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Carrol Victor Christian to Floriene Olive Graham Christian correspondence

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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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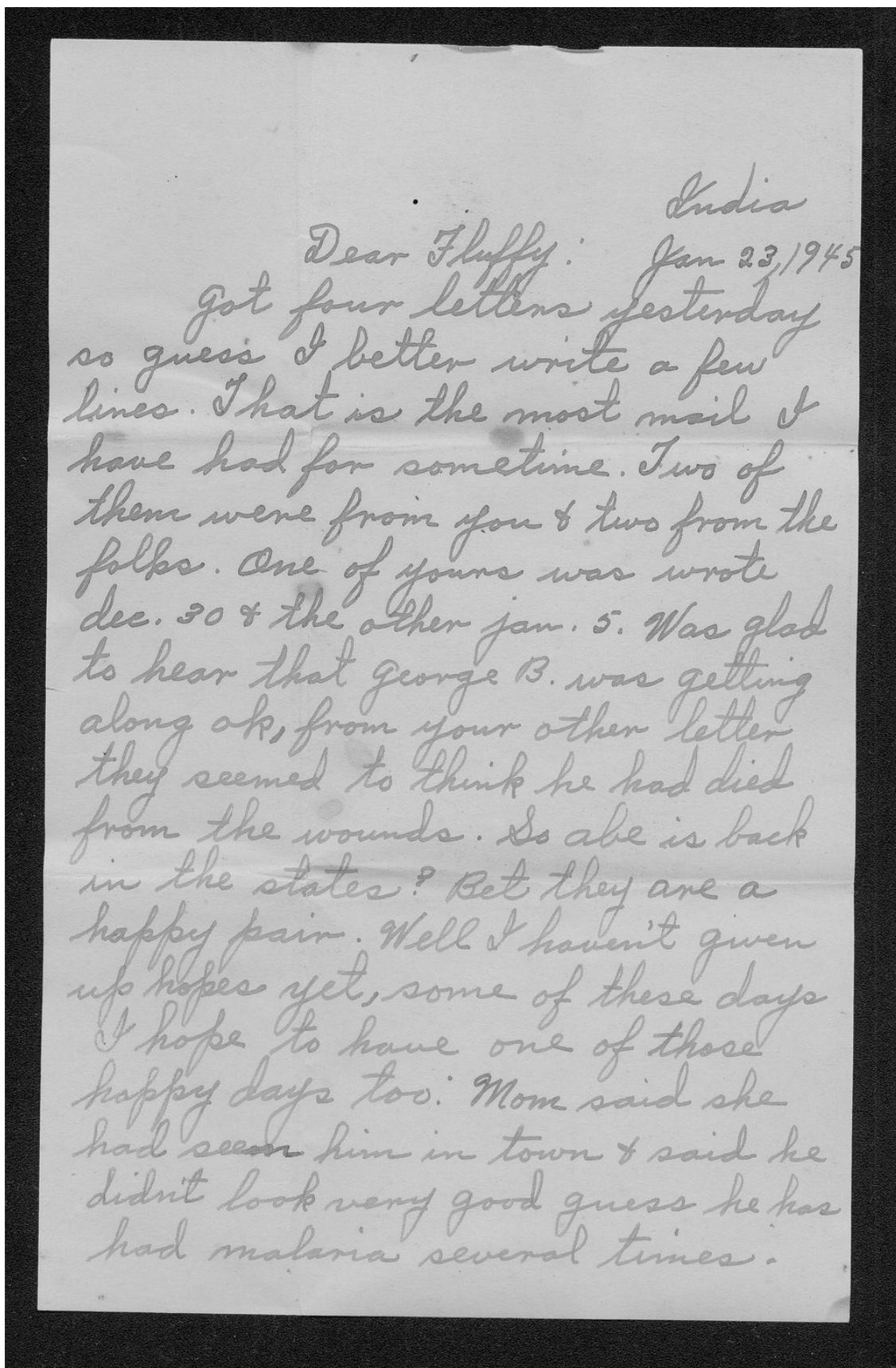


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I have sure been awful lucky here, going on twenty months now & still haven't been on sick call once.

