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there is every chance  
he will return to  
you in good shape —  
a little thinner perhaps,  
unless he likes rice!  
Thus far contact has  
only been obtained with  
a very small percentage  
of American prisoners of  
war, so your failure  
to date must not  
discourage you.

Yours very truly  
Chester Kimey, Jr.

40 Carrall St.  
Vallejo, Calif.  
Jan 17, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Gordon,  
I fully appreciate  
your anxiety over the  
fate of your son, and  
sincerely regret that I  
cannot help you to  
communicate with him.  
I assure you that there  
is no communication  
with prisoners of war  
by any means other than

the information contained  
in your letter I would  
certainly feel it most  
likely that Jack  
is a prisoner of war  
in Japan somewhere.

From all reliable reports  
so far, the Japanese are  
treating American prisoners  
in accordance with  
the essential provisions  
of international law. When  
this business is over

via Red Cross channels,  
which you have  
correctly attempted.

My advice is that  
you continue trying to  
get word via that  
channel. Rest assured,  
the Navy Department  
will definitely notify  
you the second any  
further information is  
obtained about your son.

Above all, don't  
give up the 'ship! From