

Eula Gentzler papers

Section 9, Pages 241 - 270

This collection consists of letters written by Eula Gentzler to her parents in Topeka, Kansas, and official military correspondence as a U.S. Army nurse. Miss Gentzler referred to hospital ship activities, places she visited, and family references. Occasionally Eula expressed her thoughts on the war. Eula A. Gentzler was born November 10, 1910, in Belleville, Kansas. Her father Ernest T. Gentzler was a fireman for the Union Pacific Railroad. The family moved to Topeka when Eula was, approximately, thirteen years old. She graduated from Topeka High School and, later, the Asbury Hospital School of Nursing in Salina, Kansas, in 1937. She enlisted in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps in October, 1942. She was discharged in October, 1945, but was recalled during the Korean conflict serving from 1951 to 1957. Miss Gentzler was sent to Europe in the fall of 1943. She was assigned to duty on the hospital ships Shamrock and Arcadia, working in surgery as well as the wards. Both carried approximately 800 patients. The ships carried injured servicemen from North Africa and Europe to the U. S., requiring six weeks to make a trip across, pick up a load of patients, and return. When in the war zone, they would get patients during battles and would then work extended shifts. Miss Gentzler recalled that during the battle at Enzio, they started surgery at 1 p.m. and operated until 5 a.m. the next morning. On another occasion, they picked up a load of British sailors whose mine sweeper had been bombed and the hospital crew worked all night until they ran out of supplies. Eula Gentzler died on April 13, 1992.

Creator: Gentzler, Eula (Eula A.), 1910-1992

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times. She keeps writing for us to come
out - so I can't disappoint her and
not go out -

I haven't bought any civilian
clothes yet. I thought I would wait
and get them at home. I have so
much to pack around as it is.
I will soon have a couple of boxes to
send home, but want to wait until
I get one more purchase done home
before I send it. See I have several
Christmas presents in them - so
don't you peek in them.

How are you folks and is the weather
cold there yet? It has been cold here
but tonight it is rather warm - at
least we don't have to go to bed
to keep warm. I took down with
a cold and have a cough, but it
isn't bad yet. They never had heat
in the barracks for so long during
the cold spell.

Well folks I guess this will be all
for now and gee I hope something

shows up soon. As the old saying
is in the Army you hurry up and
wait and wait.

I have this Sunday Pm off but think
I shall stay home and pack up
a few things that I have been
wanting to do.

Write when you have time
and talk dad in the matter of
going to California with us
by car and then we can take
Lenny along.

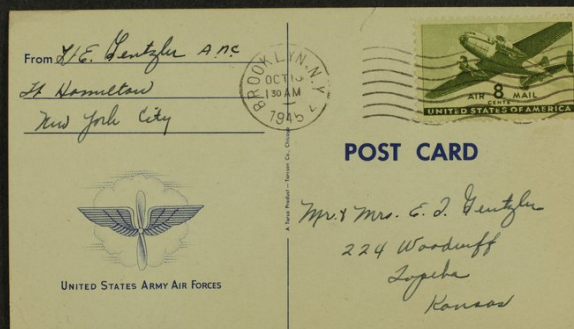
Sincerely
Eula


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New York
12 Oct '45

Dear Ones:

