scrubbing
Hairbrushes (non-metallic)
Clothing brushes
Safety razors
Safety razor blades
Shaving brushes

Non-breakable shaving mirrors
Talcum powder (in non-metallic containers)
Styptic pencils
Shaving soap cakes and powder
Small metallic mirrors
Women's toilet articles except liquids
(in non-metallic containers)
Cleansing tissues
Toilet paper
Camphor ice (cardboard containers)
Sanitary supplies for feminine hygiene
Orange sticks

ITEMS FOR CHILDREN

All kinds of clothing and shoes
Crayons
Small indestructible wooden toys and games

SPORTS AND GAMES

Playing cards
Backgammon
Checkers and other similar board games
Chess
Cribbage
Puzzles and games
Chinese Checkers

Ping Pong or Table Tennis sets
Softballs
Baseballs
Medicine balls
Footballs
Softball or baseball gloves
Poker chips
Dice
Dominoes
Horseshoes
Miniature bowling
Miniature golf
Jump rope (individual type)
Boxing gloves
Soccer ball
Volley ball

CLOTHING

Athletic clothing and shoes
Socks
Sock supporters
Belts
Shirts (regular Army or Navy if prisoners of war) (Khaki color only to members of the Army or Navy who are prisoners of war in Italy)
Slacks (regular Army or Navy if prisoners of war) (Khaki color only to members of the Army or Navy who are prisoners of war in Italy)
Underwear
Gloves
Handkerchiefs
Mufflers
Sweaters
Shoes (military types only to prisoners of war in Italy)

Shoe laces
Insoles
House slippers
Overshoes (rubbers)
Bathrobes
Pajamas
Nightgowns
Suspenders
Neckties (only service ties for prisoners of war)
Bathing suits
Women's wool hose

Officers' blouses
Overseas caps
Women's blouses
Skirts
Dresses
Ribbon
Cotton raincoats

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

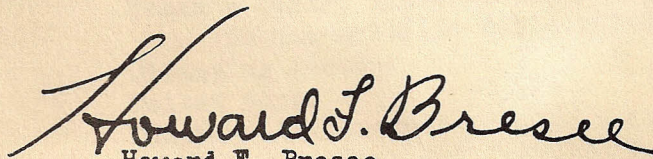
Chewing gum
Shoe polish in tins
Toothpicks
Nail clippers
Wallets
Mending kits
Small scissors
Sewing kits
Shoe repair leather and nails
Buttons (non-metallic)
Hair clippers
Vitamin tablets in cardboard containers
Safety pins
Standard phonograph records and needles
Watches (low priced)
Eyeglasses (securely packed)
Service insignia (for prisoners of war)
Religious emblems
Fountain pens
Pen holders
Pen points
Pencils
Water color paints
Oil paints for artists
Paint brushes
Glue (powdered)
Small musical instruments
Rulers
Hair nets and pins
Knitting needles (non-metallic)
Crochet needles (non-metallic)
Crochet thread
Knitting yarn
Elastic
Pillow covers and pillow slips
Table scarfs
Sheets
Rugs
Cooking utensils
Iodine Crystals
Sponges (except rubber)

FOOD ITEMS

Processed American or Swiss Cheese
(must be packed in cellophane
and cardboard container)
Dried prunes, raisins, or apricots
peaches and apples (in one-
pound or one-half pound cello-
phane packages)
Dried soups (in cellophane bags)
Bouillon cubes ($\frac{1}{4}$ pound)
Meat extracts, dried ($\frac{1}{4}$ pound)
Cereals of the whole grain variety
as the oatmeal and dark farina
type, or vitamin fortified white
grain cereals (cardboard containers)
Nuts - only pecans, Brazil nuts, or
pecans in shell or salted (cello-
phane bags or cardboard boxes)
Rice (one pound in cellophane or other
transparent paper package or card-
board boxes)
Plain or chocolate powdered malted
milk in press-in top tins not
in excess of one pound
Malted milk tablets in press-in top
tins not in excess of 500 tablets
Hard candy

Sweet chocolate in bars (one pound)
Candy bars
Dried cocoa
Dried vegetables in cellophane or
cardboard packages
Onion flakes
Dried noodles, macaroni or spaghetti in
cardboard boxes
Biscuits, cookies and crackers (one
pound in cardboard containers)
Coffee in plain bags not in excess of one-
fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) pound
Tea - bulk (loose) in one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) or
one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) pound bags or cardboard
boxes
Postum (in press-in top tins)
Nescafe (in press-in top tins)
Ovaltine (in press-in top tins)
Cocoa in press-in top cans or cellophane
bags not in excess of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$)
pound
Sugar in paper bags or cardboard boxes
not in excess of one pound
Saccharin
Seasoning materials (salt, pepper and spices)
Bananna flakes
Roasted Soy Beans

The signature and address of sender must appear in ink in the space provided on the label.



