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THE MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDANT
AND REFER TO NO.

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*Very
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about Jim*

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON

15 January 1942.

My dear Mr. Drolette:

From the latest information which has been received it appears that your son, Private James A. Drolette, U. S. Marine Corps, was stationed on the Island of Guam at the time it was attacked by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941, and as his name does not appear on any casualty list thus far received it is probable that he is now a prisoner of war.

The Major General Commandant appreciates your anxiety and directs me to inform you that the Department of State is making every effort to obtain information regarding the location and welfare of prisoners of war. As soon as any information is received you will be promptly notified.

Sincerely yours,

EMMETT W. SKINNER,
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. James A. Drolette,
26 S. Almansor Street,
Alhambra, California.

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My dear Mr. Drolette:

A copy of the first report received through the International Red Cross, concerning the treatment of American prisoners of war in Japan, is enclosed for your information.

As your son, Private James A. Drolette, U. S. Marine Corps, was stationed on the Island of Guam at the time of its seizure by the Japanese, I hope this report may be of some comfort to you.

Should we receive any further information concerning your son, it will be relayed to you promptly.

Sincerely yours,

EMMETT W. SKINNER,
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

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Mr. James A. Drolette,
Pac-Hy and Park Street,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON

21 May, 1942.

My dear Mr. Drolette:

The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps, directs me to inform you that a partial list of American prisoners of war captured by the Japanese Military Forces has just been received from the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, through the International Red Cross. This list contains the name of your son, Private James A. Drolette, U. S. Marine Corps, which definitely confirms the fact that he has been captured by the enemy and is alive. The only additional information given is that the place of internment is Zentsuji, Shikoku Island, Japan.

Your local chapter of the American Red Cross will furnish you with information regarding the best method of sending mail or packages to your son. However, if for any reason the Red Cross is unable to furnish you with full information, you should write to the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

C. P. LANCASTER,
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. James A. Drolette,
Pac-Hy and Park Street,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

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Instructions Given for Start

Instructions to students in all grades of the Grants Pass school system were announced Thursday by Supt. M. B. Winslow.

Classes will organize beginning at 8:30 Monday morning, Sept. 14.

The announcements Thursday included:

1. Age at which children may enter the first grade.
2. Work books required in elementary schools.
3. Pre-military training additions to the curriculum.
4. Zones for attendance at various elementary schools.

Beginning pupils who have not had their sixth birthday by September 14 but who will have their sixth birthday on or before November 15, 1942 may be admitted upon a request by a licensed physician stating that the pupil's physical development measures up to the six-year six-months norm. A psychological school readiness test will be given to all beginning pupils.

5. Pupils living at home and not attending school.

Admission

All pupils who have had their sixth birthday on or before September 14 will be admitted to school.

Work Books

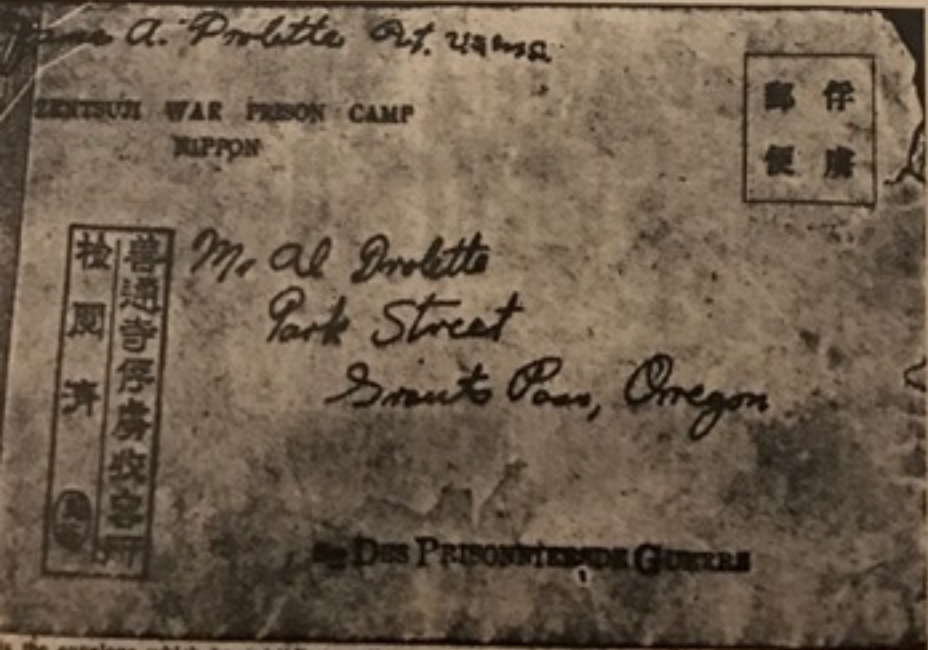
The following work books will be used throughout the elementary schools:

- First Grade**
Here We Go.
Companion Book to Here We Go Slides.
Companion Book Day to Day.
- Second Grade**
Companion Book to Down the River Road.
Companion Book to Friendly Village.
New Curriculum Number Book-Book 2.
Goals in Spelling—Grade 2.
- Third Grade**
Companion Book If I Were Going.
Companion Book Through the Green Gate.

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Envelope from Japanese Prison Camp —



This is the envelope which brought first mail to Grants Pass relatives from a prisoner of the Japanese captured up to 60 southern Oregon men, most of them civilian workers on Wake Island. (Courier Engraving)

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Writes Home —



James Drolette, a United States marine on Guam at the time of his capture early in the war, wrote his parents. The letter is reprinted on this page. (Courier Engraving)

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~~Washington, D. C.~~1645 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.Ref: P/3/e
October 27, 1943Mr. Al Drolette
Grants Pass
Oregon

Dear Mr. Drolette:

I regret very much that we must return your letter to your son, as new regulations forbid letters of more than 24 words being sent to prisoners of war in the Far East. Furthermore any mention of the short-wave broadcasts from Tokyo is prohibited by the American censors.

When you write a note of 24 words or less to your son, you should address the envelope as follows

Prisoner of War Mail

Postage Free

Pvt. James A. Drolette, U. S. Marines
Interned by the Japanese
Formerly in Guam
Zentsuji Prison Camp
Shikoku Island
Japan

VIA: New York, New York

You should print your name and address on the back of the envelope.

Regretting that we must return your letter, which, please find enclosed, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Ann Rouse

(Miss) Elizabeth Ann Rouse

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