

Carrol Victor Christian to Floriene Olive Graham Christian correspondece

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A collection of 198 letters written by Carrol Victor Christian (also known as Bob Christian) to his wife Floriene Olive Graham Christian (also known as Fluffy). Carrol Christian was born October 22, 1906, in Clyde, Kansas, and his parents were Winfield Clark Christian and Mary Dorothea Bottger Christian. Carrol Christian spent his youth in Clyde and graduated from Clyde High School. He married Floriene Olive Graham on April 6, 1935, and they had two sons Keith W. Christian and Carrol R. Christian. On December 23, 1942 Carrol Christian was drafted into the Army Air Corp and served as a corporal in the Air Transportation Command in India and Burma where he was a cook. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Pacific Campaign Medal (with two service stars), Distinguished Unit Badge and the China War Memorial Medal. After the war, Christian and his wife moved to Russell, Kansas, where he worked in the oil fields, a grain elevator and a lumber yard until he retired at age 65.

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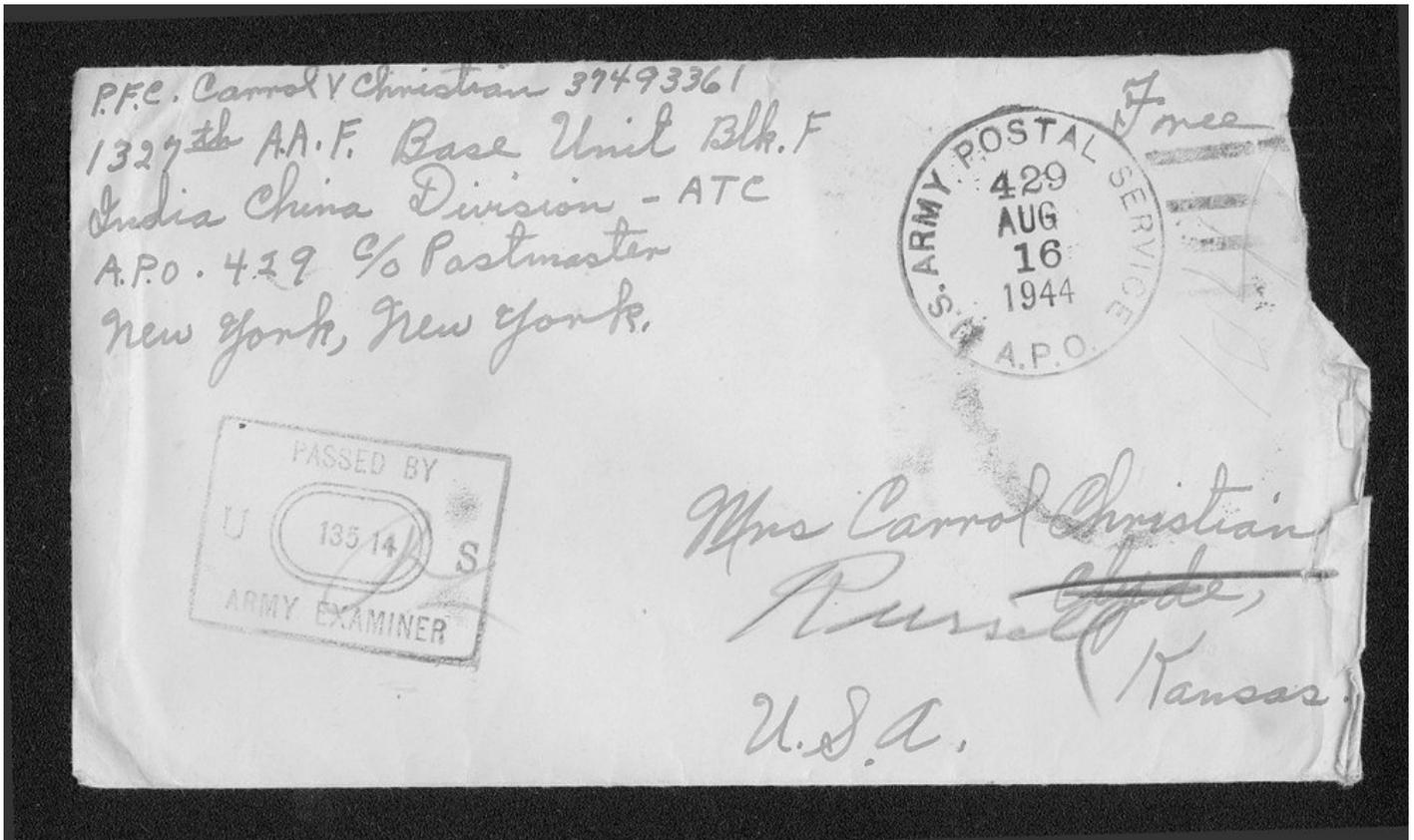
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C. B. I.

India
Aug 20, 1944

Dear Fluffy:

Well here it is Sunday evening another long lonesome old day past. I haven't written to you for about four days now so guess I better drop you a few lines to let you know I am ok. Haven't had any mail for about nine or ten days now and am getting anxious to hear from you. It is still very hot here. I was talking to one of the weather men the other night & he said this summer was the hottest they have had here for the past fifteen years so guess someone is turning on the heat for our benefit. (ha) It is also drier than usual which is hard on the tea plantations & rice crops. Guess I never told you about seeing corn growing in a field on the way to the Nest Camp, looked rather odd.

Had a big parade here yesterday General Gordon was here & presented some of the flying personnel with medals. I was working so didn't get to go. Guess I was lucky because it must have been awful hot out in that sun.

I am still sleeping inside but a lot of the boys have moved their beds right out in the yard.

How are you getting along with your back? Hope it is much better by now.

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I was in the day room here last night and there was about six guys trying to write letters. They write about two lines then set for about half an hour before they write anymore, some of them finally tear up what they have wrote & the most get about one small page wrote so you see I am not the only one that finds it hard to write. Seems like the longer you are here the harder it is to find something to write about.

We have a band coming to entertain the boys tonight but am not much interested so guess I won't go.

War news still sounds good, guess they must be in paris by now. Looks like those germans would be getting their belly full of war pretty soon. If Germany gives up I dont think this war would last much longer.