Howard F. Bresee,
Colonel, C. M. P.,
Assistant Director,
Prisoner of War Division.

1 Incl.
Label

F. E. A. LICENSE "G-PW-2"

LABEL ISSUED TO:

POSTAGE FREE
FRANC DE PORT
GEBUHRENFREI

F. E. A. LICENSE "G-PW-2-1" SPECIAL

LABEL ISSUED TO:

POSTAGE FREE
FRANC DE PORT
GEBUHRENFREI

Sender—Expéditeur—Absender

Label Transferred To:

PRISONER OF WAR "PERSONAL" PARCEL—PRISONNIER DE GUERRE-
COLIS "PERSONNEL"—KRIEGSGEFANGENSENDUNG

FROM:

MRS. LENNIE G. ENGLAND,
BOX 42,
DES MOINES, N. M.

G 9932

Sender—Expéditeur—Absender

Label Transferred To:

PRISONER OF WAR "PERSONAL" PARCEL—PRISONNIER DE GUERRE-
COLIS "PERSONNEL"—KRIEGSGEFANGENSENDUNG

FROM:

MRS. LENNIE G. ENGLAND,
BOX 42,
DES MOINES, N. M.

G 9932

FOR:

S/SGT. WILLIAM P. ENGLAND,
U. S. PRISONER OF WAR #43168,
STALAG LUFT 4, GERMANY.

W. D., PMG
Form No. 19

VIA NEW YORK, N. Y., U. S. A.

FOR:

S/SGT. WILLIAM P. ENGLAND,
U. S. PRISONER OF WAR #43168,
STALAG LUFT 4, GERMANY.

W. D., PMG
Form No. 26

VIA NEW YORK, N. Y., U. S. A.



HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Office of The Provost Marshal General
Washington 25, D. C. RRR

18 September 1944

RE: S/Sgt. William P. England,
United States Prisoner of War, #43168,
Stalag Luft 4, Germany.

Mrs. Lennie G. England,
Box 42,
Des Moines, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. England:

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to inform you of the transfer of the above-named prisoner of war to the camp indicated.

You may communicate with him by following the inclosed mailing instructions.

Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard F. Bresee".

Howard F. Bresee,
Colonel, C.M.P.,

Assistant Director, Prisoners of War Division.

1 Incl.
Mailing Circular.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Office of The Provost Marshal General
Washington 25, D. C.

REVISED MAILING INSTRUCTIONS - GERMANY

The Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of The Provost Marshal General, is charged with the responsibility of furnishing next of kin and other interested persons information relative to all Americans held as prisoners of war. The following instructions will govern the dispatch of letters and parcels to Germany. Do not attempt to send letters or parcels to an individual believed to be a prisoner of war in Germany until you have been officially notified of the fact that he is a prisoner and his camp location. The postal censor passes mail only to those who have been officially listed as prisoners of war. Do not send letters to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau for forwarding.