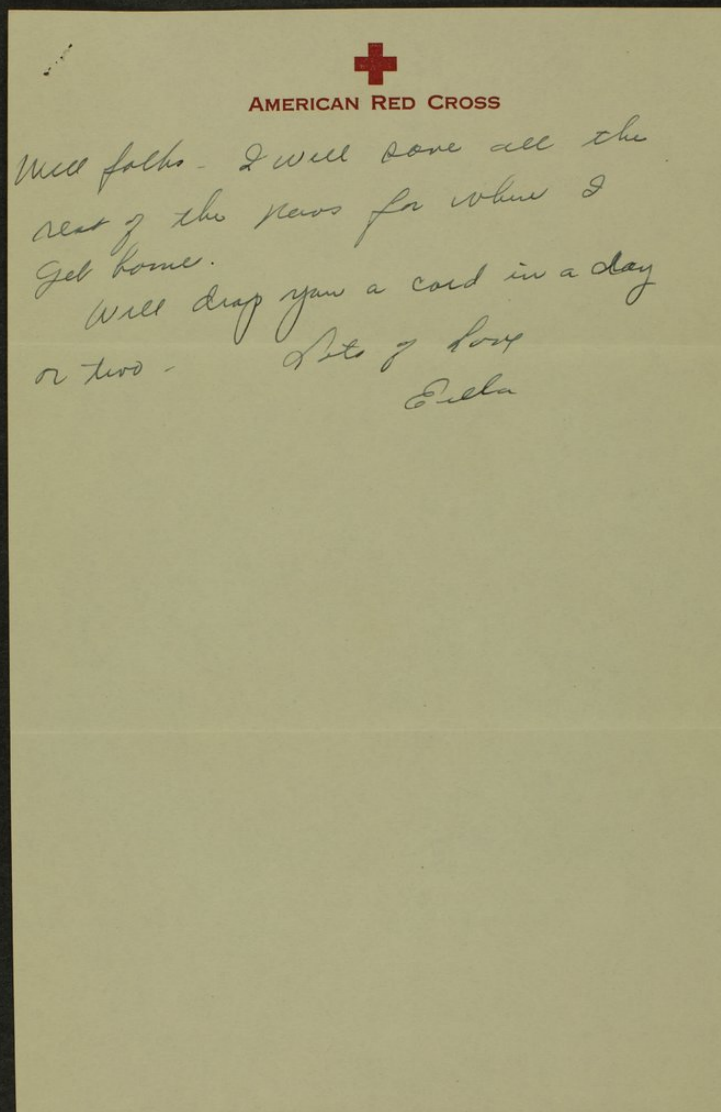
Just a line to let you
know that I will be home
the end of the week. Bag
and baggage. I hope you
love and the boy I send
and two more will be over
the way tomorrow. Be
sure and do not write to
me here anymore. I
will go to Buffalo New York
for discharge and will leave
from there for home. I
want to stop a day in
Chicago to visit the mother.
Hope to see you real soon.
I will send a card along
the way to let you know
where I am. Love to
all until I see you.
Eula
My 68 Points is what counted.





AMERICAN RED CROSS

New York -
14 October
[1945]

Dearest Folks
Well the time has arrived
and I will be home at the end
of the week. I will go to Fort
Lix Tuesday and probably will
be a civilian Tuesday night or
sometime Wednesday. I am not
sure when I will leave New York -
I plan to stop over in Chicago
for a day and a night though.
Today is my last day of duty
and tomorrow I will spend the
day getting my packing finished -
I am sending two more boxes
home - as I do not have room
in my foot locker for these things




 EN ROUTE

20th October
[1945]

Dear Gals:

A line en route to let you know that I will soon be home. I want to stop off in Chicago for a couple of days and then we shall plan on the trip out to Calif. I hope Dad will go to us and he can come back on the train if he does not want to stay that long.

I want to see about my income, and insurance and a job before going out there. Although I don't want to work until after the 1st of the year.

I was in luck as I did get a pullman out of New York to Chicago

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but they would not sell me a Pullman
on to Topeka as I was having a delay en route
there. I will arrive in Chicago at 4 PM today -
You will remember to call Mrs. Pearson.

Don't worry if I don't get home on Sunday
as planned.

Hope you & Dad are feeling fine and
don't work too hard.

It took 3 days to get a discharge from
the army.

Well Dear ones this is just a note
to let you know that I will be seeing
you soon.

Love
Eula

I wrote to Ethelna and told her I had
a discharge from the army.



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No. _____

To
Mr. & Mrs E. T. Gentzler.
224 Woodruff
TOPEKA
KANSAS

From
H. E. Gentzler, A.M.
(Sender's name)
NEAR St. Lawrence
(Sender's address)
445E Brooklyn N.Y.
Sept. 21 1943.
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

North Africa

Dearest Folks -

Here again we can mail letters. Some of us all would love to have some ice cream and candy bars. So when I get home everyone will have to meet me at Keen's Drug Store eating ice cream. How are all you folks? Did try and write as often as I can as you can always look for a letter. See we have had hot weather today we perspired all day while working. - I am really feeling fine and have gained weight. Say they really ration water here. Our clothes need cleaning and we hope to find some one to do our laundry before long. Tell Daddy I have some French cash for him - they are worthless now tho. This is one place that American money is worthless - so to save some, but just so I have enough to go home on when we get back to States in all we need. Hello Jerry - remember me - Well folks this is just a little note and I know you will be anxious to hear once in a while and I hope you don't worry that is the only thing I worry about is that you folks worry about me. Well love to all -

Love Nellie Hello -

And here is a good night kiss
Eula.



