

EX-PRISONER OF WAR HERE SEEKS GIFT OF FOODS

Everything is Scarce in Germany

A most interesting appeal for food has come from Julius Muller, Baden, Germany, addressed to the Sycamore Preserve Works. Muller was interpreter for the German prisoners of war who were brought here by the United States Army during the summer of 1945. They aided in the huge Preserve Works harvest and food pack of that year.

It will be recalled that the POW's were kept under armed guard in a camp especially provided for them on the south edge of Sycamore. People here will recall the unit marching to and from the canner plant or riding to and from the fields in trucks. It was the closest touch of the war that the community of Sycamore experienced. Muller's interesting letter which indicates his

degree of education is as follows:

The Letter

Konstant, Jan. 13th, 1947

Sycamore Preserve Works Corp.
Sycamore, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Surely you are surprised receiving a letter from Germany. Do you remember my name? I think not. Well, wait a minute! I'll tell you who I am. You surely remember some of the German P. W.'s who worked at the "Sycamore Preserve Works" in summer 1945? I was there as an interpreter and we had some little chat with each other.

During the night shifts I used to prepare that famous "Super Coffee" we liked so much. Many times you told me: "You guys will be home at Christmas." I am back now. Not at Xmas '45, but in August '46 I returned after 51 long long months. It isn't necessary to tell you how happy I am being home again.

But, yes there is a but: Everything you can think of is scarce here. It took a long time 'till I made up my mind to write to you and to ask you for something. Please, don't get annoyed at my impudence! I don't like to do it but thinking of the country of the unlimited possibilities, the "country of plenty" as we called it, I can't help asking you: How about a few cans of peas, just 2 or three of them?

They rolled out of your machines by thousands every day, every night, and just a little bit of them would be of some impor-

of them would be of some important help for us.

As far as I know you are allowed to send a parcel to the French-Occupation-Zone of Germany where I am living. I hope you don't misunderstand my supplication.

How are you? Living over there you must be well. isn't it so? How was harvest 1946 and who did our jobs?

Here is my address:
Julius Muller
Konstant Bodensee (17b)
Krentlinger str. 47a
Baden, French Occ. Zone,
Germany.

With my best regards and wishes for your future I remain

Yours sincerely,

Julius Muller