

Monopoly® Goes to War



The board game Monopoly helped P.O.W.s escape from prison camps during World War II.



In 1941, the British Secret Service had metal files, compasses, authentic French, German, and Italian currency, and silk maps of safe houses added to Monopoly sets. These sets were then placed into Red Cross packages that were sent to prisoners of war.

Allied soldiers were told to look for these special editions, which were identified by a red dot in the “Free Parking” square.