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No. _____

BASE 1168 EXAMINER
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Mr. & Mrs. Homer Clansan
919 Midford
Lybia
Kansas

From
H.E.G. Gentzler N733530
G.M.C.
(Sender's name)
USAMS "Honored" APC 42802
(Sender's address)
74 PE Brooklyn N.Y.
Sept. 23 '43
(Date)

Italy

Dear Bea & Homer:

Sorry to have waited so long in writing, but haven't had a chance to mail letters even if they are written. This land is beautiful and women really enjoy it if the war isn't on. We have seen traces of war already and thank goodness America isn't this close yet. I am on the softest yet on hospital ships are really soft. The trip over was wonderful and the sunsets are the most beautiful sight you have ever seen on water. Wish everyone could see all that I have seen. Was so sea sick the first 5 days and that I didn't know that we were at the tail end of a hurricane. We now work 12 hours daily and besides am call all the time too. Have really been working as there are a limited amount of nurses. Ice cream would taste sweet and when we come back home that is where everyone will find me in a drug store eating ice cream. Our water is rationed and hardly having enough to take a bath with so you can see how our cloths look. My uniform sure needs the cleaners. I have been wondering if the kid (Kinard) isn't around this part somewhere. Hope mother is fine and by the way how is your mother tell her hello for me. Haven't received mail since leaving N.Y.

Love
Eula

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 21



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No. _____

From N738 529a
 M Eula & Gentzler Ave
 (Sender's name)
 45445 SHAWMUCK APO 92000
 (Sender's address)
 4422 Brooklyn N.Y.
 Sept 25 '43
 (Date)

To
 MRS. & MR. E.T. GENTZLER
 224 WOODRUFF
 TOPEKA
 KANSAS

(CENSOR'S STAMP)
 CENSORED
 177A
 5A
 177A
 5A
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 5A

Dearest Mother & Daddy:
 With my air mail I'll send them along too as you
 probably won't get them both the same time. I bet ice
 cream would be grand to eat - huh - Well we are busy
 so rather tired again - but I would love to take a
 bath in a tub. I also wrote to Helene tonight. Mother I have
 been thinking about ^{last & happy chance} for your wandering if they might sell
 them in the stores over here. We haven't had a chance
 to go shopping but hope so before many more days.
 How are you feeling by now hope better - Hee Daddy I
 want to bring you something also - Hello Jimmy - then
 anyone. Well Mother & Daddy now just can't be
 found when we are only on a hospital ship so we hope
 that we may go places that are interesting soon.
 Write when you can.
 Love
 Eula

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No. _____

To
 Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Gentzler
 224 Woodruff
 Lehigh
 Kansas

From
 E. L. Gentzler 67c
 (Sender's name)
 45445 Shomrock 3rd Ave.
 (Sender's address)
 NYC Brooklyn N.Y.
 Oct. 11 1946.
 (Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dearest Eula: Have your life back in the states these times. We had a program from N.Y. last Sunday with Kate Smith singing and it sounded swell to hear voices from the states. Seems like our general conversation around here is home and do hope it won't be too long. I have written her too also tonight. Went to a French Red Cross program the other nite. It was put on by the French and at the end they sang the "Old Red White & Blue" - See it is hard to write anymore. Have little pressing - do you think he will know me when I get back. Hello Gladys - I am getting something for you that you will really enjoy - I have been wondering if my letters are reaching you and also the cable I sent to your father. Well mother I haven't found any salt & Peppers yet as I haven't been anywhere to shop but hope we find a place soon as I want to buy some sketch thread. Well dears I must close - hope to hear from you soon.