They thought babe would have her baby about the fifteenth so guess it is probably over by this time. Hope she gets along ok.

Sounds like the Russians are really going to town now, todays news say they are only 165 miles from Berlin.

The show last night was, "Tall in the saddle," a near wild west show with plenty of gun play, been quite a while since I seen one of those. (ha) You know it is funny, back in the states where you could have nice soft seats & be inside where it is warm still you wouldn't even think about going to some of these shows we have, but here we go see them all sit out doors on a box or bench in order

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to see them. Had to attend a show this morning on first aid & military courtesy.

The folks said they were expecting Clarence Lee home sometime in January guess all the boys are going to get back before I do. Seems like a lot of them have been coming home lately.

So rudy & old man still go on their beer drinks? They are both getting pretty old for that sort of thing. (ha)

Well bid nothing new so guess this is about all. I am feeling fine & hope this finds you folks all well. Tell everyone hello & write when you have time.

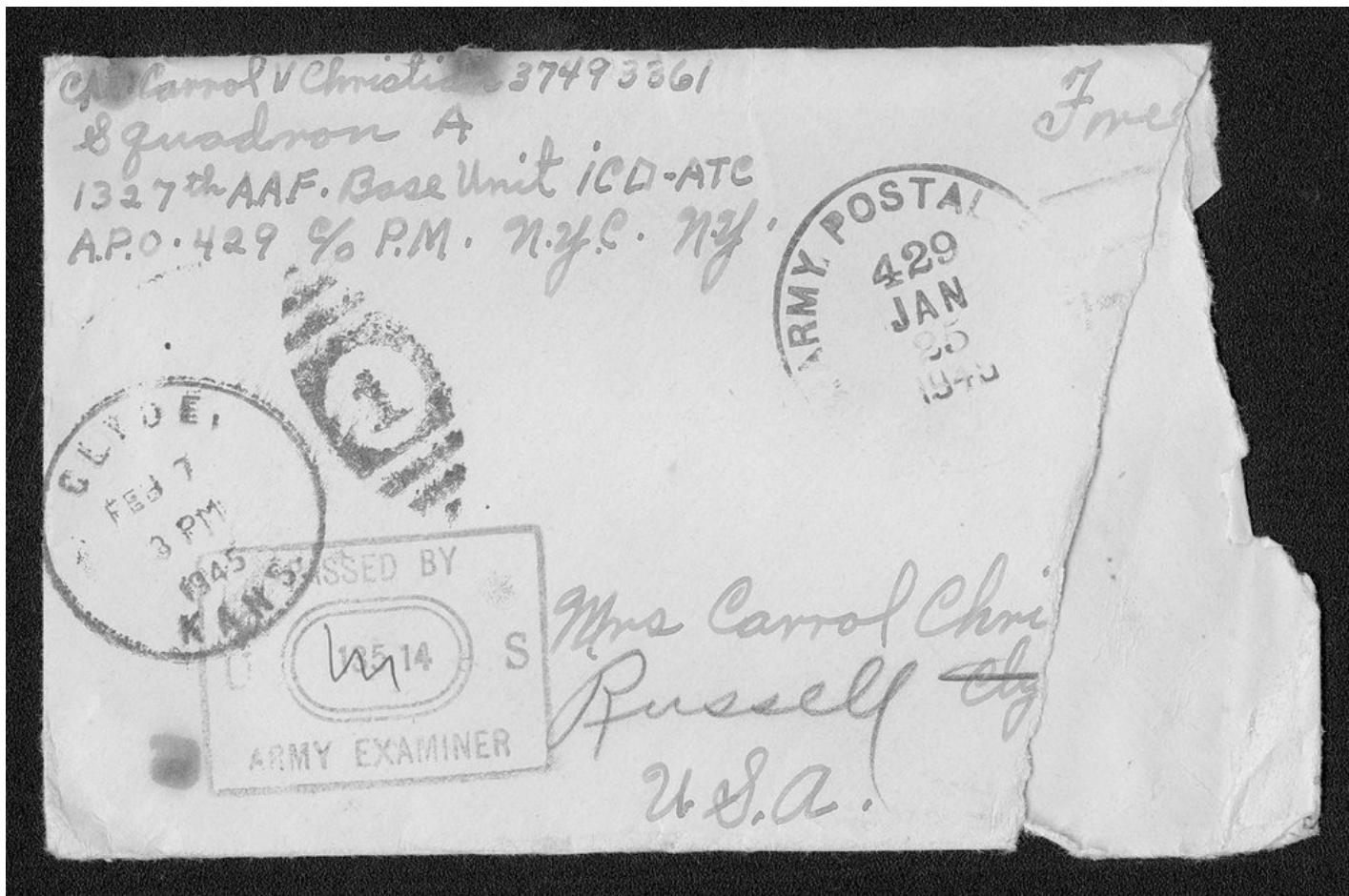
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Your Husband. Bob.

