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8-3-44

My dear Son:

For fear you haven't started yet I'm sending you a note right on the dot & will write until you get here. I'm so proud of you & your Captaincy - but I want the whole hog - I want you to come in if possible - but I can see how you feel about missing out all around - grounded & come home - if that doesn't come this soon as you wish you would be later on your mission & thus later in home - I do hope all goes well with you boys - they are feel mighty close & care.



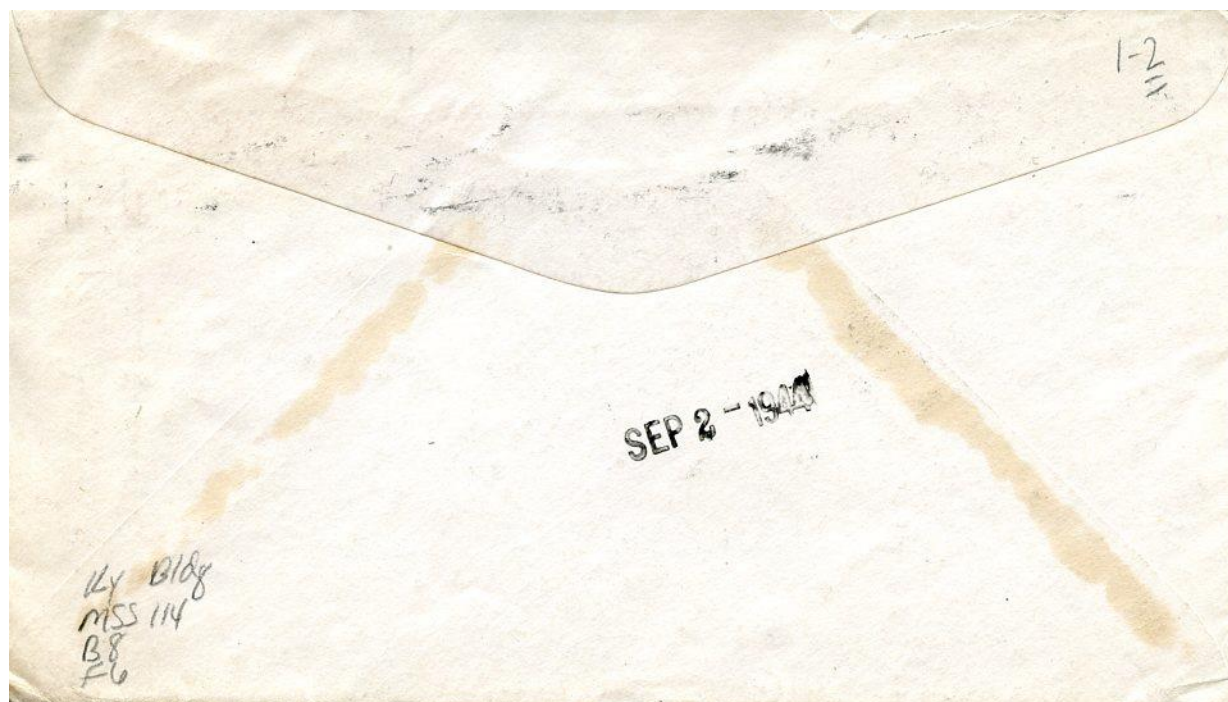
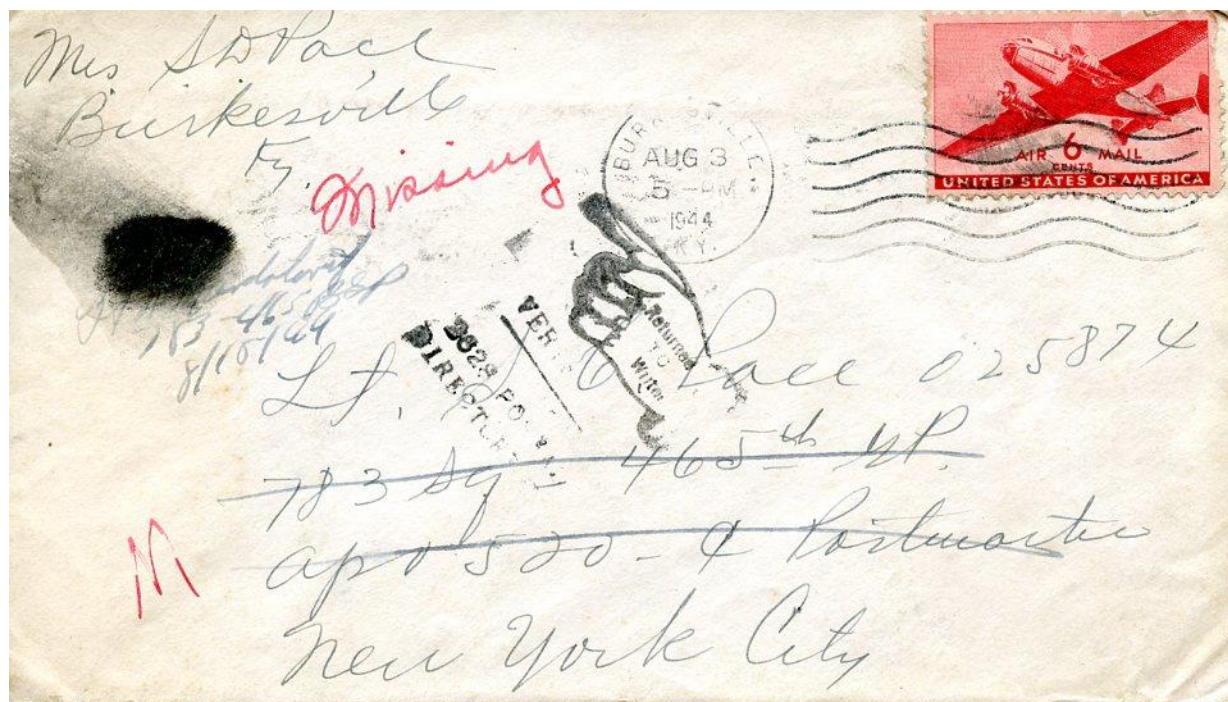
the ones I met especially & the others  
feel close too.

The Invasion has cost a lot -  
Hunt's Wright - lived on Mr. Edens place,  
killed June 7 - Ervin Brake July 7 -  
James Gannon July 15 - we  
know of course that is bound  
to happen but it twists you all  
up when you know it has -

Mrs. Beck has heard round about  
from Allen C - one of the boys writing  
to his people from England - mention  
seeing him & that he was liking  
very much. Mrs. Beck was thrilled  
to death. She can't understand why  
she doesn't hear directly from  
him but that is just one of those  
things - Give my regards to the boys  
& tell us if any candy or nuts  
comes while you are home, they  
can have it. Love you now

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Wednesday <sup>21</sup>  
Aug 8-44

My dear Son;

I got your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> + 31<sup>st</sup>  
yesterday aft - of course I  
was disappointed that you  
are not now on your way  
home but maybe you will  
have a longer visit when  
your missions are complete.  
I had a letter from Anne's  
yesterday & she was thrilled  
& death that you were coming  
& she said she was just  
dying to see you & talk about  
Bud - She thinks he is going  
to be a first Pilot all due to  
you & is thrilled to death -  
His so proud of you -



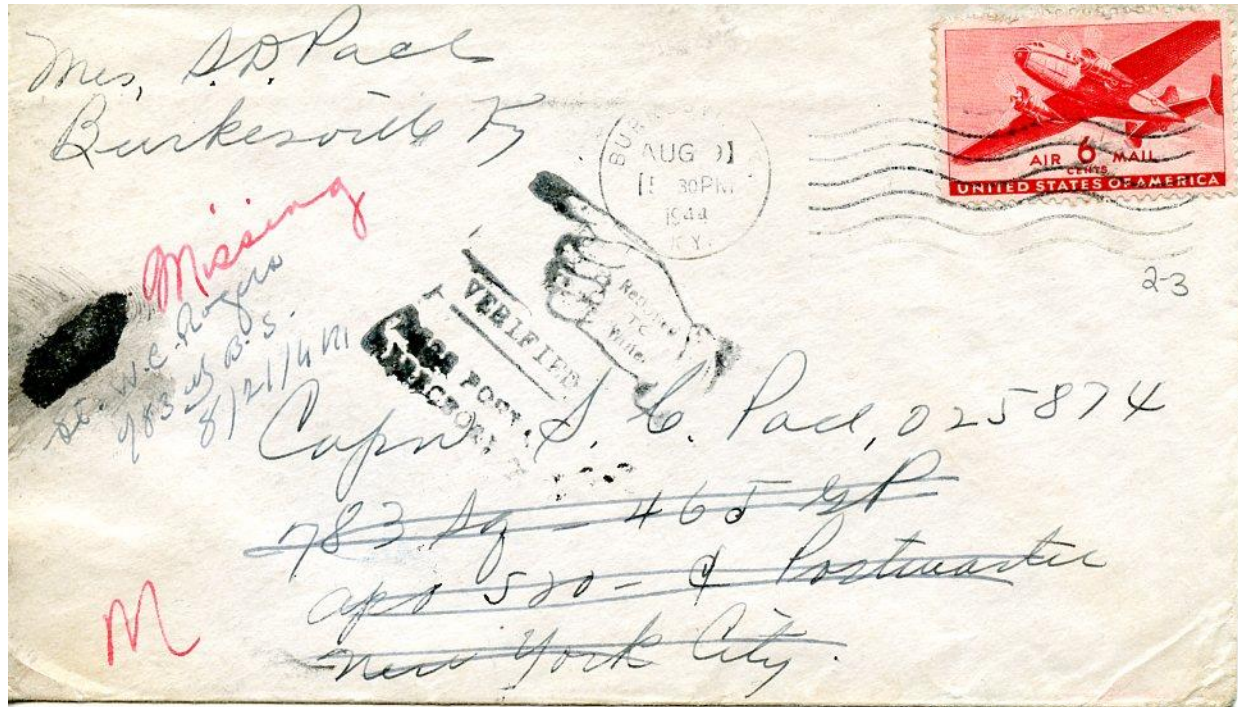
and anxious for you to do a  
good job and keep your self  
safe all at the same time -  
Mims just gotten a report -  
Mr. Brake over radio & Walter  
Collins that Hinkle has been  
assassinated & is seriously  
wounded by a German uprising  
against them - It seems too  
wonderful to be true - Oh.  
if this terrible hell on earth  
could be ended - how  
wonderful it would be -

We noticed you said  
Robinson had so many missions  
& the other boys have " " "  
How did he get his "  
I hope he hasn't but I  
gathered he had - That



Kinda twists a fellows inside<sup>2-2</sup>  
up into a knot & hear of it -  
I've not heard any more  
from Molly - so I expect  
she is doing OK -  
I'm going to Louisville this  
morning to see about a Power Unit  
for Monroe County Quarry - we  
are setting up but I don't know  
just when we will be delivering  
stone - Tedman & George are  
going with me -  
Love - let try to write more  
next time - Love you  
mom







Friday 8-10-43<sup>3-1</sup>

My dear Stanley Carter:

I'll try to drop you a line  
this hot dusty summer day.  
It has really been the hottest  
summer from first of June  
on that Ky. has ever had -  
or just about as dry. We  
however have had a few  
showers in the past few  
days that have helped  
our crops marvelously.