Love
 Eula

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No. _____

To Mr. & Mrs. E.T. Gentzler
224 Woodson Ave
TOPEKA
KANSAS

From
Eula A. Gentzler
(Sender's name)
USAFS Johnson AFB
(Sender's address)
NYPE Brooklyn N.Y.
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

North Africa -

Dearest Folks - Again we can mail letters as you are in fact. You should see how we have to take a bath - showers are only 20 minutes during day and 5 minutes at night as we really have to rush. This is grand and the odd part, things are not so strange. Saw an Arab and he was hairfooted, but did wear more clothes than you would think. We are pretty hungry for ice cream and candy bars. We are fed well and the meals are wonderful. Had a real hot stew tonight & the butter really melted in it. Mother don't worry about me - I am safe and take care of your selves. It's real every time when we return, which I hope isn't too long. Is it cold up there? We sleep without cover and sweat all day long last night had the flu on all nites. Mother tell me that I don't write to, that time is scarce and I write when I can. Hope you have read the wire by this time. Our clothes are dirty but hope to get to a laundry & cleaned before long. Tell Aunt Vera hello for me. Hello Daddy - working hard these days. Well as we are trying to win this war and I hope it won't be too long. I haven't seen anyone that I know as yet. How's Sammie making it - hope he remembers me. We don't know what is going on in this world as newspapers are scarce here. I have some French coins but they are worthless now. I have all the money I need but nothing to spend it on - as even here American money is worthless. I sent Lelona a wire too and hope she has received it. Well dears please don't worry about me I am well and really gaining weight in this salt climate. Saw Miss Christensen in N.Y. some time ago but wasn't able to tell you then about it. Glad all for me. And love & kisses to all yours -
Eula

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No. _____

To
Mrs. Alva Neighbor
400 Ohio
Lybia
Kansas

From
Lt. Eula G. Gentzler
(Sender's name)
USNS "Shamrock" OPB
(Sender's address) 42003
NYPE Brooklyn N.Y.
Oct. 14 '43
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

North Africa

Dear Alva & family:

While waiting for noon lunch bell to ring will
get a line to you, that helps us as much as
getting letters. We haven't rec'd any mail for nearly
6 weeks now and we miss it so much. Some is
flying rapidly by, but working 12 hours and do we know
what a bed-ridden. We have grand living quarters and
a shower, clean linen once a week and about every
two weeks they do the laundry. We are getting used to
the low water supply. We had a movie last night
"Santa Fe Trail" - Last Sunday we heard an American broad-
cast first since arriving. I do know one thing that
I didn't know what war nursing was until now.
We can't write about where we have been and what
we have seen, but they have given us permission
to take pictures so I have taken a few. How are
all you folks. I have a little magazine picture that
resembles one of Carol, so I have pinned it up.
This is lovely country and wonderful climate but it
rains lots and the wind blows the same here
as it does in Kansas. One could talk endless
but writing comes to an end and boy will I be
waiting some good ice cream when I get to your
place.

Love
Eula -

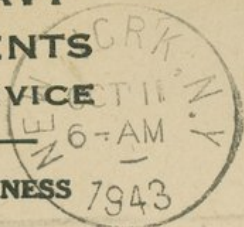
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No. _____

To Mr. & Mrs E.T. Gentzler
224 Woodoo H
TOPEKA
KANSAS

From M738 530
Lt. Eula A. Gentzler A.N.C.
(Sender's name)
USAMS Shaverock. APO 22 763
(Sender's address)
% Lingen 8th St E
% Postmaster N. York City
Oct. 23 1943
(Date)