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Dear Fluffy:

India

Jan. 29, 1943

It is eight o'clock monday morning here & I have had breakfast made my bed swept the floor & straightened out my things so have my home work about done. (ha) We don't have a native to do our work anymore so have to do it ourself. Was going to write to you last night but got started reading a book & it was so interesting I didn't stop until I finished the book. The name of the book was, "The Bishops Jaeger's," if you get a chance be sure to read it.

Haven't had any mail for four days now, maybe I will get some this afternoon.

It rained some here day before yesterday & has been sort of chilly since then. Next month I guess

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it will start getting plenty warm again. Hate to think about spending another hot summer here but guess I will have to grin & bear it as my two years wont be up until June & then it is hard to tell how much longer I will have to stay before the rotation plan catches up with me.

I am anxious to hear how babe makes out, suppose the big event is over by now.

The show Friday night was, "Lost in a Harem" with Abbott & Costello it was too silly to be good.

Guess the Germans are taking quite a licking now. The last report we had here they were just 100 miles from Berlin. Hope it will soon be over.

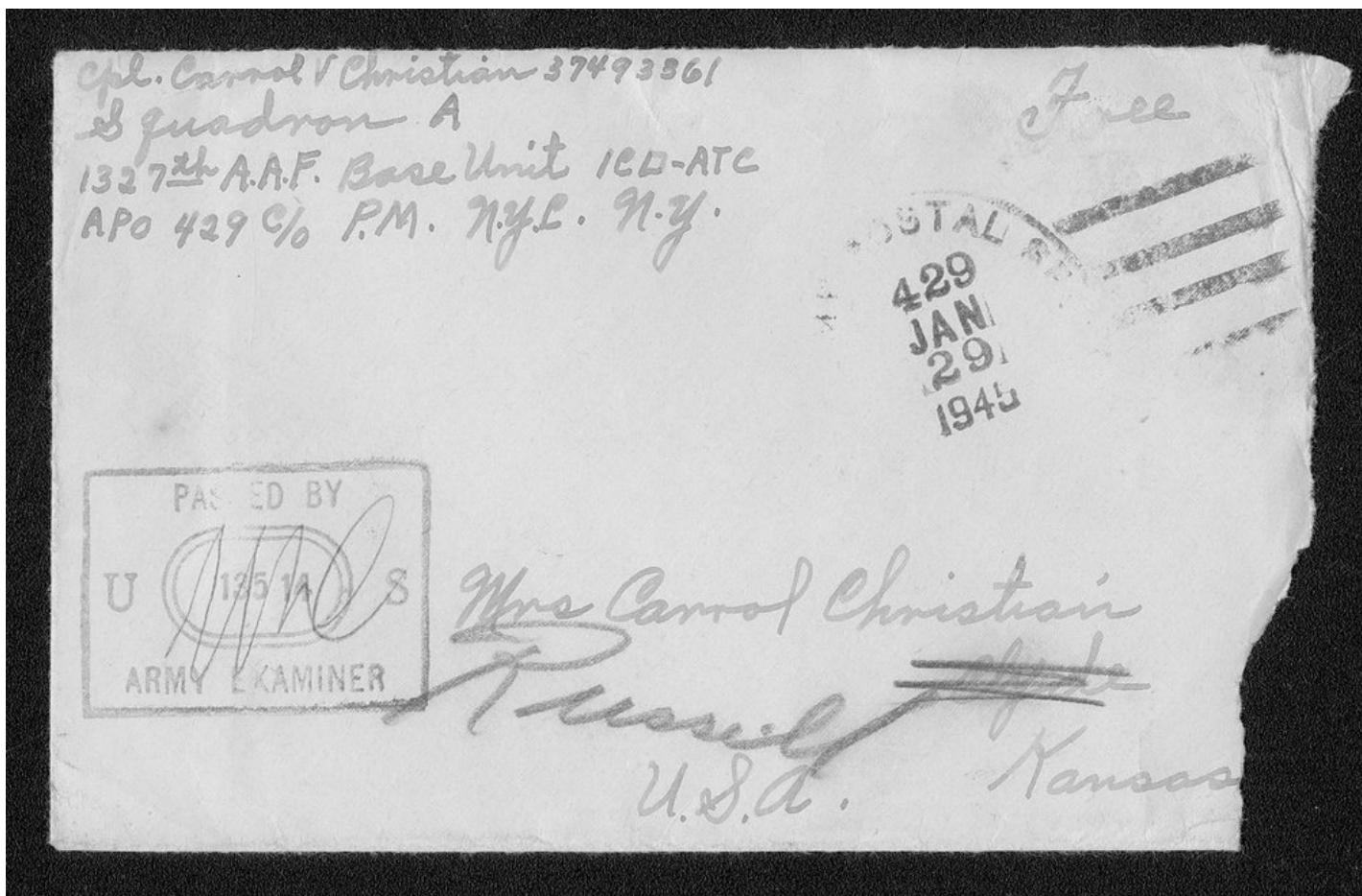
guess this is all for this time, I am feeling fine & hope you folks are all ok. Will write more when I get some mail.
With lots of love. Bob.

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India

Dear Fluffy: Feb 1, 1945

Just finished eating supper so will write a few lines to let you know I am feeling fine. It has been cloudy & sort of chilly here all day & now it has started to sprinkle a few drops of rain. I suppose before long the rains will really set in again.