I still haven't heard  
from Dorothy since she  
was just a voice crying  
in the wilderness" but I'm  
hoping to talk to her tonight.  
I'm planning to go to Josephine's  
ville tonight but don't know if  
I'll make it or not.

The family is well - &  
kicking. I spent last night



at Pats - Pace was really  
raring to go & Beckey is  
making you take notice  
now too - Little doc was  
at Pauline's - he is simply  
crazy about them. He is  
just by them as you always  
were about John.

are you still getting your  
Cumberland Co. news? You  
mentioned it once - while you  
were in Africa but never  
have since. James Turner  
is really doing a good job  
on it, I think.

We just about have our  
Pipes Organ installed in the  
church - in hoping it proves  
as good as we expect. Our  
pastor has been real sick - is  
out of the hospital now &  
trying to stay quiet but



I don't know how long he  
can manage to do that.  
Pat + Doc took dear Z.  
Louisville Sunday + brought  
Daria back - I went by to  
see Lorraine + the children  
Wed. Lorraine was sitting up  
but looks deathly - she will have  
to have some transfusions I know  
before she can possibly get  
really well -

Stanley - I hope you can have  
time to drop Octavia a card  
or just a note while she is  
in Durham, N.C., & Watts Hospital.  
She will be down there sit on  
seven weeks - she is near  
an aunt to a cousin but I  
know how she would love  
to hear from you. I had a  
letter from her yesterday + she



was asking about you. She<sup>32</sup>  
is being brave & cheerful - for  
she knows she may go  
any minute & yet that it is  
possible that she could live  
or might live several years but  
not probable - Bill is looking  
good.

Clarence & Linda haven't heard  
any ~~more~~<sup>thing</sup> from Clarence Brown  
yet - 12 weeks Wednesday.  
Mrs. Beck heard in a round about  
way from Allen C. Mr. Crawford's  
son wrote 7/2/44 that he had  
seen Clarence a few nights before in  
London & that he had been over  
about 3 weeks & was liking  
fine - so he wants in Invasion  
& may be being moved around so  
fast he can't write.

James Thrasher is home  
from South Pacific - has  
been in several engagements -  
so they say - I've not seen



him get. Our town is full of <sup>33</sup>  
soldiers & sailors all the  
time but we have no  
VSO - nor anything that  
looks like it. Ernest Brake  
~~was~~ is in - looks fine but all  
broken up for Ervin's death  
in France 7/7/44.

I am by - sit stop so  
this will go off today  
instead of tomorrow aft.

I love you - may  
God bless & keep you -  
my son

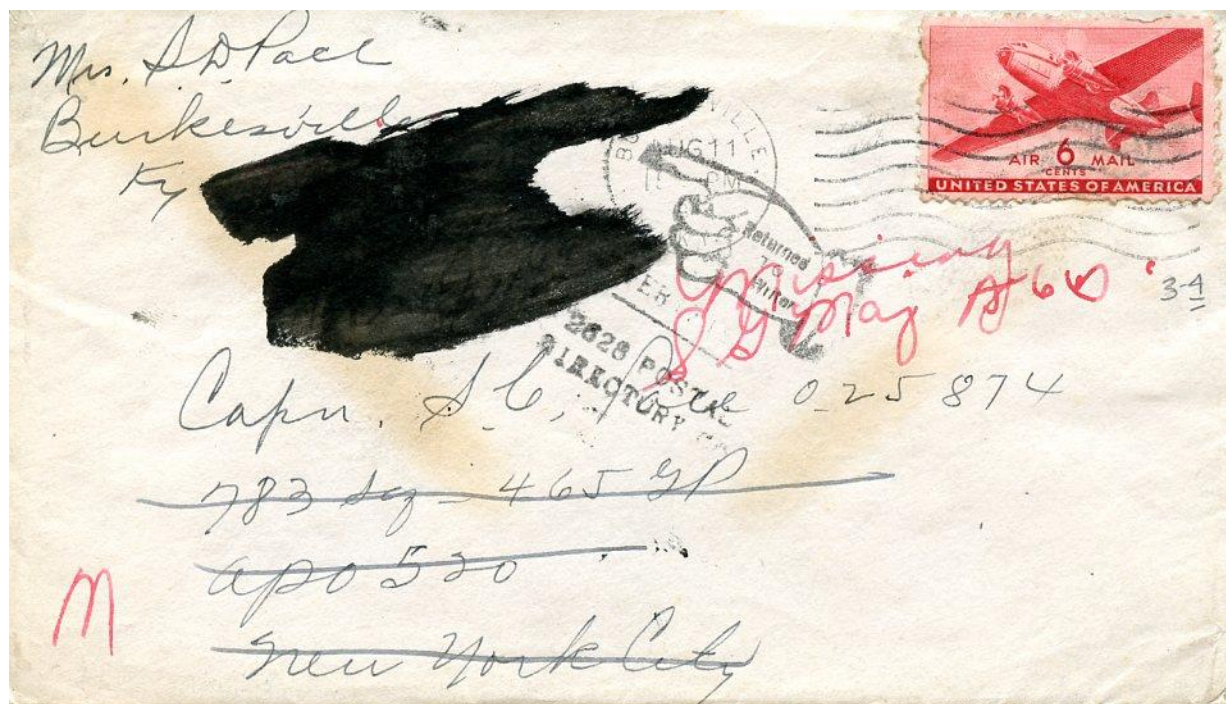
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~~to~~  
Eldon address  
Lt Pres. E. Allen  
780<sup>th</sup> M.P. Bn. Co<sup>th</sup> A  
APO 534  
N.Y. N.Y.

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8-14-44 4-1  
Monday 8:30 a.m.

Dear Son:— I'm beginning to  
feel like you will be home  
soon now as these days  
roll on — I will be so  
happy & thankful to hardly  
be able to contain myself —  
We are all well & fine —  
Imogene is doing good &  
so is Lorraine. I was in  
Jopkinsville an hour or  
so Sat & came back by  
Aunt Lacie & spent the  
rest of the day — They were  
very well — Aunt Lacie is  
terribly frail — hot weather  
is very hard on her. She



says she can hardly stand  
it without Mother. Miss  
her more all the time. Ben  
& Ricky & their two little  
girls came out & spent the  
aft. with us. They are a grand  
family — They were so  
anxious to hear about  
what you were doing &  
how you were & when  
you would be home. I  
hope you will get to see  
them when you are home on  
leave.

Papa is like Aunt Sallie —  
very frail looking but feeling  
pretty good —

Queen Ledman & I will  
go to Syracuse N.Y.



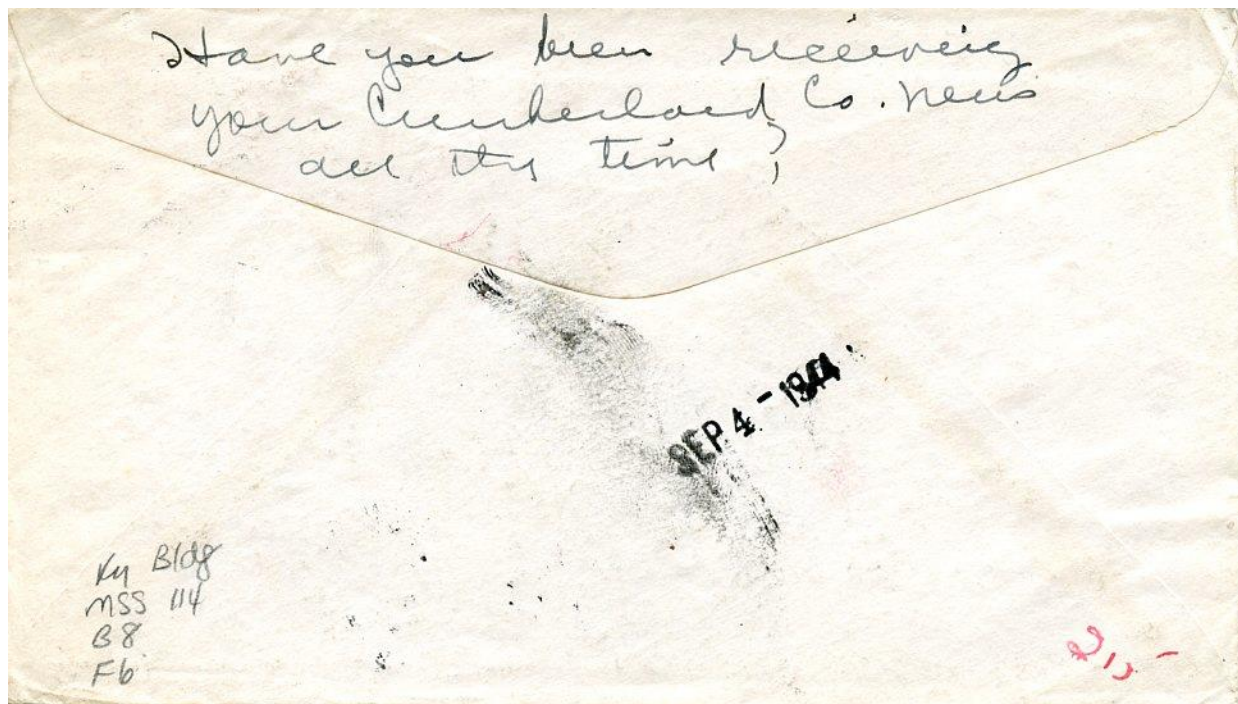
Thursday to see about getting<sup>4-2</sup>  
a heavy truck & trailer job &  
move our equipment around,  
we hats to go but I guess we  
will have to anyway. John  
Hays will probably go with  
us - he has been up there  
so much in the past year  
buying trucks, cars & trailers  
that we feel he would be  
good ~~in~~ help -  
We still not heard from  
Molly & I certainly can't  
understand it - his pulling  
is a case for her now,  
Clarence & Linda still  
haven't heard from Clarence  
Brown - 13 weeks - that's  
an awful long time - he  
may have been transferred



several times and just not  
had time to write - on the  
more all the time - nor  
has Sallie yet heard from  
Allen C. - Quisley is writing  
regularly he has been thru  
Rome & right on the most <sup>Sweet</sup>  
Florence. Stanley Helen  
Carter told me that Henry Clay  
was in Mediterranean Air Force  
15<sup>th</sup> Army - He was in Ground  
crew - but I've forgotten his  
duty - some kind of mechanic.