LETTER MAIL - There is now available, at all United States Post Offices where required, air mail letter sheets for use in corresponding with American prisoners of war. Experience has shown that use of such a form greatly reduces the time required for the delivery of a letter to prisoners of war in German custody. There are several reasons why this letter sheet, W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111, facilitates delivery of mail: (1) letters written on this form, with a six cent air mail stamp attached, are, after censorship, flown to Lisbon, Portugal. From that point they are forwarded by German plane to a central point for German censorship and thence dispatched to the various camps in Germany; (2) the use of this form greatly facilitates censorship both in the United States and in enemy territory by providing a standard size unsealed letter. The following is a quotation from a communication received from the Senior American Officer, prisoner of war, at Stalag Luft III, Germany, "It is suggested that a standard letter form be made available at all post offices *** The British authorities have adopted such a form to facilitate quick censoring. Consequently, their mail receives prompt attention while long sealed American letters lie unopened." It will be noted that this letter sheet is not sealed so that it should receive prompt attention from the censors. The use of W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111 is not compulsory, but the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of The Provost Marshal General, strongly urges all persons to use this form in corresponding with prisoners of war. If this form is not used, use thin paper to save weight and space. To facilitate censoring, letters should be typewritten or printed, brief, and pertaining to personal, or family matters. Avoid including information of a political or military nature. Unmounted photographs and snapshots may be included, but not in W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111. There is no limitation on the number of letters which may be written to a prisoner of war, although the Germans do restrict the number that a prisoner may write. The sender should write his letter in the spaces provided with a typewriter, or in block capitals hand printed. After the name and address of the sender and of the prisoner has been typed or hand printed in block capitals on the envelope portion, the letter should be folded as indicated, fastened, and the required postage affixed. It should then be inclosed in an outer envelope, without postage, addressed "Postmaster--Prisoner of War Air Mail", and after being sealed, it may be deposited in any post office, street letter box, or other authorized mail depository, or the letter may be handed to a clerk at a service window in the post office or a branch or station thereof without the outer envelope. This requirement for an outer envelope or handing the letter specially to a postal clerk is to prevent the letter from being postmarked with a slogan such as "Win the War", "V", or "For Defense", etc. Advice received through Swiss intermediary channels states mail addressed to American prisoners of war held in certain prison camps under German control will not be delivered to the addressee if it bears endorsements or slogans intended to promote our war effort.

Addresses. W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111 for air corps personnel should be completed. All mail to Army Air Forces personnel is censored at Stalag Luft III, Germany, regardless of where the prisoners are interned. It is therefore necessary to address all mail for Air Forces personnel to Stalag Luft III, Germany, also giving camp where prisoner of war is interned as subsidiary camp. If W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111 is not used, address on the letter should be the same as on the form; namely, rank and name, United States prisoner of war, prisoner of war number, if known, camp name and number, subsidiary camp number, Germany, Via New York, New York. In the upper left hand corner of the envelope write "Prisoner of war mail", in the upper right hand corner write "Postage free", when W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111 is not used. For non-Air Forces personnel, subsidiary camp need not be given; and if W.D., P.M.G. Form No. 111 is used, subsidiary camp may be left blank. The address for non-Air Forces personnel should give rank, name, United States prisoner of war, prisoner of war number, if known, camp name and number, Germany, Via New York, New York. The above form of address is to be used for civilian internees substituting the words "American civilian internee" for the words "United States prisoner of war" and "Civilian internee mail" for "Prisoner of war mail." In case of doubt as to the form of address for prisoner of war mail, you may consult your local postmaster who can advise you further in regard to mail address as sample addresses have been printed in the United States Postal Bulletin. Each local chapter of the American Red Cross has been furnished sample forms of addresses by the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross.

Facilities for sending "V" mail are not available to prisoners of war interned by the enemy.

Addresses shown on mail from German prison camps. The printed portion of the return address on cards and letters from German prison camps is in German. The translation is as follows: Absender--sender, Vor-und Zuname--first and surname, Gefangenennummer--prisoner of war number, Lager-Bezeichnung--camp designation, M.-Stammlager--prison camp for enlisted men. The authorized abbreviation for M.-Stammlager is Stalag. Oflag is the authorized abbreviation for Offizierslager--officers' prison camp. These authorized abbreviations are used by this office in giving camp addresses and should be used in addressing mail to prisoners.

PARCELS - Existing agreements do not permit the sending of parcels to a prisoner of war interned in a transit camp. Parcels may be sent to a prisoner of war interned in a permanent camp. When his permanent internment address has been officially reported to this bureau, one package label and two tobacco labels will be forwarded every sixty days to the next of kin without application on their part. These labels will permit the sending of one personal parcel and two tobacco parcels. Next of kin parcels to American Air Forces personnel should be addressed to the camp where they are actually interned. The procedure explained above regarding the addressing of letter mail to American aviators does not apply to next of kin parcels. When American aviators are actually interned at Stalag Luft III, Germany, however, next of kin parcels will be addressed to that camp. Labels are issued to the person officially listed in the records of the appropriate department as having been designated as the next of kin by the prisoner of war. They are transferable. Parcels will not be forwarded unless they bear the official label. Care should be taken when preparing next of kin parcels to avoid using stickers or other material which bear patriotic slogans either within or on the outside of the parcels.

PRISONER OF WAR INFORMATION BUREAU

Howard F. Bresee
By HOWARD F. BRESEE,
Colonel, C. M. P.

Revised April 1944.