

Kriegsgefangenenpost

Postkarte

GEPRÜFT

An Mr. John Kaenzig

R.R. #6

Empfangsort: Versailles, Ky.
town
Land: U.S.A.
country
Landesteil: Woodford
(Provinz usw.)
county

Gebührenfrei
11324
U.S. CENSOR

Dulag-Luft Germany

Date 12-26-44

(No. of Camp only; as may be directed by the Commandant of the Camp.)

I have been taken prisoner of war in Germany. I am in good health ~~slightly impaired~~ (cancel accordingly).

We will be transported from here to another Camp within the next few days. Please don't write until I give new address.

Kindest regards

Christian Name and Surname: Charles L. Kaenzig
Rank: 1st Lt.
Detachment: 255AF

(No further details. - Clear legible writing.)

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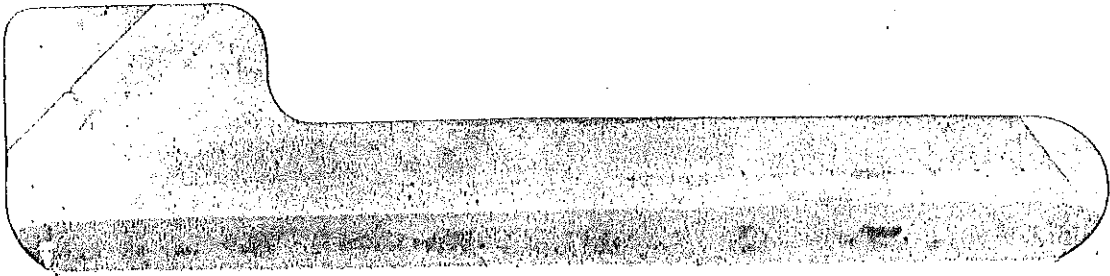
ROUTE NUMBER SIX VERSAILLES KY=

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP
 REGRET THAT YOUR SON FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES L KAENZIG
 HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TEN DECEMBER
 OVER ITALY IF FURTER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE
 RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED=
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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



69 DOVER STREET,
NEWARK N.J.
FEBRUARY 7, 1945

Dear Mr. Kaenzig,

I am very sorry that I have been unable to write to you sooner as I know how worried you must be about your son.

First please let me introduce myself. I was the pilot on the aircraft in which your son was shot down on December 10th.

I will tell you as much as I am allowed to. We were going to bomb a barracks and troop concentration north of the city of Bologna. The anti-aircraft fire was very intense and accurate over the target. Our plane was hit several times. The left engine was completely cut out and the right engine was not giving full power. We decided to abandon the aircraft and as far as I know all the crew cleared the ship safely. As for your son I personally saw him parachute from the plane. Whether he was taken prisoner or landed with friendly farmers I do not know. I was the last man to leave the plane and fortunately landed among friendly Italians who hid me from the Germans and helped me into allied territory.

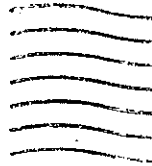
I cannot give you any more information but if you do not hear from Charles for a long time do not expect the worst for the majority of the Italian people are friendly and the German soldiers treat prisoners humanly.

Before I close I want to say that if you have any questions to ask me or if you hear anything from Charles I would appreciate it if you would write to me.

Sincerely

Fred Ritger Jr.

LT. FREDERIC C. RITGER
69 DOVER STREET
NEWARK N.J.

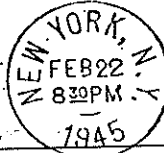


-AIR MAIL-

MR. JOHN KAENZIG

R.R. # 6

VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Kinsie (?)
Route 1 (or 6)
Versailles, Kentucky

625 West 169th Street, N.Y.C.32, N.Y. Feb. 21, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kinsie:

Last night the German short-wave radio broadcast a message to you from your son, Charles L. Kinsie, #0-74---99, in Stalag Luft I, Germany. All we could get was:

"I have arrived at a permanent camp, in good health and spirits. I was shot down, and bailed out, and here I am. Lots of love, your son, Charles."

With our sincere hope that he will return to you safely and soon,

Margaret and Frederick Cooper
(Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooper)

May 10, 1945
 Barth, Germany

Hello Felix,

Am hoping to beat this letter home for expecting to leave anyday now. We were liberated May 1 by the Russians and now waiting to be flown out of Germany. These last ten days out from behind barbs wire have been wonderful. Now that we are leaving the day doesn't go fast enough.

Haven't heard from anyone since being here and just wonder if any of my few letters ever got through. This one will be taken to our airmail lines so know it will be gotten through.

Have been wondering how everyone is at home and hope ok. Have made out ok so no need to worry or anything. Am very anxious to get home in time for strawberry season. Hoping to make it sometime in June so

so long
 "Charlie"

Wing X
Group II
Barth, Germany

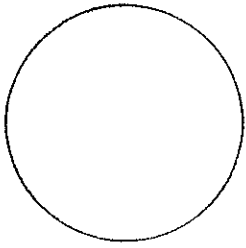


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U.S. CENSOR

Mr John Kaenzig
Versailles, Kentucky
R. R. # 6

C L Kaenzig 1st Lt ac U.S. A.
0-748009

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To: Mrs. Melvin Ford
 Versailles Kentucky
 R. R. #16

See Instruction No. 2

From:

W. Charles L. Kaenzig
 0-748009
 Versailles, Kentucky

(Sender's complete address above)

June 11-45
 Hello Annie,
 Still here in France sweating out that boat and getting plenty tiresome waiting. Have been passed and have a little lough and a few clothes. About all am doing now is eating and sleeping and back up to normal again.

at first thought would get to carry Atlantic Indiana in June but will make it for July I am afraid. Sure won't mind getting those fifty days at all. Going to be mighty nice to get back on the farm for awhile. wanted to make it for this time of the season but later on will be just as good. will let you know when I will be in.

no long
 "Lobard"

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?



HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

From: H. Charles L. Koenig
A-948009
Versailles, Ky

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See
Instruction
No. 5

V...-MAIL

To: Mrs. Melvin Ford
Versailles, Kentucky
RR # 6

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