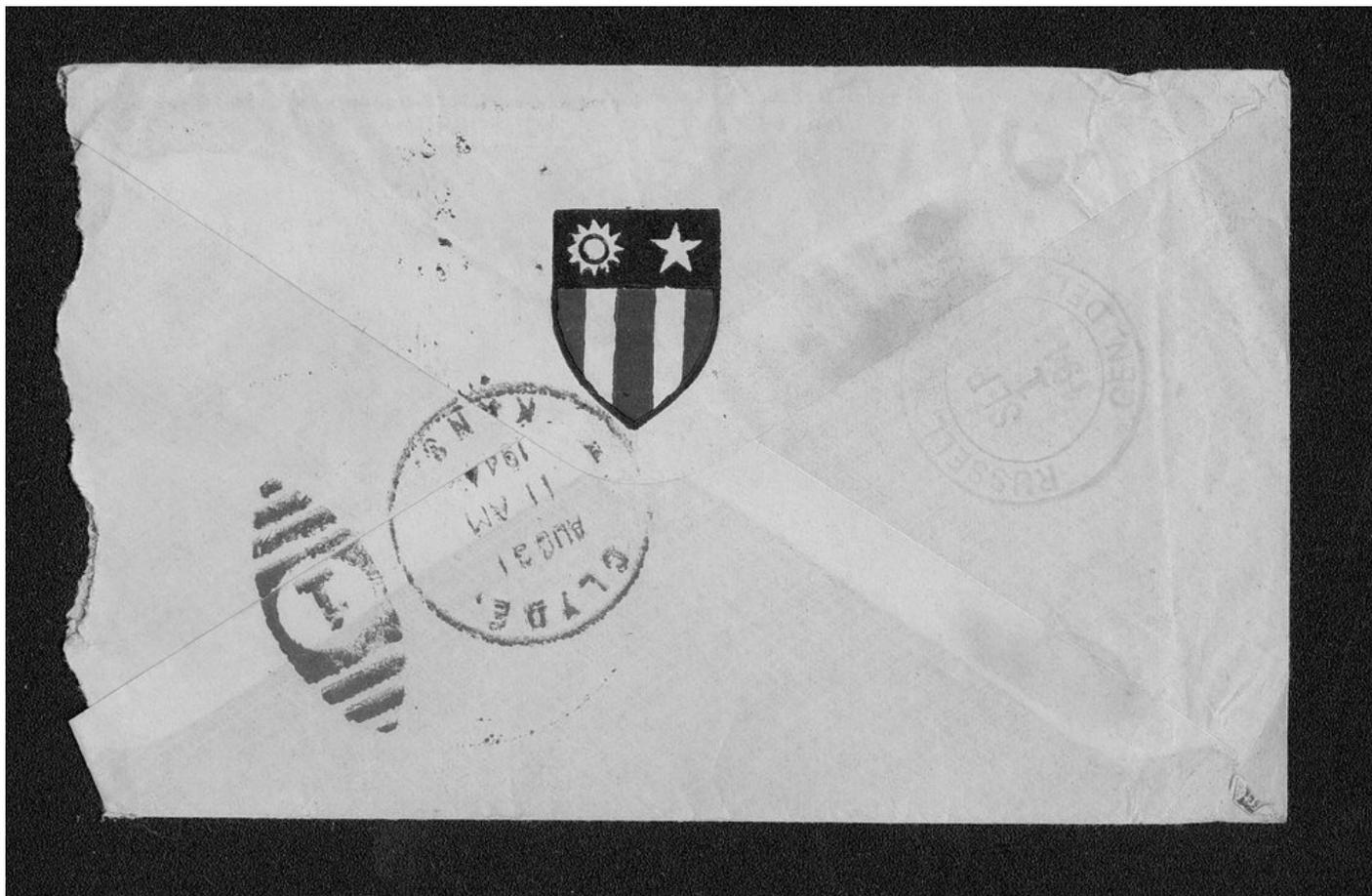
Well kid guess this is enough of this rattling for one time so will close. Tell all Shells & you better start writing about three letters each day maybe I would get one a week then. (ha)

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.

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India

Aug 23, 1944

Dear Fluffy:

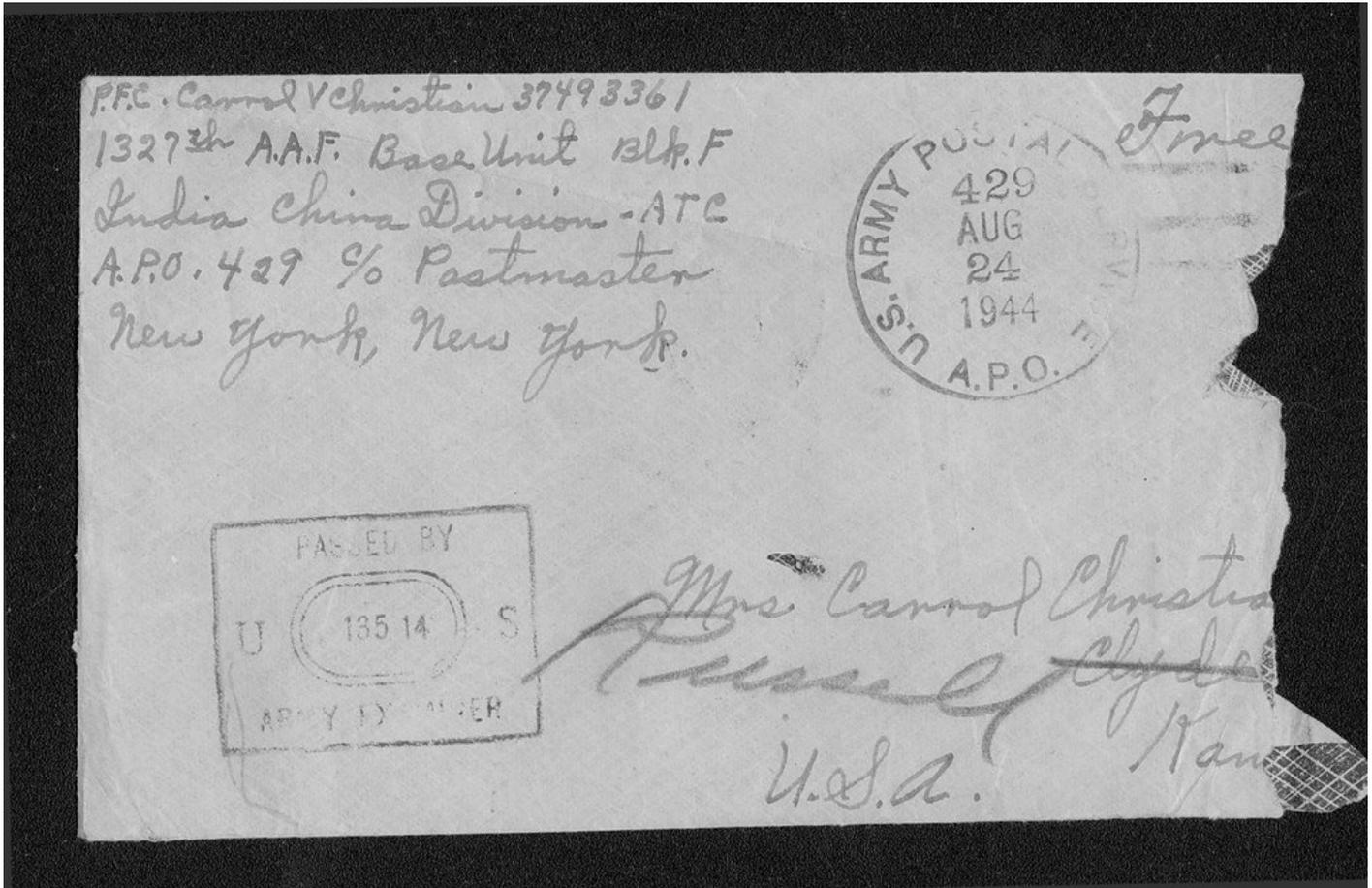
Just finished supper & so will write you a few lines before I go to the show. I am ok only still suffering from the heat, boy it sure has been hot here today. Finally got some mail from you yesterday had three letters one of them telling about the papers you needed to borrow on the insurance. Today I got the papers they had been mailed Aug. 11 so they got here pretty quick. I am signing my name & will send it back in this letter. I think it would be better to have two witnesses from home that know us both so you can get whoever you want to sign the paper & I am sure it will be ok. Now listen, like I told you before I want you to quit putting it off & go have it taken care of as soon as possible. The longer you fool around the worse it will be. As soon as you get this paper write & let me know so I will be sure that it got through.

