

6. Mail Service to Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in Far East, press statement of July 25, 1942.

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of a mail service for letters and postcards to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East following an agreement by the Government of the U.S.S.R. to carry such mail via Siberia. Letters and postcards (but not parcels) will be accepted by local post offices in the ordinary way and may be sent to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the following areas in the Far East: Metropolitan Japan, Korea, Formosa, Sakhaline, Territory of Kwantung, Shanghai and other occupied Chinese territory and Hong Kong. It is hoped that this mail service will be available in the near future for other Japanese occupied territories. There is no provision in this service for the sending of letters by air mail.

General Instructions

1. As this is prisoner of war mail, no postage is required.
2. Parcels or second class mail cannot be accepted.
3. Letters should be brief and clearly written, preferably typed. They should deal with purely personal matters. Any failure to observe these instructions will merely result in delay and possibly non delivery, and may also result in delaying other letters sent at the same time.

Method of Addressing

1. Letters and postcards for prisoners of war and civilian internees should bear in the upper left hand corner the words "PRISONER OF WAR POST, SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE".
2. Where the name of the Internee Camp is known it should appear on the address. Where the Internee Camp is not known mail should be sent "CARE OF JAPANESE RED CROSS, TOKYO".
3. All letters should have the name and address of the sender clearly written on the back of the envelope.

THIS SERVICE IS LIMITED TO PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES. Persons wishing to write to non-interneed civilians may do so by means of the "Personal Postal Message" forms available at any postoffice, at a cost of 25 cents (including reply). These messages may now be sent to Japan, Korea, Formosa and Manchuria.