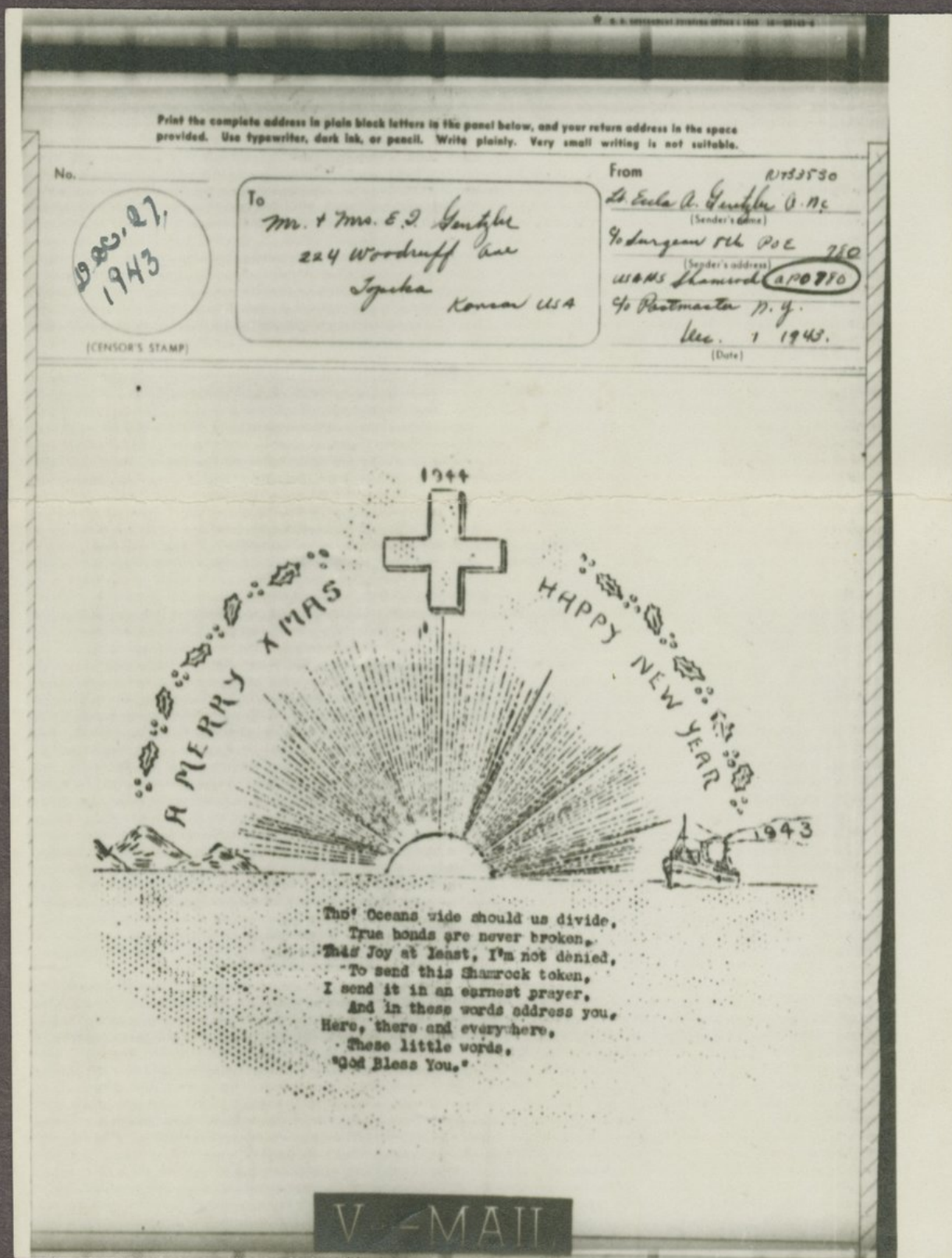
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dearest Ones at Home:
Just to let you know again I am well and sope
and joining wt. Our meals are grand. This is a temporary
address so you write right back and then I'll get some
mail. I am very anxious to know how you folks
are and if you have been well and are getting my
letters. Some I write air mail - Perhaps you could
send me some air mail stamps in one of your
letters. We have been working real hard and long hours,
but then it isn't bad when we are working, we
can't think how far away we are from home. If
you write when you get my air mail I probably would
get your letter in 2 weeks. This is going on the
8th week and how swell a letter from home would
make me feel - I haven't been homeish like I
would be if I were closer and knew that I couldn't
get home. Be sure and you folks don't worry
about me and I'll see you soon.
Hello Daddy dear. Well folks this is all for now
and hope this reaches you O.K.
Love
Eula

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No. **27455**

**PASSED BY
BASE
0620
ARMY
EXAMINER**

To

Mr. & Mrs. E.T. Gentzler
224 Woodruff Ave.
Topeka, Kansas

From **N733530**
Lt. Eula A. Gentzler A.N.C.