got the pictures you sent yesterday & was glad to get them but thought you were going to send some of you.

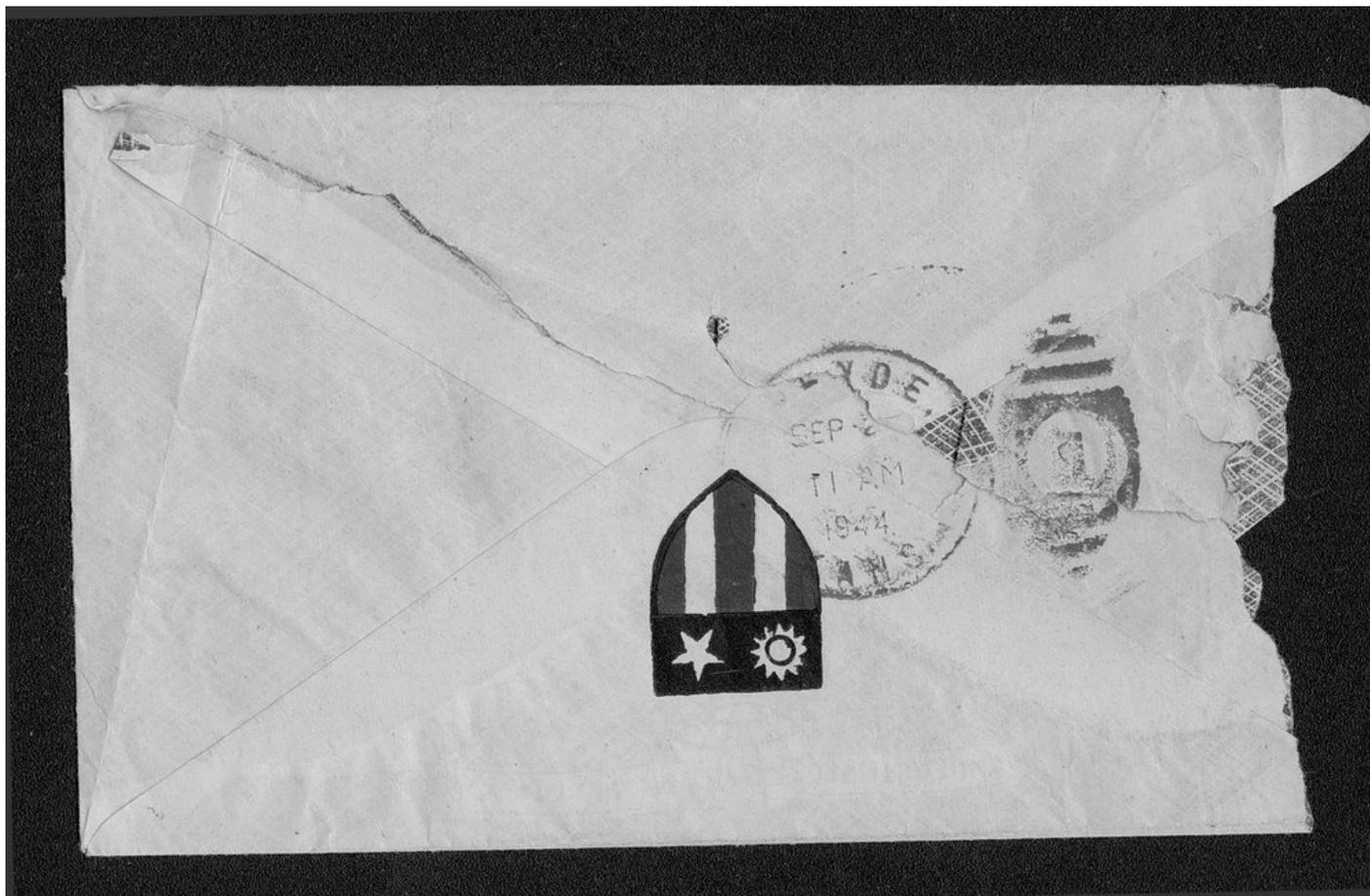
No news here so guess I will close for this time & only hope that you get that back taken care of soon.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.

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C. B. I.

India

Aug. 26, 1944.

Dear Folks:

How are you all getting along by now? I am feeling fine & it has been somewhat cooler here the past few days which is sure a relief. It has been so hot here this summer & have been bothered with prickly heat which ~~makes~~ makes it uncomfortable.