We had such a splendid  
rain Sat. night - Everything  
is just fresh & lovely today -  
It has simply saved our Crops  
thru in Cumberland Co & I expect  
all over the State  
Well, I'm hoping to see you soon.  
Love you more







8-17-4X 5-1

My dear Stanley:  
 Your letter is 3 days over  
 due - but from reading the  
 news I guess you've been  
 bombing the Krauts to death.  
 I'm just praying & believing  
 you are OK - I'm sure if everything  
 is still going good that your  
 missions are about up. Your  
 last letter I received, whether  
 July 31st you had 37 missions.  
 Today is 17<sup>th</sup> - maybe 6 more  
 making 43 or maybe 45 - if  
 that is true you ought to  
 be ready to come back by  
 first of Sept. - maybe cele-  
 brate your birthday in  
 the States - Wouldn't that



be surprised

I talked to Maely Monday -  
she was just enjoying her  
work immensely, says its like  
old home week - seeing so  
many Stevens girls - she will  
be home in a couple of ~~days~~ <sup>weeks</sup> -

I also got a letter from her on  
Tuesday. It encloses it ~~for you~~.  
I believe I wrote you that Jim  
Lea was in New Guinea - He  
says it isnt as bad as we hear.  
His hoping that is true. His also  
hoping this terrible thing will  
soon end.

Jim is over here today -  
taking depositions in <sup>con</sup> ~~con~~ <sup>St. Louis</sup>  
I thought as strange - the ~~strange~~  
boy who married Roy Nance's  
daughter is suing for a divorce, she  
wouldnt <sup>go</sup> live with him while he  
was in Court in U.S. - he says



because she was so in love<sup>5-2</sup>  
 with Gus Haines. Daddy was  
 always right concerned over  
 this case as Ray was one of his  
 best friends & Gus his worst  
 enemy - Jimmy is helping out  
 the wife & his afraid he will win  
 as the way I understand the  
 law - the strange boy condoned  
 all acts of her infidelity up to  
 the time he ~~was~~<sup>left for</sup> camp - if  
 he could prove anything ~~sure~~  
 then he'd have a case - otherwise  
 none. Pat & I are having lunch  
 with Jimmy & Geneva - Judge  
 Simpson is the host - Squirrels -  
 I just wish you were here to  
 help eat them. We have been  
 bringing up several from the  
 other farm. They are delicious  
 this year.



Circuit Court begins Monday -  
 Papa will be over - set he out  
 of town on Monday at London  
 Ky. to a Republican Meeting -  
 but will be home the rest of  
 the time -

I saw Cyrena this morning  
 & she said, <sup>she</sup> was going to stay  
 with me while you were here -  
 that sounded like good news  
 to me -

We didn't go to New York to  
 try for tracks - It is secured  
 hand & higher than a new one  
 would cost so we are trying  
 for another new one.

Stanley its looks like we  
 will build lots of roads after  
 the war - in hoping old  
 Cumberland beauty gets its  
 share - we will try to see  
 that it does.

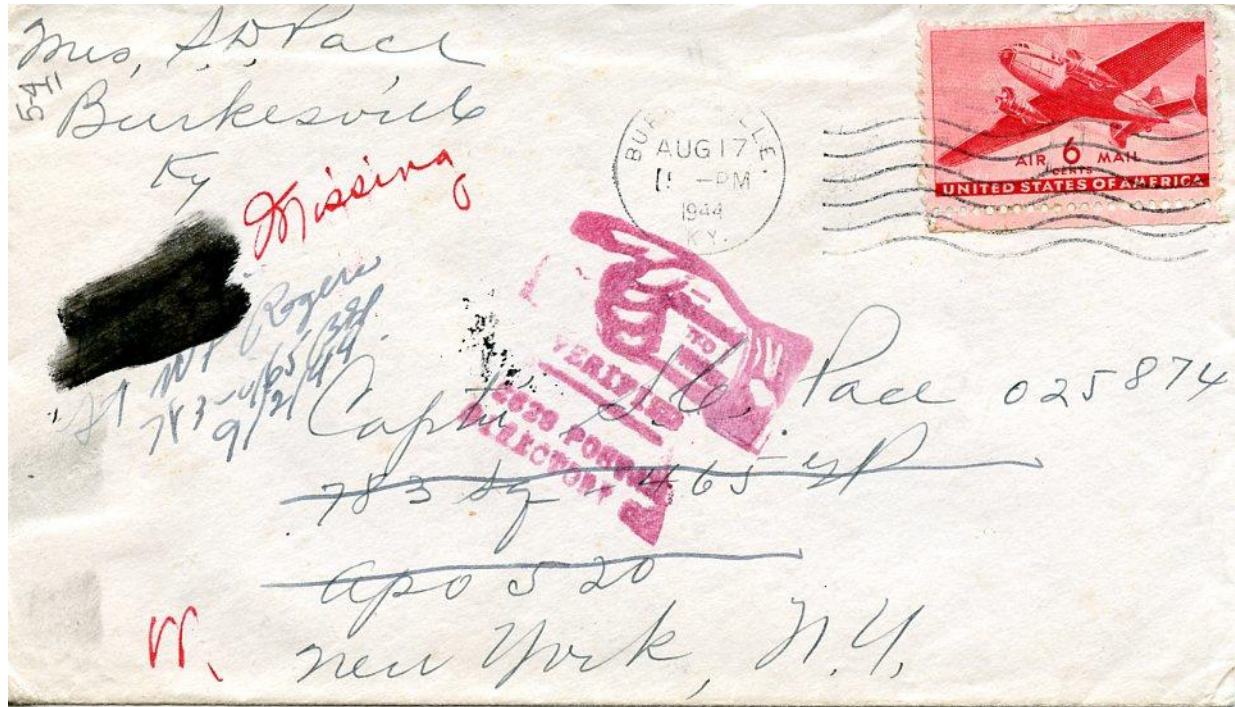


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Aunt Lavinia, as I wrote you  
 is in Durham, N.C. Watts  
 Hospital. She is doing very  
 well - on diet pills & fresh  
 fruits & fruit juices. Her head  
 has entirely quit aching and  
 she sleeps at night without  
 sedatives - This last is very  
 unusual as she has been  
 on dope for years. His really  
 believing she will get better.

Stanley is hoping to hear  
 soon that you are all -  
 Love you  
 Mom







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8-17-44

Dear Mom,

I'm in a German hospital recovering from burns on my hands + face received when baling out of the burning plane. As you can see, I'm unable to write but I'm in good shape + am improving steadily. Medical care + nursing is very good + the food is substantial. We have a wonderful nurse who keeps our spirits + morale very high, thank God.

Write Andrus that Elliott's + my crews are all O.K. Have him thank Di Gregorio

Do not worry about me because if the care continues as it has, I'll be well taken care of. The only thing we have to do now is sweat out the end of war with Germany. Don't expect too many letters, don't know how many I can write yet but don't imagine it will be very many. Love to all - Stanley



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**GEPRÜFT**  
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*Aug 17*

**Kriegsgefangenenpost**

**Mit Luftpost**  
**Par Avion**

28. 8. 44. 11-12

An Mrs. S. D. Pace  
Burkesville

Empfangsort: Kentucky  
Straße: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kreis: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land: U. S. A.  
Landesteil (Provinz usw.): \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. CENSOR  
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Gebührenfrei!

**Deutschland (Germany)**

Lager-Bezeichnung: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dulag Luft \_\_\_\_\_

Gefangenennummer: \_\_\_\_\_

Vor- und Zuname: Capt. Stanley C. Pace 0-25874

Absender: \_\_\_\_\_



Tuesday 7-1  
8-22-44

My dear Stanley Carter:- I was  
notified Friday that you were  
or are missing in action over  
Germany - today in writing  
you - in faith that you are  
<sup>alive</sup> ~~well~~ and "kicking" as you told  
me of Larry Lerane. I want you  
to keep your chin up - use all  
your ingenuity & God given  
intelligence to keep safe -  
I know you are too valuable  
a man to have <sup>made</sup> ~~paid~~ the  
'Supreme Sacrifice' for this  
world - the shape it is in.  
Bud had written his wife to  
tell me when I got in touch  
with her about you to tell  
~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> he had investigated the  
case & the other fliers said  
they watched you all bail  
out safely - I believe that



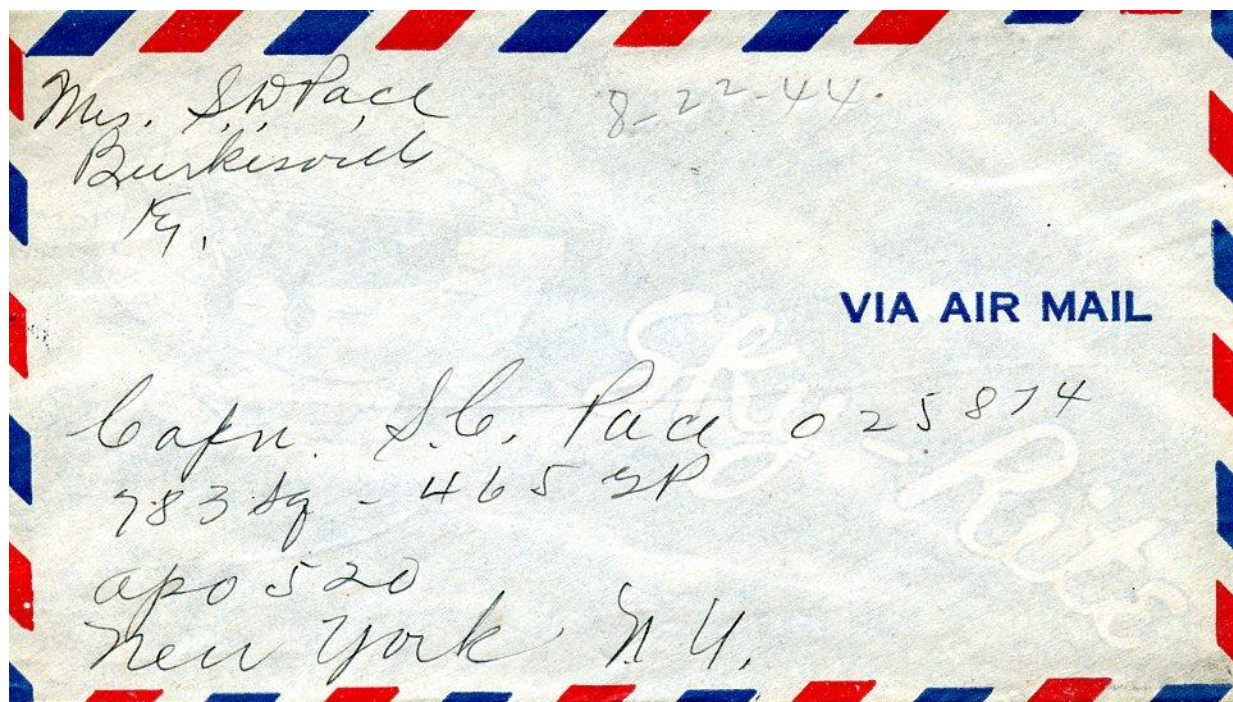
meant that you made a  
safe landing and I hope in  
a territory friendly to the allies -  
Of course in trusting that  
you are in Switzerland - tho  
I know you don't want to  
be interned for the duration  
yet. I'd rather you were  
there than a German Prisoner.  
tho the Red Cross claims that  
isn't at all bad.