I had one letter from you day before yesterday & also one from the folks. Theirs was written Jan. 17 & said they were still waiting for the big event. So I still don't know if I will have a new niece or nephew to see when I get home.

Had quite a surprise today got a letter from Alice & one from Jean. They were back in Colorado & said you were looking good & feeling fine when

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they left Clyde, was sure glad to hear that. Alice said Clark had wrote to them to be sure & reserve one cabin for a whole month for Blair, him & me when we all get back home. (ha)

What seems to be the matter with viola? She must be in pretty bad shape to have so many blood transfusions.

The show last night was, "one body to many," one of those spooky shows & a lot of it was played in the dark so you couldn't see what was going on, for my part I think it would have been better if the whole thing had been played in the dark. (ha)

The latest rumor here has the russians just forty miles from Berlin, guess they are going right along since they started this last time. The Germans are getting some of their own medicine now & I don't believe they can hold out

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much longer. Was sorry to hear about armand getting killed, sure quite a few of the boys from around there getting killed or wounded.

Well another month gone by & believe it or not I got by the first night without playing poker so still have money in my pocket, something unusual for me (ha)

How is rudy getting along? I suppose he must have had a lot of corn this year. guess the folks had quite a time getting their corn shucked the last I heard they had about three days left so guess they must be done by now.

Some of the boys said some mail came in this evening so maybe I will get some.

Well this is about all for this time want to write the folks a few lines so will close. Hope this finds you all ok & write often. With lots of love
Your Husband. Bob.