I received your package yesterday afternoon & was sure glad to get it. I was on guard duty last night & sure did chew gum, of course my jaws are a little sore today but enjoyed it anyway. (ha) Thanks a lot for the package. Gum & things like that were pretty scarce around here for a long time but now we are able to buy them at the P. X. pretty often. They also have a few cookies, candy & most ever thing we need in the way of toilet articles. We also get on the average of one case of beer per month of course we have no way to cool it but it tastes pretty good even though it is warm. There has been a big change here since I first arrived about fourteen months ago. We used to work & everything by lantern light now we have electric lights to work by & also in our barracks. They even have two electric fans in our day room. However I would still much rather be back

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in the good old U.S.A. (ha)
I had two letters from fluffy yesterday & she had been to a fortune teller at a carnival. She told fluffy that her husband was overseas & would be home by Christmas for good, sure sounds good & I would almost have believed it but she also told her that I was bald headed & not very handsome, can you imagine that? I know the old hag must be crazy to say such a thing about me. (ha)

I have received the papers for the insurance & signed them & sent them back so she should get them soon. Now I want you folks to see that she goes ahead and has the operation. If that is the only cure there is no use for her to keep on suffering & the longer she puts it off the worse it will be. Being half way around the world from her I can't make her do anything so am leaving it up to you folks to see that she has it done as soon as possible. I know it will take a lot of money but those things can't be helped & guess maybe everything will come out alright some day. She said in her letter that she was planning on going to russell so maybe she will be there by the time you get this letter.

Fluffy said that bill kashner was in the merchant marines, thought he was



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pretty old for that sort of thing.
How is old Stanfield getting along? or
is he still around there, if so tell him I
would like to be there & throw one of those
good old brawls like we used to. You know
the kind where we used to buy whiskey
by the "lug". (ha) It has been a long time
since I drank any good old american whiskey
but really dont miss it here & guess I am
better off without it. When I get home will
have to take a few drinks though just to
sample the stuff & see if it is still the
same.

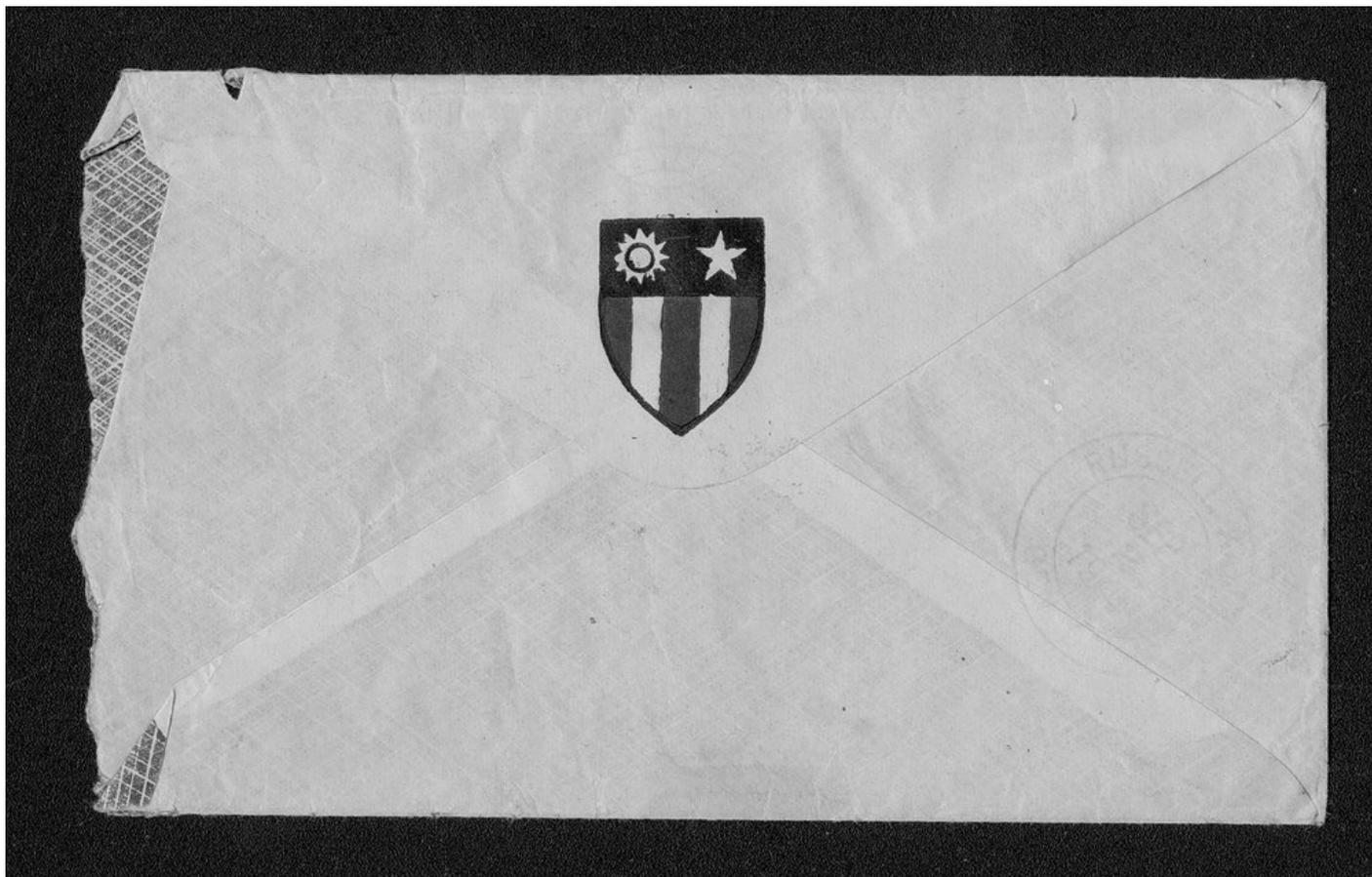
Well guess I will close & write fluffy a
few lines. You folks see that she has
that back taken care of & tell everyone
hello for me. Hoping this finds you
all well & thanking you again for the
package.

Your Son-in-Law
Bob Christian.

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India

Aug 26, 1944

Dear Fluffy:

Am sitting around here with nothing to do so will write you a few lines. I am going to the show tonight, was on guard duty last night so didnt get to see it. I had the first shift which is from six in the evening until ten o'clock that isn't so bad because you get to bed about eleven o'clock & still get plenty of sleep by morning.