Pat & Eve & Ah & I went for  
mail when we got this  
message - It struck me  
like a brick but she seized  
on the hope that it was  
missing <sup>immediately</sup> - You - you should  
be so happy over the place  
you hold in the hearts of  
the people in Bensenville.  
They all were so proud of it  
& when I talked to Annelle



and she told me what Bud<sup>72</sup>  
 had written - they rejoiced  
 aloud - Mr. Stearns - jaes people  
 broke down when he first heard  
 the news & people say  
 no one ever saw that happen  
 before. Son - you know & is  
 always known you were tops -  
 right down the alley with  
 your dad but I didn't  
 know every body there at  
 home thought it too - &  
 Glasgow - people calling &  
 happy over the last news &  
 sending me news, this boy &  
 that boy turning up - it  
 makes me so Thankful &  
 God for you! Please God  
 keep you safe for me —  
 I know







August 1944

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Official notice that Capt. Stanley Carter Pace, a bomber pilot based in Italy, was missing in action over Germany, was received August 12 by his mother, Pearl Carter Pace, Burkesville, Ky. Capt. Pace is a grandson of Circuit Judge J. C. Carter, Sr., of Tompkinsville.

Early this week, Mrs. Pace had a communication from a member of Capt. Pace's crew who was not on the disastrous mission August 3. This airman was in the hospital at the time, and talked with other crew members who participated in the mission. His communication states that Capt. Pace's crew was observed to bail out, and that their parachutes opened, and that they are encouraged to believe that all landed safely behind German lines.

Capt. Pace was recently awarded the Bronze Oakleaf Cluster "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." He wrote recently that he had completed his 37th combat mission.

Upon completion of one year of study at the University of Kentucky, Capt. Pace entered the United States Military Academy, graduating 20th in the class of over five hundred in 1943. There he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.



9-1-44 9-1

My dear Stanley Carter!

I'm wondering where you  
are this morning - hiding out  
in the forests & meadows - hiding  
~~an~~ <sup>your</sup> allied army base - if you  
are captured by the German  
or as I hope - in the care of  
some friendly family & on  
your way to Switzerland -  
of course I know you would  
hate to be interned in Switzer-  
land for the duration but  
I really (selfish!) could  
sleep well at nights - I'm  
praying that this is happening  
that way - Please be a  
careful boy - God keep  
you & keep you -



I have been hearing from  
Freda + Annette - also  
Euna Laura + Elanor - for  
just gotten Holland's  
wife's address + Jackson's  
mother's address + am  
writing them in a day or  
so -

Julia Luta + Schorling  
spent Wednesday night  
here - we all enjoyed them  
so much - Julia is really  
topis - she said Miss Sallis  
Rhoads (where Julia stayed  
when we went to see her last)  
was so concerned about  
you + hoping you were safe -  
It seems you made real  
a great hit with her -  
Octavia is some better



She is still in Watts <sup>9-2</sup>  
Hospital, Durham N.C. but  
will be home in about  
two weeks —

Papa & the boys are  
all well — Papa says if  
Stanley Carter got out at all he  
sure he will be back with  
lots of adventures & thrills  
to tell us —

Son — I love you & trust  
you are fine — I hope  
you are finding good things  
to eat & places to rest your  
head — I can't keep from  
thinking of your granddaddy  
Pace — captured & how  
he made out —  
Love you  
Mom



Mr. A. W. Pace 9-1-44  
Berksville  
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Capt. Stanley C Pace 025874  
783 Sq - 465 2nd  
apo 520  
New York



**Kriegsgefangenenlager** Datum Sept. 2, 1944

Dear Mom, I am about well now and should be out of the hospital in a week. I am lucky. There will be no scars on my face from the burns and little or no discoloration. Possibly I will have some scars on my hands. I have received excellent care here in the hospital. The only thing that we have to look forward to is the end of the war with Germany, and I certainly hope that it comes quick. I hope and trust that the company and farms are coming along fine. It will be nice to be home again for ~~me~~ in my spare time which is all my time, all I do is plan what I will do when I get home.

Love to all,  
Stanley

**Kriegsgefangenenpost** **Mit Luftpost** **Postkarte** **Par Avion** 10

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An Mrs. S. D. Pace 11. 9. 44. 11-12

Gebührenfrei!

**Absender:**  
Vor- und Zuname: Capt. Stanley C. Pace  
Gefangenenummer: 0-25874  
Lager-Bezeichnung: 10992 Dulag Luft  
U.S. CENSOR Deutschland (Allemagne)

**Empfangsort:** Burkesville  
Straße: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land: Kentucky, U.S.A.  
Landesteil (Provinz usw.)



Telegram Received December 23

Following enemy propaganda intercepted. Quote. " Captain Stanley C. Pace, O-25874, received 2nd degree burns of face, 2nd and 3rd degree burns on both hands." Unquote. This information does not establish his status as a prisoner of war. Further information received will follow.

Provost Marshall Lorch

Card Received from Stanley

Kriegsgefangenenlager

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Love to all,  
Stanley



9-79-44 12-1

My dear Bud:

I was so pleased to hear from <sup>you</sup> - your message to me thro Annette reached me at a time & pulled me right up out of depths when it was really needed & meant so much to me.

Now this helps me, too. Of course I'm so anxious & can hardly stand it - yet I'm doing my best to hold on & hold out.

I hear right often from Annette & yet I know it is hard on her - with her brother missing over France & concerned about you, too.

I do hope you will soon be up & out & coming home - are you doing OK?

I've heard from the family of all the boys but Strahan - the Copelands & the



boy who took Robinson's place.

If you could send me Strabans' serial no - & state & the name of the Co pilot with Stan that day & also who had taken Robinson's place, I feel like I could get in touch with them, too - I mean of course with their families,

We know that Bied & Joe & Holland & Brusenski are Prisoners of war - & are rejoicing with their families but my heart is heavy, too, but maybe our boys are evading capture - Say a prayer with us for them Bied - I feel your boys are nearer God than we earth bound creatures can ever be - I want to hear often & will let you know immediately when I hear - Love - Mrs. Pace





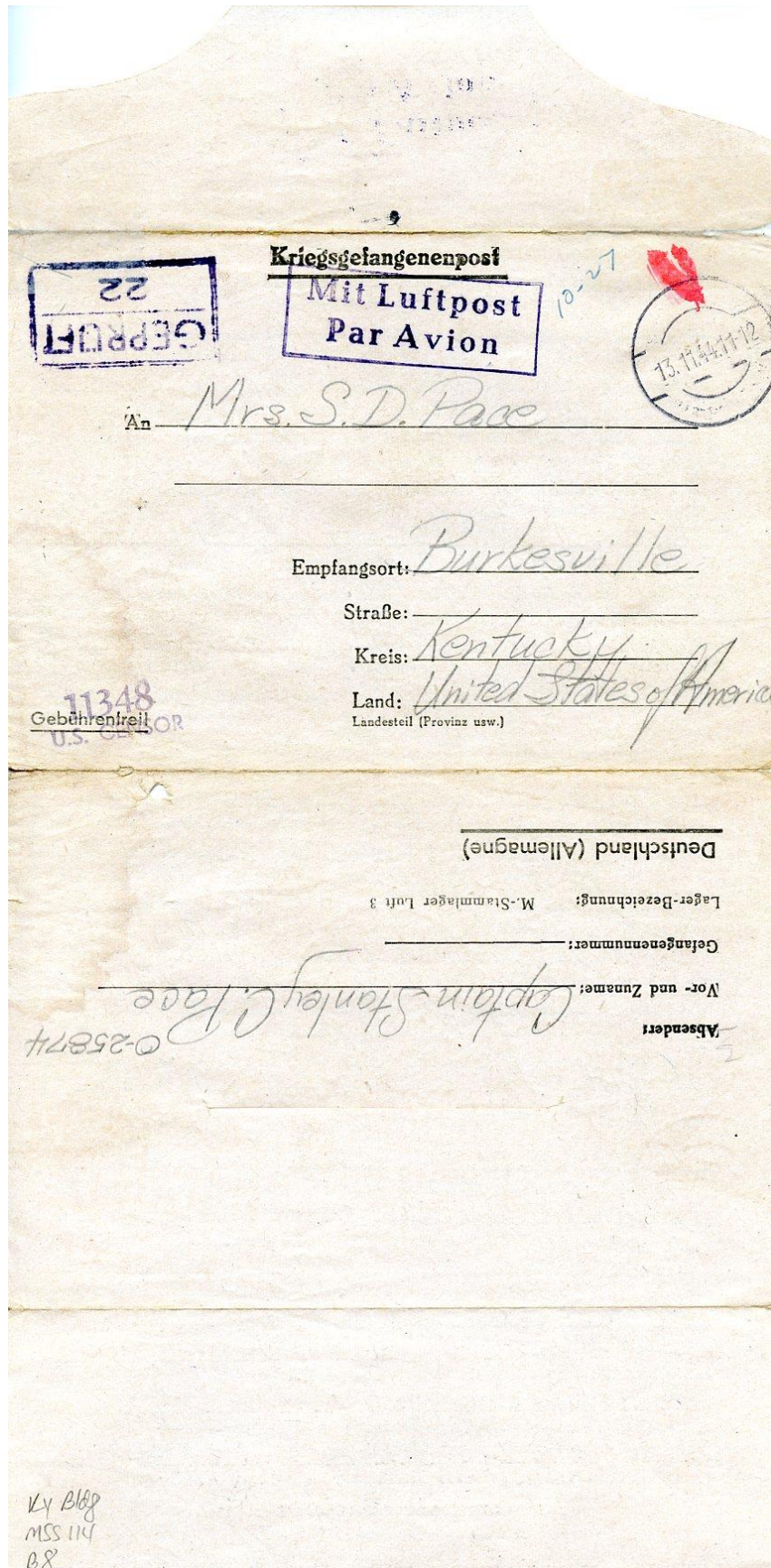


October 27, 1944

Dear Mom, I'm still in the hospital awaiting shipment to a camp. There is nothing wrong with me now, and everything is pretty good here. There are a few Americans here in the hospital, which makes things quite congenial. We have seven books here and we have read them all long ago, although some of the fellows are re-reading them. We don't have any playing cards, but there is a set of dominoes here, with which we play a game called "Moon" that a Texan taught us. It is played like cards. To kill time we have divided up into teams and play a continual tournament. However I am growing slightly tired of playing it. A few days after I wrote to you last we received one British Red Cross Package for all of us, that is all that we have received since I have been here. I wrote to the Red Cross in Geneva the middle of August and a couple of weeks <sup>ago</sup> they telegraphed us that they would send some packages. However the packages are as slow as my letter. The war will probably be over. I had rather have the end of the war than the packages. This being a PW is <sup>no</sup> fun, and I have already grown quite tired of it although you can sleep as much as you like. I have been going so fast the last four years that to come to a complete halt all at once is quite a change. I had lots rather be flying combat, or most anything. There is so much to say and so little to say that I don't know where to begin or finish. This letter seems to be a little on the gripe side, but don't worry, I am receiving excellent treatment. We can only wait until I can get home to go over it all. I would like to get a letter, but I don't expect it as a couple of the fellows have been here eight months and no letter yet. I don't even know if you are receiving my letters.