(Sender's home)
%Surgeon 3rd P.O.E.
U.S.A.H.S. "Shamrock"
(Sender's address) A.P.O. 700
%Postmaster, New York

Dec. 9th 1943
(Date)

Norht Africa

Dear Mother & Dad:

Here is the picture of the Shamrock that they printed for us to send home for Christmas. Notice the change in my address and send letters to me here. So far I haven't received any mail from you, so hope that will be the best Gift of the year to have a letter from home. This weather can't be beat here today it is like spring have been out of doors without wraps. I hope that you folks will not be to lonesome this year at the Holidays perhaps it will not be too long befor I will see you folks again. Hope you are both feeling good now. I feel better than I ever have lately and have seen everything. I bought some vases in Pompail the other day when we were there. that was some thing I will never forget I have some pictures also. we were in Naples too. That is a nice City, but the same as other Italian cities: very dirty also. Just finished supper and had veal outlets tonight are meals have been real good too, I would like to have some yarn to knit sweaters. have run out of something to do evenings, perhaps will find some somewhere. How is my dog? Is the meat still rationed there. "e never see the papers the last one that I read was dated in Sept. we buy nuts that resemble our English Walnut at home and make fudge with them, but they aren't too plentful either, but every cheap got 4¢ for 50¢ the other day. Looks like my ship is taking up the rest of the space so will Wish you both a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Love & Kisses
Eula

Eula

V - MAIL



[1944]

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No. _____ From **N733530**

To **Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Gentzler**
224 Woodruff Ave.
Topeka, Kansas U.S.A.

Lt. E. Gentzler A.M.C.
(Sender's name)
U.S.A.H.S. "Shamrock"
(Sender's address) **A.P.O. 600**
202 Hospital Ship Co.
% Postmaster New York
(Date)

BASE 0514
ARMY
MINER
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Norht Africa
 Jan. 7th

Dear Mother And Dad:

They tell us that V. mail travels faster than other mail so will write this letter and mail then both the same time, we were all so thrill ever our Christmas pzckages and thanks for the candy and gum and the paper to. every thing came through in the best of wondition. Daddy how about you writing me a line or two in the next letter with Mothers Thelma sent me some pictures they were swell and looks like you could speak to them wish I could too.

How are you folks hope to get a letter very soon as yet we haven't received only the mail just before Christmas we just dont seem to get regular mails. but I guess we will be home before too long and then to cll you up. the werather here is chilly today thanks to our fur lined coats, they lapsed the other day. Be sure that you notice the change in my A.P.O. number it is now 600, some day they will make up their minds as to where we are, Well folks I will stop and you besure and write to me before tooo long.

Love
Eula
 Eula

V. MAIL

V...-MAIL



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No. 68202

From H. E. L. Gentzler 432022
(Sender's name)

To Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Gentzler
204 Woodruff Ave
Lyons Kansas
6.54

Address 2100 S. 10th St
(Sender's address)

City St. Paul
State N. Y.

Date Jan. 10 1944

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gentzler:

On the way and is an animal to you folks, but our
letter will go out again tomorrow as here goes! How are
you. The this is grand weather, like spring this
evening. We are going into the Village tomorrow to
see a movie again - about the only entertainment we have
besides going to the club and that gets old after
many months. I have collected the old fence coins
and paper money here and also some station money too
so that you will be somewhat richer when I get back.
The station money they use here really goes rapidly.
It takes two cents of our money to equal one here.
But we are learning our fence. We have been
taking it easy now for about a week - getting repairs -
so haven't had any patients but it is grand to
be off after working hard for four months. I hope
that Mrs. Meyer has received my letter by this
time - anyone will have to excuse me if I fail
to answer. Her letter right away - sometimes we never
get them for weeks. Will look like the end
as must close - the care and stay well
Sincerely
Your daughter
Eula Gentzler



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No. 715526 To Mr. & Mrs. E. I. Gentzler
224 Woodruff Ave
Topeka Kansas
U.S.A.