I had quite an assortment of mail yesterday two letters from you one from the folks & a package from your folks, also a clyde paper. your folks sent a whole box of gum & have sure been doing some chewing since I got it. I wrote them a letter this morning thanking them for the gum & also wrote one to the folks. Thought I might get some more mail today so waited till this evening before writing to you. all I got today was another paper.

So you had your fortune told? and I am supposed to be home by Christmas for good. well that sounds good to me & for once I hope that fortune teller is right about that. The rest of it about you being in a hospital when I get home doesn't sound so good, hope that part doesn't come true.

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anyway she spoiled the whole thing when she said that your husband was bald headed & not very handsome now you know damn well she is crazy & nothing but a big fraud to say such a thing about me. (ha)

The show tonight is 'gaslight' doesn't sound so good but some of the boys saw it last night & said it was a good show.

It has been cooler here the past few days & my heat rash is quite a bit better. I suppose it will be cool by the time I get your package & won't need the heat powder then.

How is maddy getting along by now? Does he still have petey keeping house for him? Tell him I said hello & that I would be home one of these days to do a little drinking & fishing.

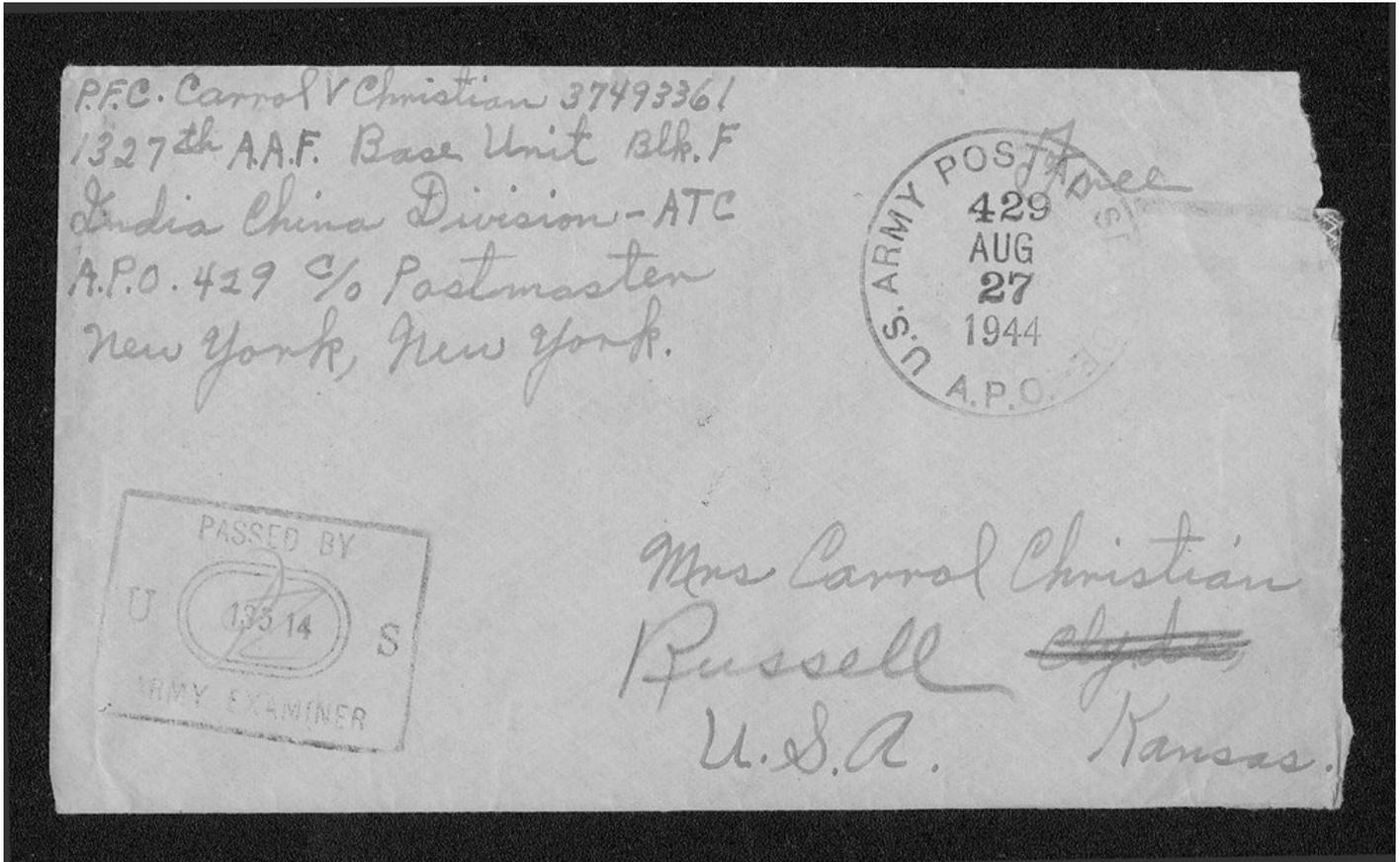
All of the cooks are having a party tonight but I am not interested so am not going.

Guess they have a few burmese women & some liquor so if they care for those things they should have a good time. I will wait till I get home to do my partying. (ha)