Love to all,  
Stanley







Sept. 30, 1944

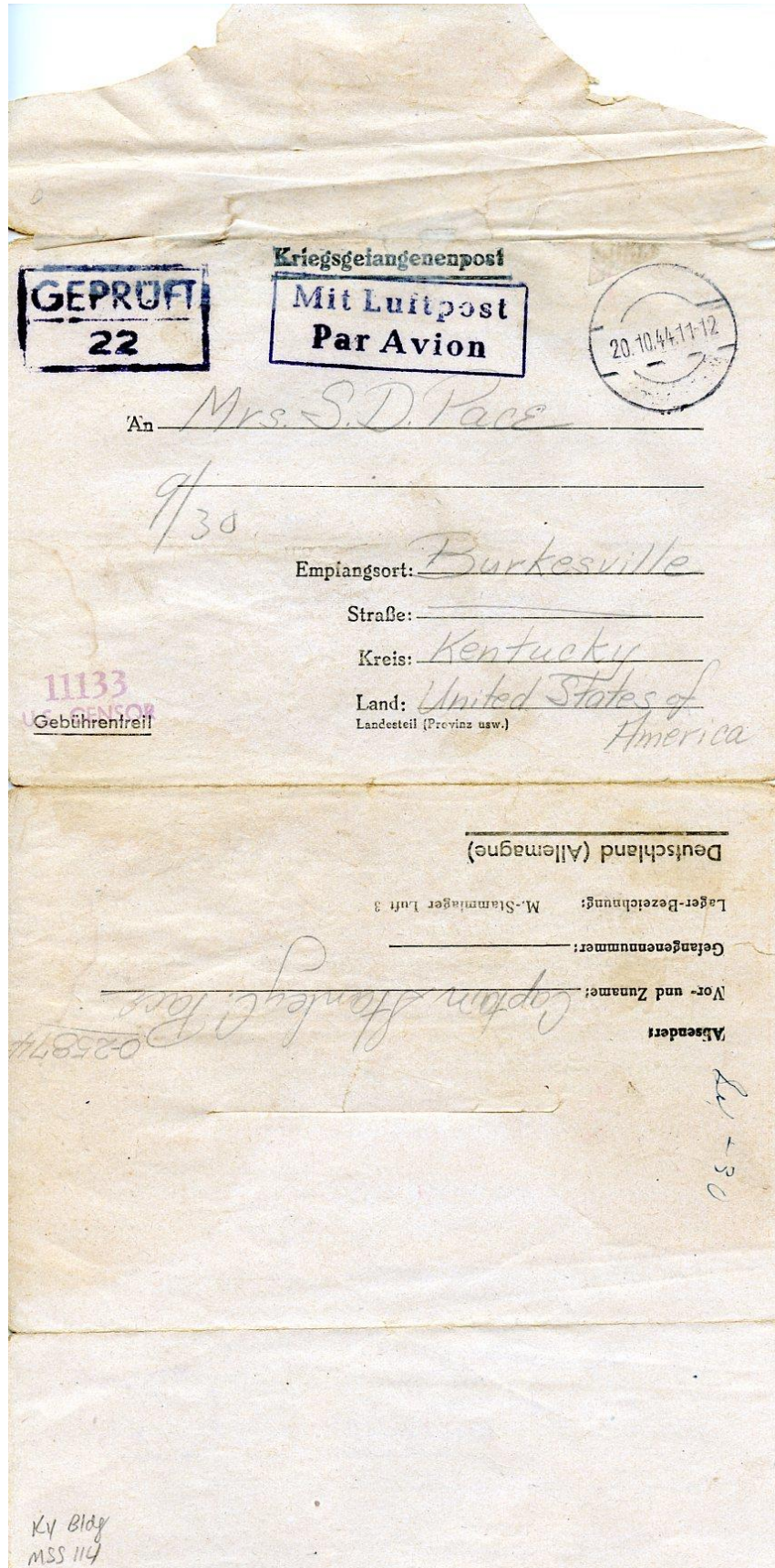
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Dear Mom, I'm still in the hospital waiting to be shipped to a prison camp. My burns have been healed for 3 weeks, but they have not taken me out of here. I have some little discoloration on my forehead and on my cheek bones <sup>just</sup> below my eyes. The back of my left hand and part of the back of my right hand is red scar tissue. Not bad however. I haven't received any Red Cross packages but I understand that I may when I get to the camp. The doctors and nurses have been exceedingly nice and good to me, especially the head nurse in our ward. She is tops. The food here is still good. Mostly potatoes and bread, but well prepared; then also there is nothing like hunger to make a meal taste good. We get plenty to eat however. This country here is very pretty and the people and their homes come closer to being like us and our homes than any that I have seen since I left the States. There are still some differences however.

The two great disadvantages in being a prisoner of war is the inactivity and the inability to learn what is going on in the world. If we had something to do and could get the news daily the life of a "Kriegsgefangene" (PW) wouldn't be half bad. You ought to hear the pigeon German with which we carry on conversations with these people. It is surprising how well you can understand them and get across to them what you mean. Pardon me if I don't make paragraphs but the space is decidedly limited. As you know I have had another birthday and now have the grand old age of 23. Pat is 25 and Molly is 20. How time does roll on! I hope beyond hope that Churchill was right when he said that the war would be over this year. I do not look forward to spending a year over here. Tell everybody hello and that I am well and Ok. I sure would like to see all the folks. Take care of yourself and don't overwork. There are a million questions that I would like to ask but as I don't know when if ever I would get the answers, I won't ask them. In case you didn't get my first letter, the crew all got out okay. They are all in a camp. Bud wasn't flying with me. It looks like I'm at the end of the paper. Give my love to all and I am anxiously waiting for the War to end.

Love,  
Stanley







October 27, 1944

Dear Mom,

I'm still in the hospital awaiting shipment to a camp. There is nothing wrong with me now, and everything is pretty good here. There are a few Americans here in the hospital, which makes things quite congenial. We have seven books here and we have read them all long ago, although some of the fellows are re-reading them. We don't have any playing cards, but there is a set of dominoes here with which we play a game called "Moon" that a Texan taught us. It is played like cards. To kill time we have divided up into teams, and play a continual tournament. However, I am growing slightly tired of playing it. A few days after I wrote to you last we received one British Red Cross Package for all of us. That is all that we have received since I have been here. I wrote to the Red Cross in Geneva the middle of August, and a couple of weeks ago they telegraphed us that they would send some packages. However, if the packages are as slow as my letter, the war will probably be over. I had rather have the end of the war than the packages. This being a P. is no fun, and I have already grown quite tired of it, although you can sleep as much as you like. I have been going so fast the last four years that to come to a complete halt all at once is quite a change. I had lots rather be flying combat, or most anything. There is so much to say and so little to say that I don't know where to begin or finish. This letter seems to be a little on the gripe side, but don't worry, I am receiving excellent treatment. We can only wait until I can get home to go over it all. I would like to get a letter, but I don't expect it as a couple of the fellows have been here eight months and no letter yet. I don't even know if you are receiving my letters.

Love to all,

Stanley



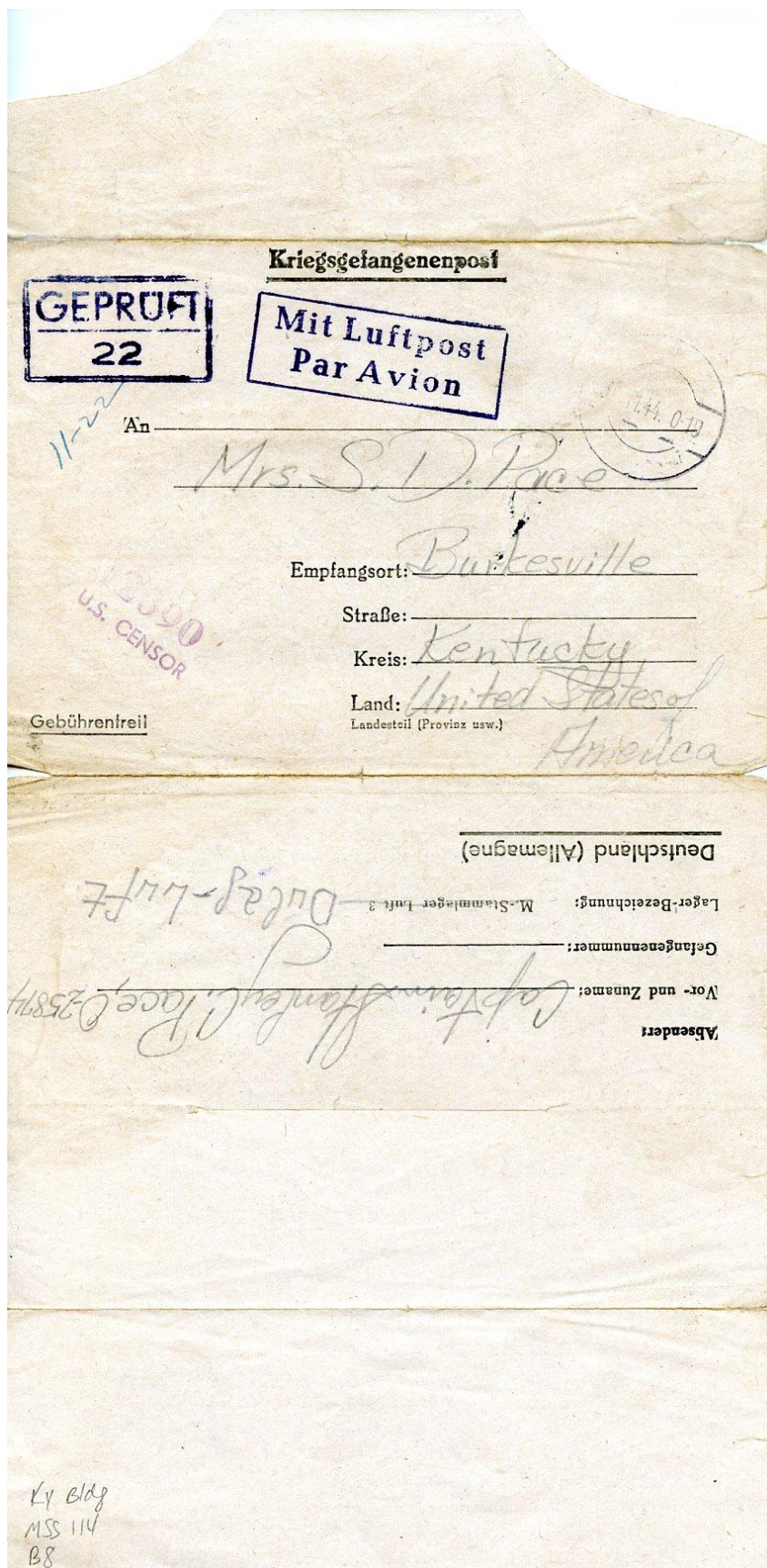
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Dear Mom, To-morrow is Thanksgiving  
and we have had our first snow.  
As yet it hasn't been too cold  
here but I expect it to be a very  
cold winter. As you can probably  
see I am still in the hospital,  
but don't be the least worried,  
I am not deceiving you, my  
health is perfect and I have  
gained the weight that I  
lost in combat. As to why I  
am still here I do not know.  
Before I forget it, we have received  
plenty of both American and  
British Red Cross packages. The  
food, cigarettes, and candy from  
them are very tasty. Due to

the efforts of an Englishman  
in a nearby camp, we have  
both books and playing  
cards. Conditions have been  
improving but you could  
almost say that I am looking  
forward to the end of the War.