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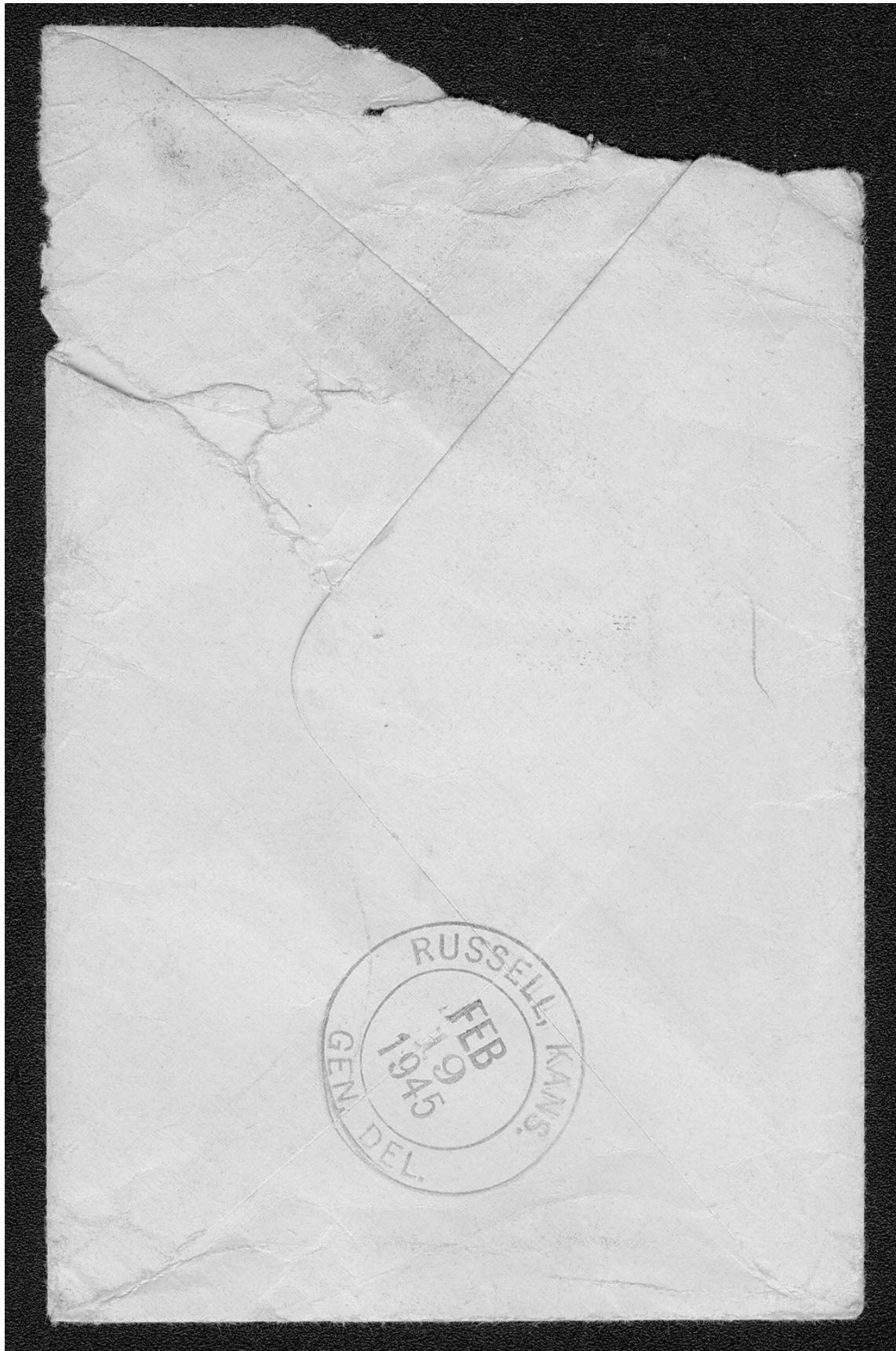


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India
Feb 6. 1945

Dear Fluffy:

Just had breakfast & as I
haven't written for about three days
guess I better write a few lines
to let you know I am ok.

