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Mail Service to Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in the Far East

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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.A. 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 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. This is a service 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 result in delay and possibly non-delivery, especially in delaying other letters sent at the same time.

Method of Submitting

1. Letters and postcards for prisoners of war and civilian internees should be sent in the upper left hand corner of the front of the envelope. The words "PRISONERS OF WAR POST, SERVICE USE ONLY" should be written in the upper right hand corner of the envelope.
2. Where the name of the internee camp is known it should appear on the envelope. Where the internee camp is not known the word "CAMP OF UNKNOWN LOCATION, TOKYO" should be used.
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

Letters should be sent to the "Forwarding Office" at the "Postal Message" office in any post office, at a cost of 25 cents (including postage). These messages may be sent to Japan, Korea, Formosa and Manchuria.