

February 27, 1946

Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell  
Boy Scouts of America  
2 Park Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Fretwell:

One of the finest Scoutmasters that this Council has ever produced has been serving with the Navy for the past four years. In every community where he has been stationed, he has been an active Assistant Scoutmaster of some Troop. At the present time, he is based on Guam. Here he has aided very materially in the re-establishment of the Boy Scout Movement.

Without knowing of the current "Shirts-Off-Our-Backs" campaign, he has just written to us with the request that we endeavor to secure some uniforms and equipment for the Scouts on the island.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire as to whether it would be in order for us to ship directly to him the material which we have already secured and that which we anticipate receiving in the near future.

From our angle, I think that it would give a bit of heightened interest to the campaign if we could say that our contributions were going to a former Scoutmaster of this Council and for a specified group. We will, of course, be guided by the National Council's decision.

With all good wishes for you personally, I am,

Cordially yours,

Fred L. Treat  
Scout Executive

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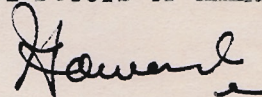
Dear Fred:

Your letter to Dr. Fretwell of February 27th has been referred to me for response. You will be interested in knowing that we have sent considerable shipments of literature to Guam and do expect to send some of the items collected from the Shirts Off Our Back campaign to our brother Scouts there.

The problem is complicated by the fact that many Councils have received letters from G.I.'s requesting direct shipments, not only to Guam but to practically every country in which our G.I.'s have been stationed. It is impossible for us to do all the "sea-sawing" that will be necessary to send the shipments to the various countries. The other problem is of course paying the freight for literally thousands of shipments across the country. We are hoping to send to the Philippines, Guam and China from the western half of the U.S. and use the eastern half for material for the European countries.

I am sure you will want to write to this former Scoutmaster stating that we are sending supplies and equipment and some badges, but I do not believe it wise to ship directly from your Council to Guam. I will make this offer, however: we will send to Guam an equivalent amount of items collected by the Sunnysland Council. If you collect two tons, we will send two tons and explain the source although we may actually take the material from that collected by some western council. I think it is best this way and we will be glad to cooperate if you so wish it.

Sincerely yours,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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