

Foley, Joseph M.

Liberated Prisoners Praise Red Cross

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T/5 Joseph M. Foley and Pal Home After Long Months as Nazi Captives

Home on a sixty-day furlough after seven months as a prisoner of the German government, T-5 Joseph M. Foley, 532 13th Avenue, today praised the American and International Red Cross organizations for their work among the prisoners.

Foley, a paratrooper, was captured on June 6, 1944, after making his third combat jump and spent the next several months

in transit prison camps before becoming permanently attached to Stalag 4B. He was liberated soon after being moved to Stalag 3C when the Russians overran that territory.

"The Red Cross did a fine job," commented Foley, "and all the boys are grateful. Sometimes we didn't get all the packages they sent us, and sometimes we only got a part of the parcels, but that was no fault of the Red Cross," he said.

Concerning the "prisoner of war" packages dispatched by the Red Cross, the paratrooper said he never received any such package, but that was probably due to the way the

Germans kept moving him from one camp to another. His Christmas package, however, arrived on Christmas eve and all prisoners in his camp received similar gifts, he said.

"We know what the Red Cross did for us and what they tried to do. We also know a little something of the tasks they faced with bombed out railroads and inadequate facilities for transporting and getting their articles to us at the prison camps. It was unbelievable what was accomplished," he said.

Particular tribute was paid to the British Red Cross. Many of the gifts coming through the international organization bore the British label and many camps where British soldiers were confined, bore the American label, an indication of the close cooperation played in an effort to alleviate the needs of the soldiers, he said.

His tribute to the Red Cross was supported in full by Pvt. Andrew Kilcullen, of New York City, who this week is visiting the paratrooper at his home here. The two were together in training, left the United States together and remained together even after their capture and transfer from one prison camp to another.

T/5 Foley is the husband of the former Joan Mangen and a son of Martin Foley, Pawnee Street. He entered the service August 23, 1942, and was sent overseas April 27, 1943. He was captured June 6, 1944, and released January 31, 1945.

After a sixty-day furlough at home he will report to Atlantic City for an additional two weeks' leave be-

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