No mail now the past four days
so isn't much to write about. Am
getting so I even hate to look
at a pen & paper as all you
can write is the same old thing
over & over. Will be glad when I get
home & won't have to worry about
writing any more letters. (ha)

Have to attend a lecture on gas
this morning & one this evening is
to be a medical lecture.

One of the boys that worked
on our shift is now in the sick
bay with appendicitis guess they
are going to operate on him.

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That only leaves two of us on
our shift now so keeps us rather
busy.

Went to the show last night it
was, "my Pal Wolf," with a small girl
starring, I think it was her first picture
but she was a good actor.

I suppose by now you are helping
to take care of the new relation,
still haven't heard what it was.

It is cloudy today & looks like it
would rain before night. I hope
this is the last rainy season that
I have to go through here.

Well I want to mail this letter
so better close. Hope this finds
you all well & hope to get some
mail soon.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband Bob.

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Dear Fluffy: Feb. 8, 1943-

It is seven o'clock at night & believe it or not I just got some mail. It came in late this evening & didn't get it till after I got off work. Had two letters from you also your valentine & a letter from the folks. The most mail I have had for a long time. Your latest letter of January 26 said we had finally became aunt & uncle. Was glad to hear that it was over & that babe was alright. He has the same middle name as Clark his is nelson too. You asked if it made me feel old to hear that my sister had a

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baby, well I am beginning to feel sort of old dont know if that is the cause or whether this life in india is getting the best of me.(ha)

There was some snow you folks had back there, it has been a long time since I have seen it snow. The only snow you can see here is sometimes you can see snow on some of the mountains of course they are quite a distance from here.

The folks said that Cal's were expecting Clarence Lee home soon, dont see how he gets to go back so soon seems like I was over here quite a while before he was sent over.

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Went to the show last night it was, "The man from half moon street." one of those kind that about half of it was played in the dark & like the other one I told you about it would have been just as good if it had all been dark.(ha)

You said something about you would have to quit smoking if cigarettes got any scarcer, well I guess that is what we will have to do here, no cigarettes at the P.X. & no cigarette papers guess we will have to smoke some of these Indian cigarettes.(ha)

I suppose La Wanda will think me crazy writing & thanking her for candy that you sent but I sure didn't get your letter

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telling me about it & just supposed you two had got together & made Candy & that she had sent it. You asked about what shape the Candy was in, I hadn't planned on telling you but might as well so you won't go to the trouble of sending more. It was so moldy & all melted & run together that I had to throw it away. Sure hated to do it but was afraid to eat it.

Well I want to write the folks a few lines so better close.

Hope this finds you all well & tell that new nephew hello for me. (ha)

P.S. I also remember With Lots of Love the dates you Your Husband Bob. marked on the calendar.