Love to all,  
Stanley







Dec. 29-1944<sup>17H</sup>

My dearest Son:

I received your card written  
Sept 2nd - on Christmas day.

You may be sure that that  
made this Christmas 1944 the  
greatest Christmas in any  
of our lives. It was the  
first word we had received  
concerning you tho we  
knew you were here  
and doing A.O.

I am sure by now that  
you are having a wonderful  
~~reunion~~ with Bill, Joe,  
John, Dick & Larry Crane that  
I know of besides a lot more  
that you know.



I am so ~~proves~~ glad that  
 you received good treatment -  
 excellent - I believe you said -  
 while in the Hospital - the  
 Germans have always been  
 known for their <sup>medical</sup> knowledge  
 & skill & I'm certainly glad  
~~that~~ and that your scars  
 will be very minor if any;  
 I've written all the folks  
 that I've heard from you &  
 they are rejoicing with me.  
 Mrs. Eicher, Dick's mother, was  
 the last I talked to & she  
 had just gotten Dick's card  
 written Aug 26 on Dec. 23rd,  
 & then on 25<sup>th</sup> I got mine  
 from you written Sept 2nd,  
 Emma Laura was here



with us + when she got <sup>11/2</sup>  
home Tuesday night she  
called to tell us she had heard  
too.

Papa had been right sick but  
~~get~~ is up + out now. Mally  
is really enjoying her  
work at University of Louisville -  
will go back on Sunday  
for next semester's work.

Pat + I drove to see Bud  
Shelton at Nashville a week  
ago Monday. He was  
looking good but still  
making the rounds of the  
Hospital. He said "Hospital  
Fatigue" was worse than  
"Combat Fatigue" -

I will be sending you "Tobacco"



etc as soon as I get your  
address from War Dept - ~~to~~  
I am just taking a chance  
on this letter as I noticed  
in Prisoner of War Bulletin  
that I could write you &  
send in care of International  
Red Cross directory service  
Geneva, Switzerland. This  
<sup>Bulletin</sup> just came in in mail & so  
I sat down to write you  
a few lines -  
Every body sends their  
love & messages that they  
are happy & thankful to God  
that you are safe - (Boy, old  
Cumberland Co - Barrens Co &  
Morgan ~~and~~ seems really fond of you)  
Your mother  
Mrs S. D. Pace

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Saturday  
Dec 30 1944  
Dec

18-1

My dear son;

Again I am sending you  
a note, not knowing for  
sure if you will get it  
or not but hoping that  
by following Red Cross direc-  
tions you will receive it.

Junior Harlan is going  
home from Ivar vacation  
tomorrow - he said to tell  
you if you had had a  
bet up this year, you'd be  
wearing his Annapolis Bath  
Robe - Army was unbeaten  
this year? His enclosing a  
clipping from Courier Journal  
that has been saving to read



you know as I knew your  
address. Army or Navy.  
Jim Lea is still in New Guinea -  
looks rather thin in his last  
picture but is well.  
Doc has gone off with such  
load of tobacco this morning.  
He sold 3500# yesterday for \$43¢  
it is about the poorest he has.  
Uncle Schooling left this morning  
for Bowling Green, he is going to  
work in Tobacco mkt this winter  
& I don't know what next year - I  
isn't able to work on farm - I  
hate to give him up but don't  
want him to support him self.  
Court, Co isn't doing anything  
now as our road jobs are closed  
down for winter. Creeked along  
has completed its plant in Douphnum  
& has contracts for 16000 tons  
of stone & a bid in on 4000 more tons  
to deliver in next 4 months



then beginning in January 1872  
 will set up a ~~gas~~ crushing outfit  
 in Adair County - have a contract  
 for around 20000 tons there next  
 spring. We have extended our-  
 selves somewhat but if we can  
 keep going until War is over, we  
 ought to be in awful good  
 position to make some money.  
 The grand children are well,  
 Little Doc is the "man of the hour"  
 at Pauline's as John Robert is  
 away for a few days - Paul  
 is a great big sweet - & a bad  
 youngster & Becky is a darling -  
 just a dainty sweet little girl.  
 Paw has been operated on for an  
 obstruction - adhesions & is doing  
 fine, this is her third week &  
 she is grand -  
 all the rest are well, too -



The others are fine - Miss Maggie  
good - Clarence Brown is working  
in Hospital caring for injured  
German Prisoners. John Paul  
is going into Infantry soon.  
## Everything here is so normal  
it is hard to believe we are at  
War - only the parents - wives  
& close friends know or think  
they know.  
Clarence Stearns has sold his  
store - rather the business & is  
has Leonard Thrasher to Guy Corner  
of Nashville Tenn & he (Guy)  
will cut a wide arch between  
the two buildings, making them  
one - spending \$5000 on each  
building & putting Clarence in as  
Manager.  
Stanley, let me know what you need  
most - God has been so good to us - his  
grateful & thankful - I love you now

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Tuesday 1-9-48-

19-1

My dear Stanley:

I was made very happy again yesterday am & received your letter of Aug 17<sup>th</sup> stating you were doing fine & that your Mrs. were excellent & nurses grand as nurses & an morale builders too - I'm glad?

We are all well - Harla is putting the boys & Rebecca to bed - Pat & Doc & Rasty Shannon (Home for first furlough in 2 years) went to Louisville this morning - will be back in a day or so.

Stan - the whole town rejoiced & was so happy when we heard from you & still are so interested in hearing all the news from you.



we are reading all the <sup>Red Cross</sup> letters  
from Prisoners, I was in Prisoners  
of War Bulletins & learning a lot  
about the air Prison Camps where  
you boys are staying - about the  
University training you can get in  
most any course that you want  
& most any University in Germany &  
later in USA - I want to hear  
from you as often as possible & I  
will have your labels soon so  
that I may send you tobacco -  
foods - candy - shaving cream  
or what do you need? -

Let us hear as often as you  
can - I love you & pray  
that you get along fine & can  
make the best of everything -  
Morn.

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Louisville, Ky. <sup>192</sup>  
Jan. 13 - 1945

Captn Stanley C. Pace

My dear Son:

I'm still in St. Anthony's Hospital with Father. He is much better and I believe will be able to go home in another week. He has been sick for eight weeks - not seriously but just run down and ~~is~~ has gotten anaemic & very weak. He had a transfusion yesterday and is much stronger and feeling better this morning. Jimmy & I have been up all week & Vivian & she are coming up today to relieve us. He has a splendid nurse and likes her very much.

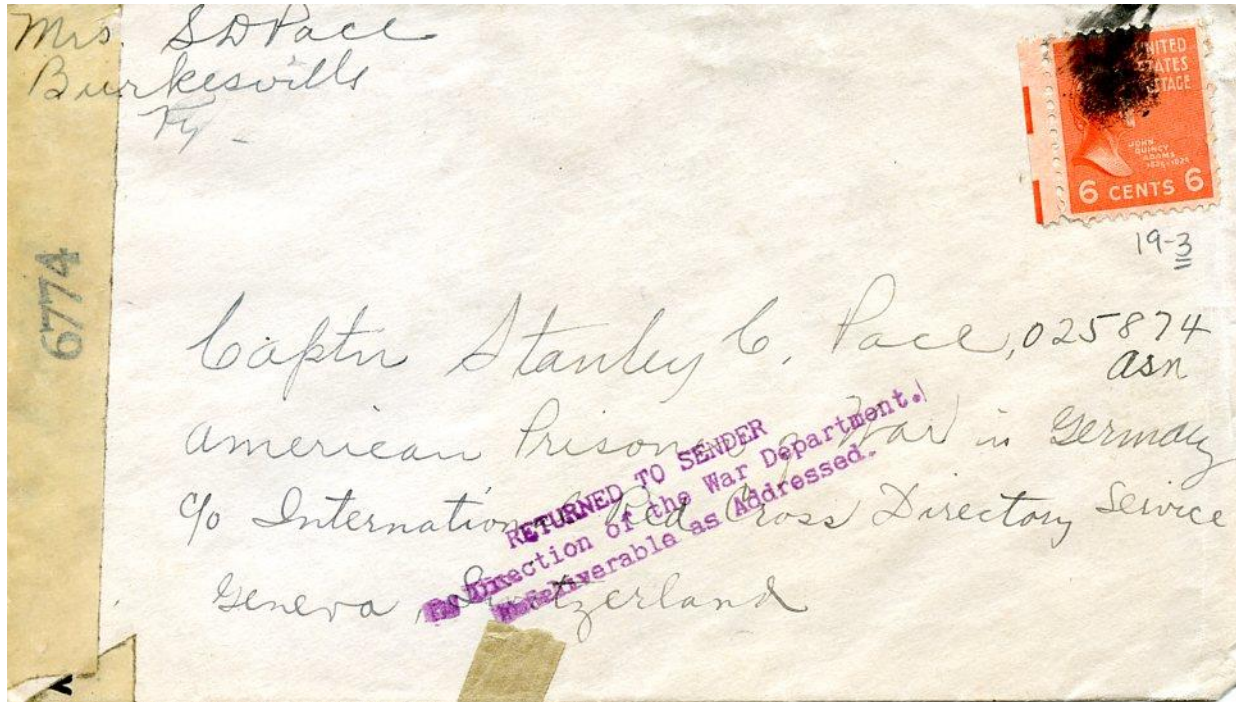


Emmal got your Card written  
 Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> & you are still in  
 Hospital waiting to be sent to  
 Prison Camp. I expect it will  
 be Stalag Luft I or Stalag Luft III,  
 all your crew except you & Allen  
 are in Luft III - I don't know  
 where you are or which camp you  
 are in but Allen is in Luft I.  
 Larry Crane is in Luft III - was  
 he in your Squadron?

Have had 3 letters from  
 Col. Andrews & one from Gen.  
 Twining - 3 from Knauer. They  
 certainly are tops in my opinion,  
 Who is di Gregoria?

Bud & Annette are OK. They  
 sent me pictures of Old Rough & Ready -  
 especially this Ready. Bud is in  
 Miami now - Write me - I'm  
 Thanking God for your safety everyday -  
 Love you - Mom.







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2-13-48

My dear Stanley:- I received  
your letter of Sept. 30 - today.  
Rather late - much later  
than the others but I  
was very happy to get  
it and know you were  
allright even there. I'm  
hoping to get your dec-  
letter soon. I hope you  
are able to get some news.  
I notice in POW Bulletin  
that the camps are allowed  
to have radios. I wish  
you all in the hospital  
were allowed one. It would  
be a great help to you.

Little Doc & Big Doc have  
had their tonsils out.

Little Doc is OK - but Big  
Doc is feeling pretty tough.  
Saw Maely last night at  
the Lincoln Day Banquet.  
She was looking good.