From H. E. A. Gentzler A.M.C. N792530
 (Sender's name)
USNS Shamrock APO 600
 (Sender's address)
205 Hospital Ship Co.
16 Postmaster New York
 (Date)

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

Italy - Jan. 20 1944

Dear Mother & Daddy:
 Today we didn't work and do not feel so tired tonight - but would like a little freedom from their ship for awhile. Some of the nurses are sick with the flu & several are off duty. Makes a dent in our staff when a few are off duty. Tonight is lovely and the stars are out as brightly. The some ones will be over you in about 6 more hours. I have been exercising a little today but when I sit in my stateroom alone it isn't likely that I pick up my hand work like you & I do so often. I have the sniffles tonight. so must doctor an on coming cold. I have been working on surgical packs, but I have them all completed now and can rest on that part at least until we have a run of surgical operations again. I would love to tell you where I am tonight, but that is out of the writing right now, but it is very picturesque and have it written down so I can mention it to you when I get home. I bought some vases at Pompeii not long ago. Well Daddy how are you - home and write to me. I will write again in a day or two. Lovingly
 Eula.

V - MAIL

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No. 142160

From H.E. & G. L. Co. 17825th
Under's name)
USARL Hemlock APO 600
(Sender's address)
200 Hospital Bldg. Co.
% Postmaster New York
(Date)

To Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Gutzke
224 Woodruff Ave
Topeka Kansas

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

Jan. 25th 1944

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Today I wrote letters from Thelma, but none from you but we are expecting more in the morning. She sure sounds like she is and she goes all the time. I am swell and feel fine, but tired in the evenings and really ready to go to bed when that semi comes. Sounds like we will be seeing the Statue of Liberty before too long and I am looking forward to that time - that will pep up our morale fifty times. How are you folks these days? How it will be spring back there - we are having some cool weather now but our quarters are warm and we dress to suit the weather. Carrie sent me an announcement of Winifred's baby so must ans. that too. Well folks there isn't any news tonight, but did want you to get a letter from me this time. I am hoping to get mail from you tomorrow. Lots of Love
Gula-

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No. PASSED BY
BASE
1161
ARMY
EXAMINER (CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Gentzler
224 Woodruff Ave
Topeka, Kansas

From
H. E. A. GENTZLER AND N. B. GENTZLER
(Sender's name)
4400 Shattuck St. R. D. 600
(Sender's address)
224 Woodruff Ave. Topeka, Kan.
(Date)
Feb. 7 1944
North Africa -

Dearest Folks

I am again to let you know I am feeling fine, but we have been having raining weather. The first we have seen since all of us are anxious to get to the States as our clothing is really down to the last stitch, my uniform really needs the cleaners too. Today, again we are looking for mail from this place. My letters to you seem far between, but I keep thinking that I will be calling you soon and therefore news isn't so much when we can talk. There are all you folks feeling - these cold days. How's Louie? Hope you haven't taken down with the flu. I read about the railroads in the 3 paper today - sounds like they may be taken over by the government. I had a case of sea sickness yesterday and that is worse than anything I can think of, it was real rough out, I couldn't eat - that is one thing you can't do when you have sea sickness. Well folks I must close and get this in on our mail bundle. Write if the your letters are wonderful - Tell all hello.

Sincerely
Eula

V - MAIL



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North Africa
Feb. 10, 1944

Dearest Mother and Dad:

Just finished eating and will drop you a few lines tonight and tell you folks to have the baked potatoes on as I will be coming home before long on a two weeks leave just when it will start I am not sure but I will call you the first chance that I get. I am swell but am off eating as I have been sea sick and there just isn't a thing for it only tough it out, We have been eating rations for so long over here and we haven't had potatoes for over three months and I am sure that I will have to be introduced to an egg again, one will never know how it is to want things and can't reach them but it could be lots worse than it is now. I had my afternoon nap on deck this afternoon all rapped in a heavy blanket and my fur lined coat on, the sun was out, it was cold. I probably will write to you once more then you will have to wait for awhile as I will have no way in mailing a letter. You can tell every one and I will not write to them as writing is really a puzzle to me anymore here and rather boring to you. and then to save something for you when I get there. This will be all for now and hope to see you before too long, take care of your selves

Lovingly
Eula
Eula

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To	Lt. E. A. Gentzler (Sender's name) 202 Hospital Ship Co. (Sender's address) U.S.A.N.S. Shamrock A.P.O. 600 New York (Date)
Mrs. & Mr. Homer Claussen 919 Medford Topeka, Kansas U.S.A.	

