

# THE CLARION

STALAG VIII B

GERMANY

## Camp Leader Notices

### Allied Ps.O.W.

The following communication was received from the I.R.C.C. by the Camp Leader on August 8, 1943, relating to individually addressed parcels for Ps.O.W. of other than British or American nationality:-

"We bring to your notice that, according to the latest information received from the American Red Cross, prisoners of war and civil internees in future may not receive individually addressed parcels from the U.S.A. other than those sent by the next-of-kin or the person concerned.

"We should accordingly be obliged if you would inform the prisoners of war affected by this measure not to address their parcel labels to relief organisations in future but to send them *only* to their family in the U.S.A."

### For Gallantry

Pte. William H. Clark, A.I.F., Army No. WX 1510, of Working Party E554, has been commended by the Commandant of Stalag VIII B for an act of gallantry.

Fully clothed, Pte. Clark dived into a river to rescue a four-year-old boy from drowning. His prompt action, with artificial respiration applied by some of his friends, was responsible for saving the boy's life. The Camp Leader has written to acquaint the Australian military authorities in London with the details.

### Dress and Bearing

On numerous occasions comments have been made from independent sources on the soldierly bearing and upkeep of prestige which has been noticeable at certain Working Parties. The comments have particularly referred to occasions outside the Lagers.

Such reports are most gratifying and reflect great credit upon all concerned.

It is well known that places of work vary widely with regard to cleanliness and the facilities which exist to enable men to maintain their traditional respect. The clothing situation is closely allied with the subject but, however much these conditions hinder or assist you inside Lagers, it is hoped that when outside Lagers, within view of friends or enemies, all ranks will make an effort to dress and bear themselves in the manner which is traditional of the Britisher.

### New Zealand Ps.O.W.

Mr. C. E. Burdekin, of New Zealand House, writes to say that a parcel of clothing has been sent to each of the nine New Zealanders who lost their personal belongings in the fire at West End, Munich.

The above information was sent in by Dvr. F. Howell, N.Z.E.F., of Working Party E317.

*All correspondence and contributions from working parties should be sent with the weekly mail to the Stalag addressed to: "The Editor, The Clarion, Stalag VIII B." N.C.O's i/c are requested to collect and forward under single cover.*