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Widnes Man's Message Writing from Stalag VIII. B. Private John Mulvey whose home address is 27 Quinn Street, Widnes says: "No doubt you will be surprised to receive this letter from me and I would be very thankful if you can help me in any way regarding parcels. As far as I know I am the only Widnes man prisoner of war. Other prisoners are getting parcels from all over the place and I get none." Private Mulvey was reported missing as between May 21st and May 30th, 1940. He is a native of Widnes and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Mulvey. He is married and his wife's maiden name was Miss Margaret Davies. An old regular soldier, he has seen service in India, and was also a member of the Territorial Army. His regular service was with the South Lancs. Regiment and afterwards he became attached to the Widnes Territorials and was mobilised on the outbreak of war. He volunteered for service overseas, being then transferred to the King's Own Royal Regiment. He was educated at St. Patrick's School, Widnes and his two brothers Gunner Edward Mulvey (Royal Artillery) and Dan Mulvey (Royal Navy) are also serving. It was not until November 1940 that a telegram was received notifying that Pte. Mulvey was a prisoner of war. Mr. Jack Carney wrote at the time to the effect that the credit for discovering the whereabouts of Private Mulvey must be given to the Dowager Lady Ampthill, chairman of the Wounded, Missing and Relatives Department of the British Red Cross Society.