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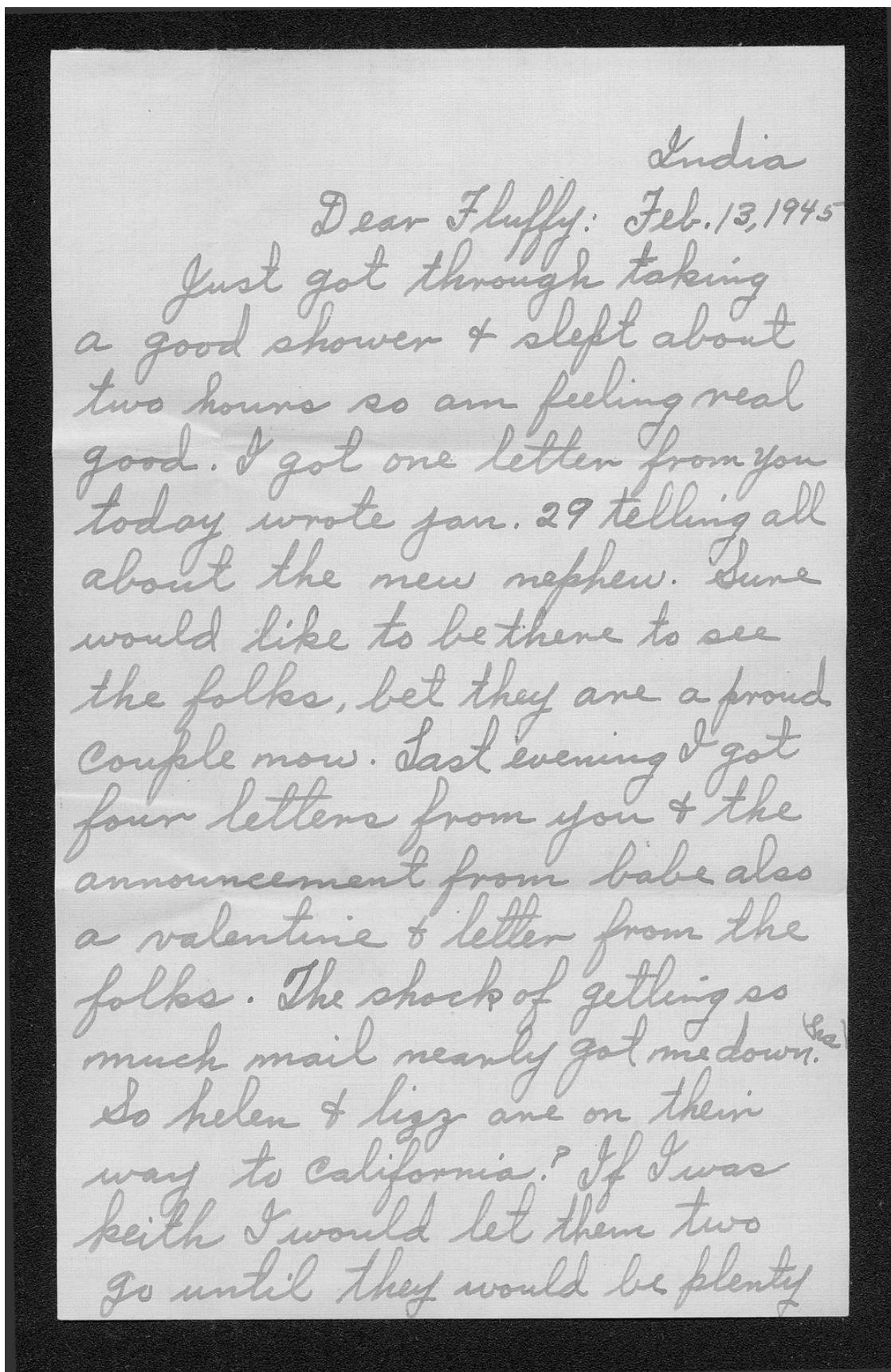


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glad to get back maybe they would be satisfied to settle down then. Looks to me with the good job keith has now they should be well satisfied.

Had a letter from betts day before yesterday. He seemed to be pretty well upset about armond D. getting killed suppose he will be on a drinking spree for a while. His letter was quite long for him, usually he doesn't write very much.

What is ~~meathy~~ rudy going to do when you go out to stay with your Dad? guess he will probably want to go too. (ha)

Went to the show last night it was, "Princess & the Pirate,"

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with bob hope. It was tecnicolor & was a pretty good picture. Wish bob hope would get out here on some of his tours would like to see him in person. I think we have a stage show coming here sometime this week.

our other cook is still in the hospital guess they must have operated on him, dont know for sure as I havent heard anything since he left.

Mom said george had been home to see the baby & Clarence Lee was also home for a thirty day furlough. They were also expecting Clark home in a few days on his furlough, all the boys getting home but me I guess. oh well they cant keep

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me here forever, "or can they?" (ha)
Soon be another month gone by
since I left the states which
will make twenty of them. Seems
like the months go by pretty slow
now since I have been here so
long.

Still not able to get any cigarettes
but managed to get some of those
thick old target cigarette papers
so manage to get along o.k.

Well it is about supper time
& I have wrote all I know so
better close. Hope this finds
you all well & will be seeing
you all some day, I hope.

With Lots of Love
Your Husband, Bob.

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