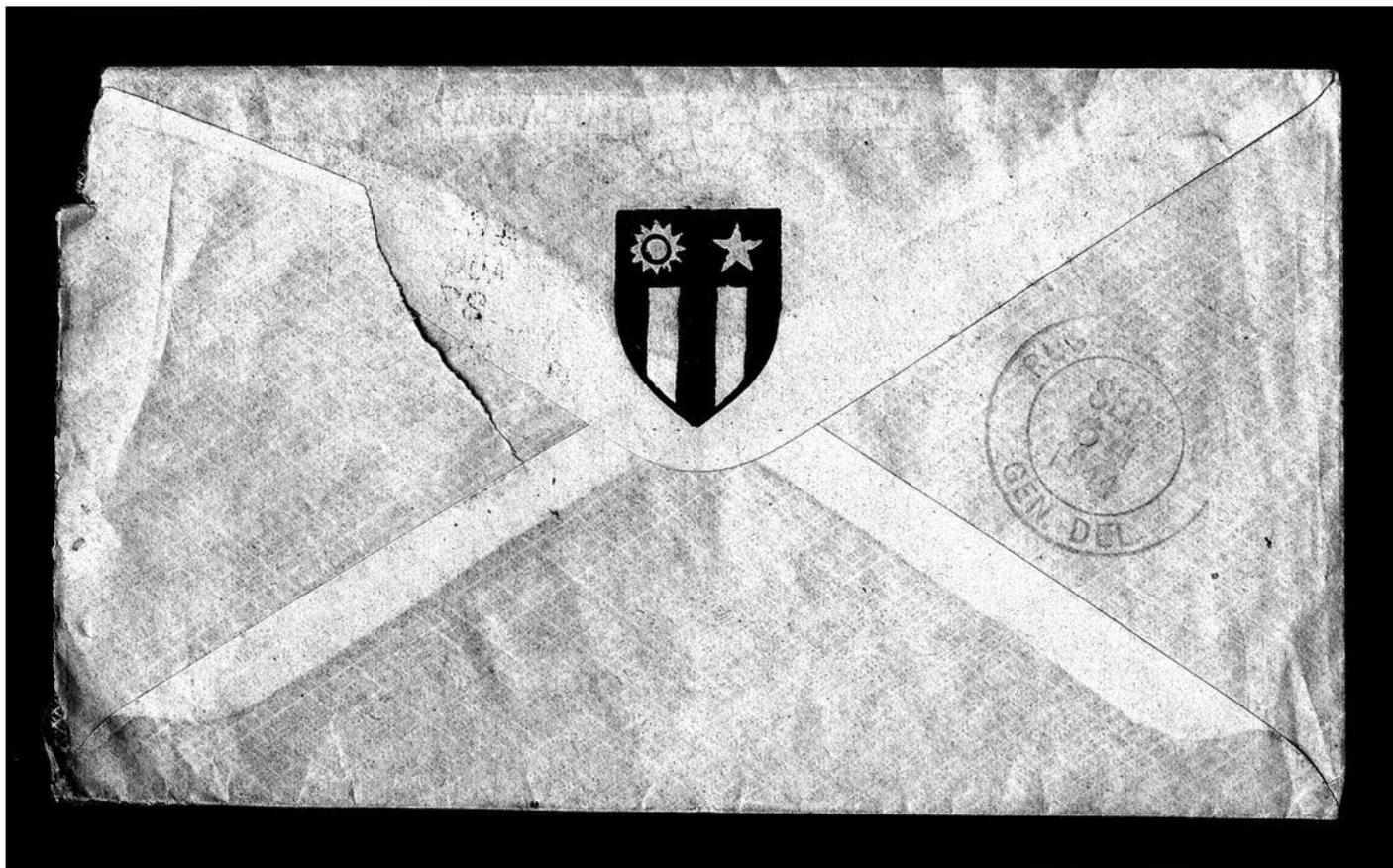
It is about show time so will close for this time. Hope this finds you all ok & tell everyone hello for me.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.

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C. B. I.

India

aug 31, 1944

Dear Fluffy:

guess I better try writing you a few lines again to let you know I am o.k. Haven't had any mail for about a week now so should be about due to get some. The latest letter was written aug 10 so you see it has been three weeks since I heard from you. It has been some cooler & my heat rash has almost disappeared but as soon as you get a little warm or get by a stone it still prickles even though you cant see it.

Well another month has rolled by & we got paid today. Also got a P & ration consisting of 2 cartons of cigarettes, one pound can of Chocolates & a case of beer. I went to the P & after the candy & cigarettes but had to go over to another area to get the beer so I didn't get mine. Guess I was just to lazy to carry it that far, that is getting pretty bad isn't it? (ha) I will go after it in the morning as it will be cooler then & probably be able to get one of the indians from the mess hall to carry the beer for me. (ha)

I went to the show last night & saw "the hairy ape," It was sort of a silly

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show, not much good but you know over here we can't be too particular & are glad to see most any show just to pass away a few hours.

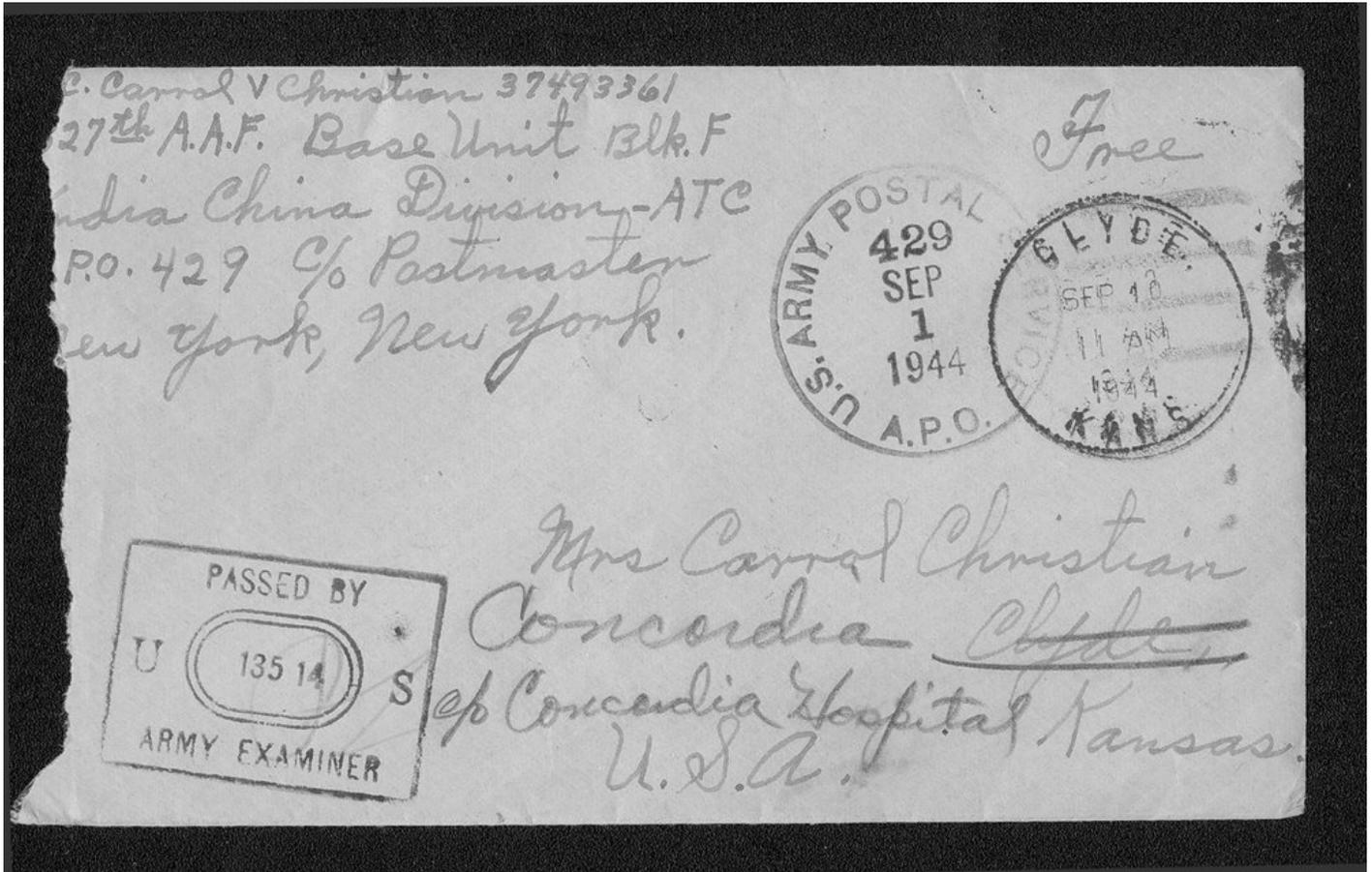
Two of the cooks in our mess hall left this morning to go on a furlough, they both worked on my shift so now I got one of the cooks from the other shift with me. Only have two white cooks on each shift now so will keep us pretty busy until they get back.