Papa is home and  
feeling pretty good. The  
rest are grand. James Charles  
still well & working in  
Phoenix. Leslie is in  
souglas. Jack is [redacted]  
and Keith San Diego.

CONTINUE ON TOP PANEL OVERLEAF



TOP PANEL

Rasty in Maryland, Ralph  
Ronde in California on a  
surlough - I hope he comes  
home. I wrote him about  
you being a POW - He was  
terribly cut up when we didn't  
hear you so long - I mailed  
you (R.D. Reynolds) 6 pkgs of  
Carnets the month -  
and keep you - mom

Mrs Stanley C. Pace  
Baltimore  
Maryland

FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)

PRISONER OF WAR POST  
KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST  
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

BY AIR MAIL  
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RANK AND NAME  
(CAPITAL LETTERS)

Capt'n Stanley C. Pace

UNITED STATES PRISONER OF WAR.

PRISONER OF WAR No.  
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

CAMP NAME AND No.

Stalag Luft III

SUBSIDIARY CAMP No.

Returned to Sender  
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COUNTRY

Germany

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Dear Stanley: 3-9-45

I am beginning to get  
mighty anxious to hear  
from you by letter and I'll  
bet you would like to  
get some from us - I'm  
beginning to believe you  
have never had a line  
from us yet - I've written  
nearly every day & have  
only been allowed to  
send you one package  
& 6 cartons of cigarettes  
as we only got your ad-  
dress in February & I'm  
sure you were in  
Stalag Luft I then rather  
than Stalag Luft Hospital  
I'm praying this war  
will soon be over - God  
can stop it & I'm hoping  
His People who are called by  
His Name will turn to God  
repent of their sins & pray &  
He will heal their land.

Spring is just around the  
corner here. Sun is shining  
so beautifully & blue grass  
is spreading its green  
carpet over the bare spots  
& the birds are really singing.

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**TOP PANEL**

Pace asked me the other day "What  
are the birds laughing about,  
Ma Pearl?" - The children  
have all had the flu but  
are much better now tho  
pale. Ohio River is flooding  
everything. Maddy had to  
come home as the of Louisiana  
is closed on acct. of flood -  
we've had no paper this week -  
God love you & keep you &  
bring you back safe -  
mom

USA  
Mrs. J. S. Pace  
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**FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)**

**PRISONER OF WAR POST**  
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**SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE**

**BY AIR MAIL**  
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**RANK AND NAME** Capt. Stanley C. Pace  
(CAPITAL LETTERS) **UNITED STATES PRISONER OF WAR.**

**PRISONER OF WAR No.**  
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

**CAMP NAME AND No.** Stalag Luft I

**SUBSIDIARY CAMP No.**

**11340** **COUNTRY** Germany  
**U.S. CENSOR**

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3-16-45

My dear Son: I was so  
happy today to get your  
card. It was written 12-12-44  
3 months + 4 days ago

He has  
I all been so happy and  
about & thankful to God for  
his love and mercy in car-  
ing for you. I had a letter  
from Lt. Kraus who has  
been exchanged & who was  
with you in Hospital in  
Germany. He spoke so  
highly of you - & told me  
how well you & all the  
boys are treated that it too  
made me very happy. If  
only this war could be  
over - ~~and~~ ~~and~~ and you  
be back home again & peace  
in the world. it would be  
heaven for us all.

Min Beulah's mother  
is & he buried this aft. She  
has been real sick for  
quite a long time - & suffers  
that.

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**TOP PANEL**

Just back from the funeral  
quite a crowd. Everybody loves  
Berlah so + also her mother.  
It is a beautiful day -  
warm + sunshiny + much  
wind blowing. I expect  
it will blow up a rain.  
Stanley - his praying for War  
+ end - soon - Peace God -  
mom

FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)

Mrs. Stanley S. Pace  
Franklin  
Franklin

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**AFFIX POSTAGE**

**RANK AND NAME** (CAPITAL LETTERS) *Capt. Stanley S. Pace*

**PRISONER OF WAR NO.** (SEE NOTE ON FLAG) *625874*

**CAMP NAME AND NO.** *Stalag Luft III*

**SUBSIDIARY CAMP NO.** *Stalag Luft I*

**11340 COUNTRY** *Germany*

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Monday

3-19-45

Dear Stanley Carter:

We are all well - just had  
a letter from Elaine and  
she is so concerned  
about you - when you are etc.  
She is very deep in love  
with you it seems.

9:40 -

Well, just back from  
Church - a Frenchman  
missionary to foreign speaking  
people & Jimmie spoke tonight.  
He was very interesting - spoke  
with very little accent.

Stan - Lt. Lee Dunn Crabtree  
from Akersville in Monroe  
County, a nephew of Kit  
Crabtree is in St. Louis but also  
an Allen from Bowling Green  
who married a daughter of  
Hessie. Drivers of Akersville  
is there. Also "Scotty" a  
boy who married a niece of  
Mr. Richardson Editor of  
"The Times" in Glasgow + grand-  
daughter of Mrs. J. M. Richardson  
the florist there. Lt. Robert  
L. Kent Jr. from Harlan Ky  
was with [redacted]  
Mr. Cullen is with [redacted]

CONTINUE ON TOP PANEL

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**TOP PANEL**

Little Doc & Pace are taking  
this place ~~th~~ tonight. (10:20 PM)  
& they have slipped up into  
bathroom. Pat called to them to go  
to bed. Little Doc said "We are  
in bed". Pat said I know you are  
not. Little Doc said "Where are  
we". Pat said "Bath tub".  
Those kids nearly died - that  
is where they were. Then Little  
Doc said "Where are we now,  
Mom? In the soap dish?" -  
God bless you & keep you safe  
& bring you home soon -  
Love you  
mom

**FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)**

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**RANK AND NAME (CAPITAL LETTERS)** Capt. Stanley C. Pace **UNITED STATES PRISONER OF WAR.**

**PRISONER OF WAR No. (SEE NOTE ON FLAP)** 025874

**CAMP NAME AND No.** Stalag Luft 4

**SUBSIDIARY CAMP No.**

**COUNTRY** Germany

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3-28-45

My dear Stanley:

I wrote you about hearing from Lt. Kraus - he told me you all were in Hospital together & that you were fine. I am so happy over it. I'm mailing you today the second package. It seems I should have sent you more but that is all the labels I have received from War Dept. I talked to two other Exchanged POW who were based at Stalag Luft I - Lt Fisher & Shores and they spoke very highly of this Camp and your treatment there.

It made me feel better but I feel bad too when I go to eat and realize you are not with us at home.

I do hope you are well and feeling good & have not had many colds this past disagreeable winter. All are well.

Papa sends his love -

Write me as often as you

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**TOP PANEL**

Can - I have you gotten  
any of the Cigarettes  
or my Cablegram the Red  
Cross sent for me on  
mch. 13-? We are  
praying the war will  
soon be over + Peace  
on earth again -  
God keep you + strengthen  
you - mom

*N. A.*  
*Stalag Luft III*  
*Stalag Luft I*  
*Germany*

**FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)**  
Mrs. J. D. Pace

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**UNITED STATES PRISONER OF WAR.**

**PRISONER OF WAR No. (SEE NOTE ON FLAP)**

**CAMP NAME AND No.** Stalag Luft III

**SUBSIDIARY CAMP No.** Stalag Luft I

**COUNTRY** Germany

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Monday, April 9 1945

Dear Stanley Carter:

I still have not received any mail from you since you were transferred to Stalag Luft 1. I will be so glad and happy when I can hear from you regularly. I will be still happier when this war is over and you are back home again. Molly came home Friday for a week end stay with us. Leslie was home- he expects a little more training yet. He looks well and as you know he is still my favorite of the three although he is a wild one. Jack is in [redacted] he has been wounded- is doing O.K. Allen C. is in Nashville. Sallie is very happy. I had my letter from Lt. Krays returned to me for incorrect address. I can't understand that as I copied it exactly. Stanley there is a boy in your camp from over home. Lt. Lee Dunn Crabtree. Also an Allen boy from Bowling Green who married a Drive girl that was Dessie Driver's daughter- a boy distant cousin of mine and old school mate too. Also Stanley your assistant is there too. Or was last fall. Tell Crabtree that his uncle Huss is weighing stone for us in Monroe County- working for the State. Ledman said to tell you to come on home he certainly could use you. And could I. Spring is really here- a sharp tang in the air-but the sun is bright and warm - the redbud in full rosy bloom- wild plum, dogwood white snow drifts through the woods. Wisteria climbing all through pink blooming dogwood is beautiful to behold- with lavender violets makin a carpet underneath. Stan I do hope that you have received our cablegram that we have heard from you and are well- and also that you are receiving Red Cross packages and also our packages that we have been sending you. We have only had labels for two- it is almost time for more. Tim Lea is now in charge of Field Hospital- Company Commander for a little while- Area down there is very hot. Our Quarries are going full blast but the one in Adair is small and full blast for it is not very Big Blast. We got two more Road Jobs- Building Bow School House Road- Remember how much Dad wanted to build it? Also surfacing 43 miles in Casey- Marion Counties- Lebanon- Liberty Road- Liberty-Jamestown And Liberty- Danville. We hope we have a good year- Hope you can help us finish some of them. Stan we found your picture in Prisoner of War Bulletin at Dulag Transit Camp- in Mess Hall. It real picked me up. Papa is much better- if you have gotten any of my letters you know he was in Hospital a month and very ill for two. He held this court over here and the one in Monroe. Looks well. Farming looks good. We gave Jimmy and Jim Newman an option to sell our Hill Farm- nice profit. We could make at least \$20000.00 if we held it but feel we will just let them do it and as it looks like Doc will soon be in the army.

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**TOP PANEL**

The boys are grand and the little girl is  
a dohl if ever I saw one.

Aunt Tovia is better- The Edens are fine- and Miss  
Beulah's mother diex last wek-. She is all by herse  
Charlie Keen is running for Sheriff- So is Mann  
Groce- so you can't ever tell what will happen.  
J.C. Jr. is making the race for Circuit Judge-  
looks like he won't have any opposition. I hope not  
but that seems to beod to be true.

Write me as often as you can. I love you and hope y  
you will soon be out- God keep you and bring you hom  
soon.

*Mom*

U.S.A.  
KENTUCKY  
BURKESVILLE  
MRS. STANLEY D. PACE

**FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)**

**PRISONER OF WAR POST**  
**KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST**  
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE  
BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

asn 0 25874  
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**RANK AND NAME** CAPT. STANLEY CARTER PACE  
(CAPITAL LETTERS) UNITED STATES PRISONER OF WAR.

**PRISONER OF WAR No.**  
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

**CAMP NAME AND No.** STALAG LUFT 3

**SUBSIDIARY CAMP No.** STALAG LUFT 1

**COUNTRY** Germany

**VIA NEW YORK, N. Y.**

**IMPORTANT:** FOR PRISONERS IN GERMAN HANDS THE PRISONER OF WAR NUMBER SHOULD  
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W. D., P. M., G. FORM No. 111



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WRITE VERY CLEARLY WITHIN THE LINES. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE  
CENSORSHIP, LETTERS SHOULD BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN BLOCK CAPITALS.