North Africa
Feb. 12th, 1944

Dear Ones:

Today is our day off and several of us went for a walk and the sun was rather warm but we enjoyed it lots, we ended up in riding in a Navy truck and they took us all over the city, also saw the city wash, which is an enormous cement tank with a canopy and several cloths lines leading away from it and about hundred trying to wash the same time in the same water and the odor is so bad that you could only stay there a short time. Well now I should mention the reason that I am writing this in such a rush is that I will be in the States before long and then my leave will start, my guess is around Mar. 4th we are really day dreaming about it all now and making plans how to spend some good old American money and eat food again instead of rations. We had eggs this morning first for several months and I ate three that is something unusual for me but is spit of my appetite I have gained here on these rations. I heard from Mother the other day and she sounds so happy these days that makes me feel like fighting all the harder too. So sorry about your Mother being sick again and hope that she has improved by this time, do you think that I will go to see her when I come home. Well kids this will be all the kids here want me to play a hand of bridge so will see you real soon I will call Mother when I arrive in the States and she will let you know. Please write in case that I don't get to come I will still get letters

Lovingly
Eula
Gentzler

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202 Hospital Ship Co.
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600
*Postmaster, New York

Cran North Africa
Feb. 12th 1944

Dearest Ones:

Today was a day off duty for all of us and several of us went for a long walk and ended up by riding in a Navy truck that really took us sight seeing over this city. Saw the city wash which is a enormous cement tank with a canopy, there are or were about a hundred there washing and they wash in the same water and the odor is terrific. We stayed long enough to get a picture and that was all. Yesterday I thought that I had written you folks the last letter but all of these will no doubt reach you before I get there. I am so thrilled about it all that it is hard to go to sleep at night, see it has been so long since I have seen every one. Please don't have a big meal for me as, what I want to eat, will be just like the left overs, and I would like to just sit a visit more than anything, time will be so short as it is. Did I tell you that that I received the hose and they are swell thanks a million for them, that is one thing that is hard to buy over here and colthing is ration here. I haven't had much chance to buy souviners for every one as all our time we were always too rushed for that and gee the prices were above what we would pay in the States. Well Mother write to me any as if some thing happened that I would not get to come when I think see I won't miss hearing from home. Write often Hoping to call you real soon.

You are both swell folks
Tell every one that I will be home and I
won't have to write

Lovingly
Your Daughter
Eula

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TO:
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224 Woodruff Ave
Spokane
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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

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To Eula G. GENTZLER AAG
204th Hospital Ship Co.
USA 4th Academy
90 Postmaster N. Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Eula:

Somewhere in Britain
7 June 1944

How goes these days in the States. Today actually the sun is shining and some of the kids have gone into the villages. Which again tomorrow we shall do the same thing. I found a few things yesterday that I think will be of interest to you folks and we had a great time shopping too. Visited some of the large stores and met some interesting people too. We came back by train, which are somewhat different than those which I had driven or ridden.

I suppose Martin is busy finding himself a job for the summer and I am still planning to see him before he returns home. You know I have to keep that swimming date but no ducking.

Just finished my ironing - a dress and shirt. The water shortage isn't bad here at all. We are interested in the way they prepare their meals and of course enjoy the tea time here too. Well dear ones this is all for now, and I am feeling fine and enjoying this life to the fullest. Hope everyone is well and please write soon.
Sincerely
Eula

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Mrs. E. J. Gentzler
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Kansas

From

E. J. Gentzler G. NC
(Sender's name)

USANS ACADIA
(Sender's address)

% Postmaster New York

June 17 1944
(Date)

Italy

Dearest Ones:

Today has been rough, probably due to the winds. I have been thinking of you folks a great deal on this trip and hope with all my heart that I will get to see you before Sept. That sounds a long way off right now, but really I guess it is not. How are you today? I feel fine but just a little lonesome tonight so will try and read a little before going to sleep. How is little Jimmy these days, do you suppose he will know me when I come home again - Say Mother dear I forget to put in your S. & P's when I sent the package to you as I had packed it hurriedly when I found out Martin was still in California and I shall send them to you now. You sent my last letter to Charleston as by luck I went to the hospital that day and called for my mail and was so surprised to get the letter from home, but you have grand it was to read such late letters. Well I will be calling you soon again - With lots of love. Eula

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