The last letter I had from the folks they told me that clark had wrote & said that there was a rumor going around ~~that~~ there that all men over 35 were to be discharged after the first of september. Well that rumor has reached this far now as they have been saying the same thing here. I am afraid that it is just a rumor so guess I won't start packing my clothes as yet. (ha)

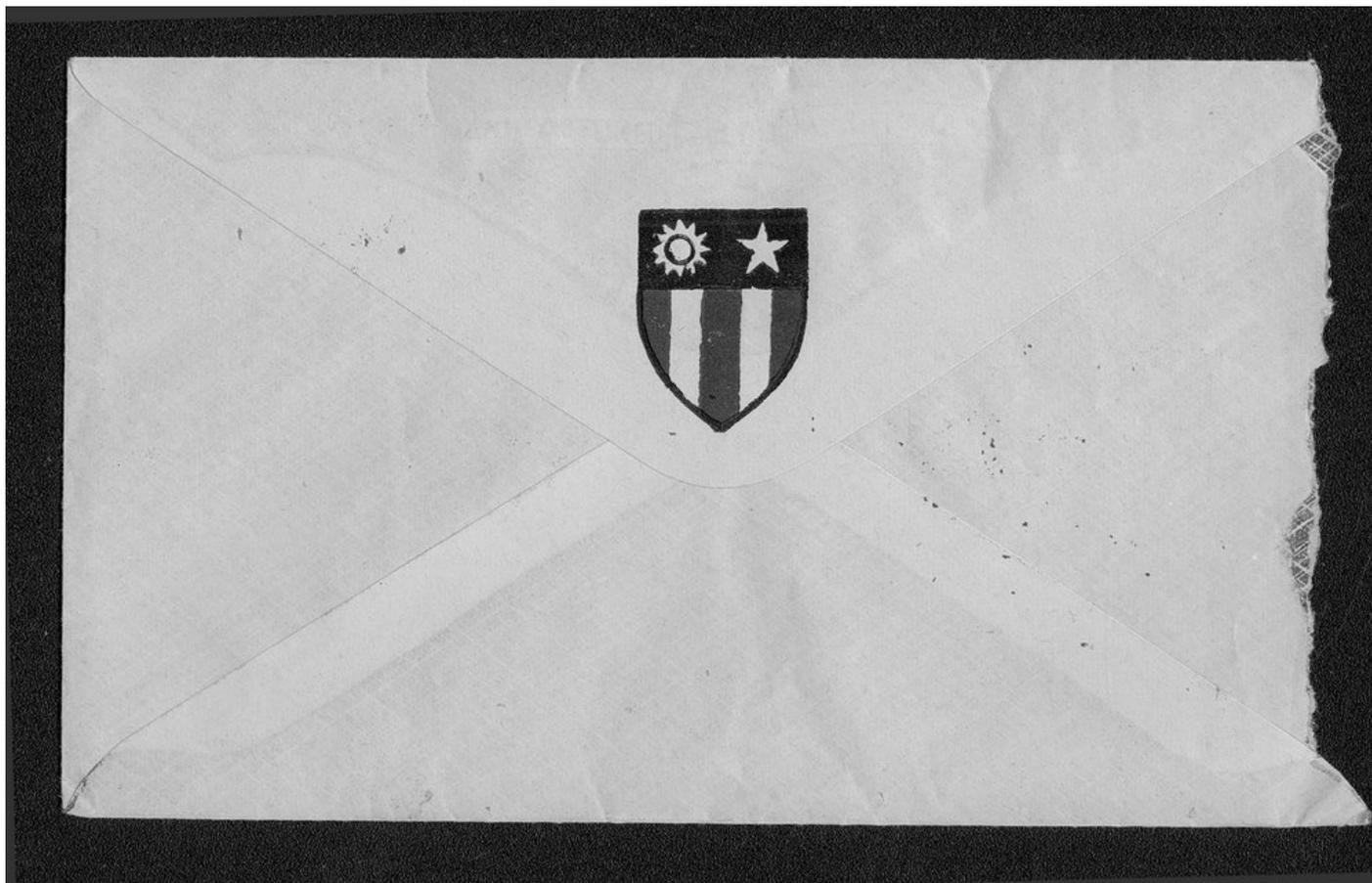
Well guess this is all for this time tell everyone hello & hope you are getting along ok. Hope to get some mail soon so I will know how you are.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband. Bob.

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India

Dear Fluffy: Sept 6, 1944

Just a few lines to let you know I am ok. Have been waiting for some mail so I could answer but no mail. There has been quite a lot of mail come in the last three days but none for me. Have about decided you must have gone to the hospital, still it looks like you could get someone to write to me so I would know how you are getting along.

I am figuring on going to the show tonight but it looks rather like rain so dont know if I will get to go. The name of the picture is, "Make your own Bed," dont know how good it will be.

The news now seems to be planning on moving the boys that have been fighting the germans over here to fight japs so guess the war with germany is about over. After they get them all over here it shouldn't take too long to finish the japs.

I have guard duty coming up again on the eighth which makes me very unhappy.

Well I am going to close for this time will write more if I ever get any mail.