Tuesday April 17 1945

DEAR STANLEY CARTER: I STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU SINCE  
YOU WERE TRANSFERRED TO LUFT 1\* BUT I KEEP ON WRITING JUST THE  
SAME, HOPING THAT YOU ARE HEARING FROM ME AT LONG LAST. I DO  
HOPE THAT YOU RECEIVED THE CABLEGRAM THAT THE RED CROSS SENT  
OR ALLOWED ME TO SEND. I HOPE YOU CAN TELL ME WHEN YOU WERE  
TRANSFERRED TO THIS CAMP. I'M THINKING THAT IT WAS AROUND  
DEC. 20)TH BUT OF COURSE I DO NOT KNOW. I HEAR FROM THE BOY'S W  
WIVES AND THAT HELPS US ALL BUT WE ARE CERTAINLY WANTING TO HEAR  
FROM YOU ALL. I WONDER IF YOU HAVE HEARD OF OUR PRESIDENT'S  
DEATH. IT WAS A TERRIBLE SHOCK TO ALL. TRUMAN WILL DO THE VERY  
BEST POSSIBLE AND WE FEEL THAT WE ALL SHOULD AND WILL GIVE HIM E  
EVERY SUPPORT POSSIBLE. WE ARE HOPING AND PRAYING THAT THIS  
WAR WILL SOON BE OVER. WE WANT OUR BOYS AT HOME\*SAFE AND SOUND  
BUD IS STILL IN ST. PETERSBURG AND DOING FINE. HE THINKS THAT  
HE WILL GET TO FLY AGAIN AND IS THRILLED TO DEATH. ALLEN C. IS ME  
AND ABOUT THE HAPPIEST BOY ALIVE. HE HAS SHRAPNEL IN HIS FOOT  
AND SUFFERS QUITE A BIT BUT OTHERWISE IS GRAND. UNCLE TIM IS  
IN FIELD HOSPITAL SOMEWHERE IN S.P. KEITH IS ALSO. BILL  
EDENS IS RECOVERING FROM SLIGHT WOUNDS THERE ALSO. TOM LAWHORN  
IS ON WAY HOME\* SAME REASON. MITCHEL IS IN USA RECOVERING  
TRENCH FOOT. SAM EDMONSON IS HOME\*LOOKS GRAND AND IS GRAND.  
RALPH IS STILL WITH ALLEN WAGGONER IN WHOLESALE HOUSE. RAY BROWN  
STILL HERE AND WILL BE WHEN THE WAR IS OVER. DOC IS IN IX 1A.  
GUESS WE HAVE SOLD THE HILL FARM\* TO JIMMIE AND H.H. NEWMAN.  
GOOD PRICE. RAISING A LOT OF HOSS DOWN THERE AND HAVE A NEW  
HOUSE PATTERN BOUGHT TO BUILD A SMALL TENANT HOUSE FOR FARM.  
JOHN ROBERT FELL IN UNLOADING HAY AND BROKE TWO OF HIS RIBS  
NEXT TO HIS BACK BONE. IS DOING PRETTY GOOD. PAT'S BABIES  
ARE WONDERFUL. DOC IS ABSOLUTELY THE SMARTEST THING ON WHEELS\*  
STANLEY PACE IS NO SLOUCH BUT SO MUCH SLOWER THAN DOC. HE IS  
REALLY BIGGER AND BROADER AND BETTER BUILT THAN DOC. UNCLE  
JIM LEWIS SAID "I DECLARE PACE, I REALLY BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE  
THE BEST LOOKING BOY I EVER SAW IN MY LIFE". LITTLE DOC KINDA  
SWELLED UP AND SAID. "UNCLE JIM, WHY IN THE HELL CANT YOU  
SAY SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT ME?" UNCLE JIM SAID. "WELL DOC, I'LL  
SAY THAT YOU ARE THE SMARTEST BOY I EVER SAW IN MY LIFE.  
AND SO SAVED THE DAY. JAMES CHARLES IS STILL IN PHOENIX\* LIKING  
FINE BUT IS COMING HOME FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. JUNIOR WILL  
GRADUATE FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY THIS YEAR. JIMMY AND PAN ARE  
GOING WITH JESSIE AND WICK TO THE EXERCISES. MOLLY MAY GO IF  
SHE CAN GET CAUGHT UP WITH HER STUDYING. SHE HAS BEEN VERY  
GOOD\* ON THE DEAN'S LIST ETC BUT THIS MONTH SHE HAS BEEN  
PLAYING IN THE SUNSHINE\* TENNIS AND SWIMMING. SO THE GRADES HAV  
HAVE DROPPED AND THIS WEEK END SHE AND LIBBY WENT TO STEPHENS.  
I'M HOPING SHE ENJOYED IT AS MUCH AS SHE WAS EXPECTING TOO.  
STANLEY WE ARE SAVING SOME HAMS TWO YEARS OLD FOR YOU AND YOUR  
PALS AND BUDDIES. FRYING CHICKENS TO A FARE\*YOU WELL\* GET  
READY\* THEY ARE COMING UP. I DO SO HOPE THAT YOU ARE GETTING  
THE RED CROSS PACKAGES OF FOOD AND HAVE BY THIS TIME RECEIVED  
THE TWO PACKAGES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO SEND YOU. HAVE  
YOU GOTTEN ANY OF THE CIGARETTES THAT WE HAVE AMILED YOU\*  
THEY ARE CAMELS\* THAT OUGHT TO MAKE THEM WORTH MORE BUT I GUESS  
A FAG IS A FAG TO A SMOKER. I'M HAPPY THAT YOU HAD NEVER GOTTE  
TEN TO SMOKING MUCH AS THAT WILL LEAVE YOURS FOR TRADING.  
I TOLD YOU ABOUT HEARING FROM LT. PHILIP KRAUS AFTER HE WAS EXCH  
ANGED. HE TELLS ME THAT THE GERMANS HAVE REALLY TREATED YOU  
SWELL. THAT HAS REALLY MADE ME FEEL SO KINDLY TOWARD THEM.  
AND I AM THANKFUL THAT WE HAVE BEEN SO CONSIDERATE OF THE  
GERMAN PRISONERS OVER HERE. THEY ARE REALLY LIVING ON THE

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**TOP PANEL**

FAT OF THE LAND. NO ONE HERE AS CIVILIANS GET ANXY ANY  
BREAKFAST BACON ANY MORE AS WE FEED IT TO THE PRISONERS. I ONLY  
WISH WE COULD SEND SOME TO YOU ALL. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF\*  
MAYBE IF WE PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME WILL REPENT OF OUR  
SINS AND TURN TO HIM HE WILL FORGIVE US AND HEAL OUR LAND.  
ENDING THIS TERRIBLE WAR AND RETURNING ALL PRISONERS TO  
THEIR OWN COUNTRY. EVERYBODY SENDS THEIR LOVE AND BEST  
WISHES. ALLEN C. SAYS HE KNOWS THAT YOU ARE ALL RIGHT\* THEY  
ARE REALLY GOOD TO THE AIR FORCE. THANKS BE TO GOD. MAY  
HE KEEP YOU AND GUARD YOU AND BRING YOU BACK HOME SAFE.

I LOVE YOU ,  
MOM.

USA KENTUCKY  
BURKESVILLE  
MRS. STANLEY D. PACE

**FROM** (SENDER'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS)

**PRISONER OF WAR POST**  
**KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST**  
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

**BY AIR MAIL**  
PAR AVION

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(CAPITAL LETTERS) UNITED STATES PRISONER OF WAR.

**PRISONER OF WAR No.**  
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

**CAMP NAME AND No.** STALAG LURZ

**SUBSIDIARY CAMP No.**

**COUNTRY** GERMANY

**VIA NEW YORK, N. Y.**

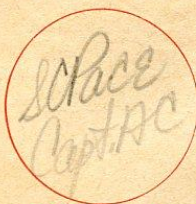
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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To: Mrs. S.D. Pace  
Burkesville,  
Kentucky,  
U.S.A.

See Instruction No. 2

From: 0-25874  
Capt. Stanley C. Pace  
Evacuation Camp  
Le Harve, France

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mom,

15 May 1945

After almost 10 months, I'm back to writing V-Mail. I wrote quite a few letters while I was a prisoner but didn't receive any. I'm sure the fault was the German's and not yours, however. I received good treatment by the Jerry most of the time and am in good health now. I expect to be home in about a month. Last nite I saw Joe Cote and Jackson for the first time since 4 Aug. 44, the day after we were shot down. I understand that the rest of the crew is in camp and I am going to try to look them up. I will be home before long now, so tell them all hello —

Love,  
Stanley

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY  
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From:

Capt Stanley A. Pace, O-25874  
Barkesville,  
Kentucky, U.S.A.

See  
Instruction  
No. 5

V...-MAIL

To:

Mrs. S. D. Pace  
Barkesville,  
Kentucky,  
U.S.A.

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28-1  
Le Harve, France  
27 May 1945

Dear Folks,

I'm still here and it looks like I might stay here for some time yet. If I do I think I might wander off and see some of France while I wait for a boat. I made a bet last fall with a lighter pilot from Chicago that both of us wouldn't be in the States by July. I thought for a while after the end of this war that I had lost. But after waiting patiently for a ship for a couple of weeks, I'm being to think that I might collect yet.



As I haven't heard a word from anybody since I was shot down, I don't know if you have received the letters that I wrote as a POW. I certainly hope that received some notification that I was O.K.

I'm going to leave all story telling until I get home and let loose with a whaling big whooper.

I don't know a thing that has been going on at home for so long now that I have more questions than I can ask. Then.



28-2  
 It is foolish to ask them  
 as I have my return  
 address ~~is~~ Burkesville  
 now — Incidentally, they  
 tell me that I have a  
 60-day leave coming up  
 when I get back to the States.  
 That ought to be pretty  
 nice. I will pick up my  
 Xmas gifts in New York  
 on my way home. But  
 all kidding aside, I do  
 hope ~~to~~ and think that I  
 will get home in June.  
 Mr. Harlan ought to be  
 a brand-new ensign and  
 on his leave during June,  
 unless I've been down



longer than I think I  
have.

I wonder where Molly  
went to school this past  
year, where Pat and the  
kids are, what they are  
doing, how you are, and how  
Doc is doing with his work  
and and and — — infinity.

Well, I'm going to  
shut up and just wait  
until I get home.

I am to start my  
leave from Camp Atterbury,  
Ind. I don't know just



where it is but I think <sup>28-3</sup>  
that it is a little south of  
Indianapolis. —  
I certainly hope to  
be home before long —  
My love to all,  
Stanley  
P.S. Here at this point, I  
have seen Coote, Tetter, Ercher,  
Holland, Schultz, Jackson,  
Bruscinski & Perkins. I ~~was~~  
~~was~~ saw Allen and Robinson  
at Bath, but I haven't  
seen Strahan since the  
day after we were shot  
down — "The world is a  
small place!" S