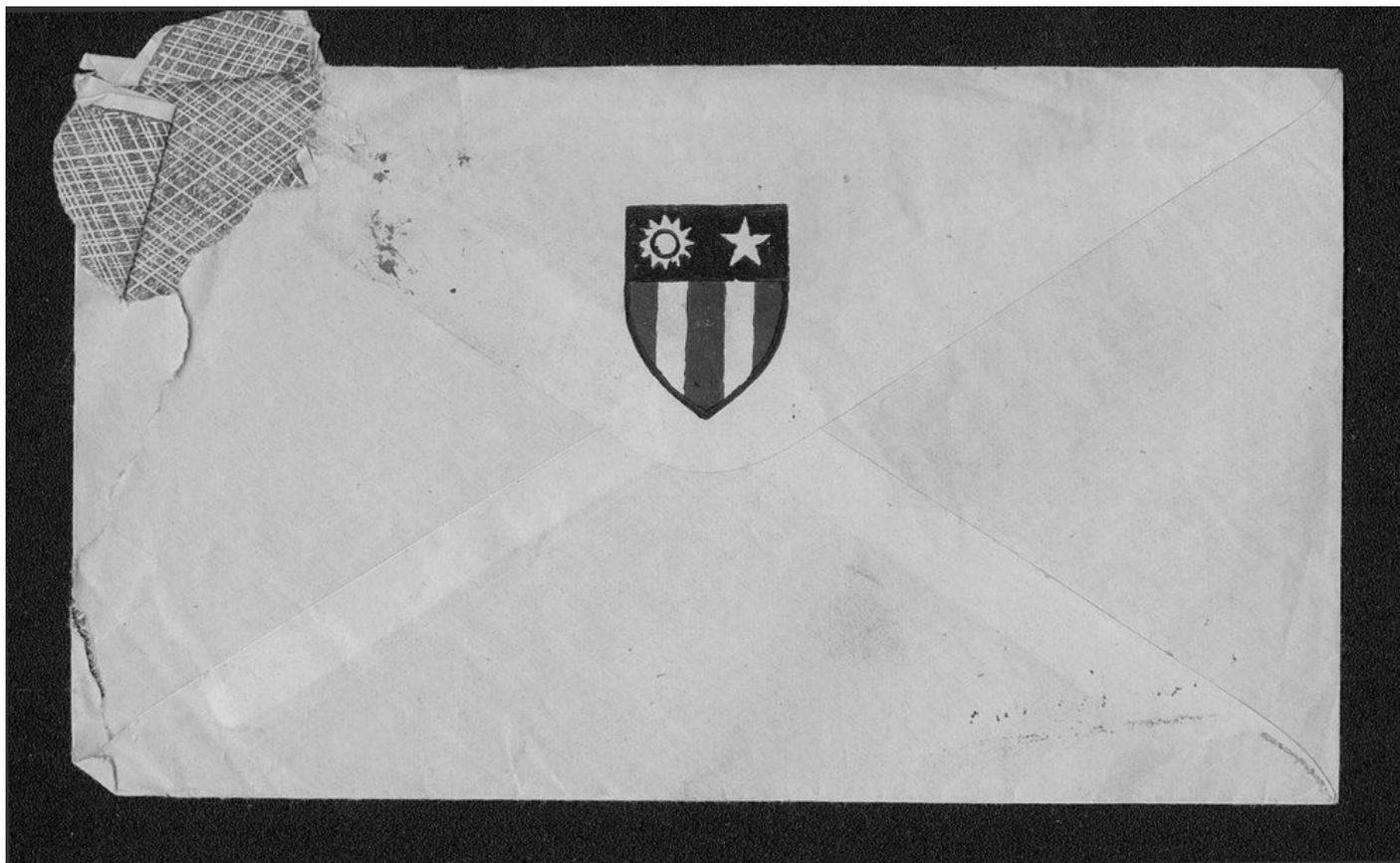
Hope this finds you all ok.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.

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C. B. I.

India
Sept 12, 1944

Dear Fluffy:

How are you getting along by now? I finally got two letters from you written the 26th & 27th of August so will try & write a few lines. I am ok & it has been somewhat cooler so haven't been bothered so bad with the heat rash.

In your letter of August 26th you said you had a nervous breakdown caused from your back & worry. Was sorry to hear that & hope by this time you have decided to go & have that back fixed as soon as possible. If you have been worrying about me I want you to get hold of yourself & brace up. I can assure you there is no need to worry about me now. After spending sixteen months here without being on sick call once I feel that nothing can happen to me now.

If you are worrying about the money for your operation there is no need for that. It is one of those things that can't be helped & should be glad that we had enough saved to pay for it. So I want you to stop worrying, go & have that operation as soon as possible & I am sure everything will come out alright some day.

In your letter you asked me if I had seen a certain building over here, no I never got to see it as we didn't stop at that place. We flew over the place where it is located

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but did not stop.

I had quite a Christmas yesterday. I got the package you sent me & also got one from the folks so now I am fairly well supplied with everything again. The folks sent writing paper, envelopes, gum, candy, handkerchiefs, shoe strings, aspirins, flints, cards, soap, cigarettes & most everything I could use so you see with yours I have quite an assortment. The lighter you sent is sure a good one & like it very much but wish you had kept it yourself. The folks had a package of lemon drops in their package & they had melted & run all over everything made quite a mess. The envelopes & one deck of cards were ruined & had to throw them away. Your box came through in pretty good shape. Thanks a lot for everything. I had only five packages of cigarettes left when I got the boxes so they came at a good time.

I went to the show last night & saw, "The Canterville Ghost," sure a crazy show.

Well it is nearly supper time & I want to write the folks a few lines so guess I better close for this time. Hope you are feeling better by now & write often so I will know how you are getting along.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.

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C. B. I.

India

Sept 21, 1944.

Dear Fluffy:

Just finished eating breakfast so guess I will write a few lines to let you know I am ok. Had made up my mind not to write until I got some mail but it has begun to look like I am not even going to get any. Don't know what is the matter as there has been mail coming in but none for me. I got three Clyde papers & the package of cigarettes you sent but no letters. If you aren't able to write get some of your folks to write so I will know how you are getting along. They surely aren't so busy that they don't have time to write a letter.

The boys that went to the next camp are back now so things are a little easier again.

Was on guard duty again the other night & was lucky enough to get the last shift from two o'clock in the morning until six o'clock.

Well things are the same old story here & since I haven't had any mail for so long not much to write about so will close.

Hope this finds you all ok & you better get someone out there to do some writing so I will know how you are getting along.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.