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JUMBO POST CARD



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Dear Mom,
I have a day off from R.P. for a change so have been loafing around the service club. I sent out some more Christmas cards today and answered all my letters. I guess I will attempt to get a lot of sleep tonight for a change. I was out again last night.

Love
Larry

Wrs Gladys Collins

230 West 6th St.

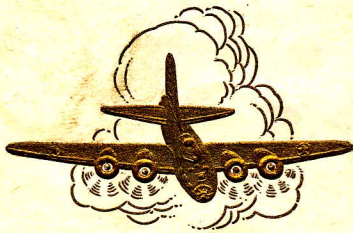
Day City Michigan

Sgt Lawrence Witt 16160304
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Kearney, Nebraska
Leaving



Mrs Gladys Collins
230 West 6th St.
Lansing City, Michigan

April 5, 1944



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES

Dear Mom,

I received two letters from you today and am sure glad to get them before I leave. You asked about staging and also about my other months training. Well staging is where I am at and it is to outfit us for combat and also to supply us with our new ship. My other month of training is similar to the training I have already had and isn't important, besides I expect to be overseas awhile before my first raid. In fact according to the news on the radio there won't be many more raids necessary over Germany.

At the present time I am sitting in the pilots seat of our new ship. I am on Guard duty as all our equipment is aboard and we will leave very soon. We calibrated our instruments this morning and our ship is in fine shape. It's going to be a great thrill going overseas and I am looking forward to some of the best times of my life. I can tell you for sure that I ain't afraid of combat and I am hoping that you won't be foolish enough to worry. After all no matter what happens I haven't many regrets and it's a good way to feel. I know I am far from perfection and will most surely go to hell if anything happens.

I had a recording made. It was short and
I meant what I said. I hope you like it.
If you haven't got it already you will get
it soon.

I have the Easter card you sent and ~~that~~ ^{thanks}
I should have sent you one but I hadn't
given much thought to anything since I
came here. I bought a carton of razor blades
so won't need them now. I can use the
pockets you bought though. I will be over
near when I get them so if you want to
make up a package you can send some
soap along with them but no food as
I have plenty. I got a box of candy bars
and a carton of gum. I will send my
diploma tomorrow from the east coast
I want fly over Michigan just over Toledo.
I will be gone when you get this anyway.

I will have a lot of money from now on
and I should be sending more money home
than I am. I will be getting a hundred
and 20 bucks per month. Not bad huh. I will
have more money than a Second lieutenant.
Well I guess I will close now.

Your Son
Lawrence

No.

PRINT ADDRESS IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS

SENDER'S RETURN ADDRESS



MRS. GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6th St.
IMLAY CITY, MICHIGAN

1st Lt Lawrence With
(Grade or Rank and Name)
(Army Serial Number) 16160308

(Complete Organizational address)
APO 16001-CJ-23
c/o POSTMASTER,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Dear Mom,

I suppose you have the letter I wrote yesterday & forgot to tell you were I am at. Its England and I still dont like it. The climate is damp and cold. The country side is very nice as there are plenty of flowers and trees. Its sure nice to see green grass again. Most of the nice flowers in the states grow wild here and they are twice as nice to look at.

I dont care much for the English but the Scotch are damn nice people. They are very friendly and well mannered.

There isnt a lot to write about. I have been washing clothes and had a hair cut yesterday. I havent shaved for almost a week.

The money system isnt very hard to get on to. I have it down pretty good. I guess I will need a bigger bag to carry it around in as a penny over here is the size of a half dollar. Well I will close now. Write soon

Yours Son
Lawrence

APR 15 1946

V-MAIL

No.

PRINT ADDRESS IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS

MRS. GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6th St.
IMMAY CITY, MICH.

3rd Lt LAWRENCE WITT
(Grade or Rank and Name)
(Army Serial Number) 16160308

(Complete Organizational)

APC 160016160308
POSTMASTER,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK



APR 18 1944

~~Dear Mom,~~

I have been to a lot of places since I left home but this one is the closest thing to a prison I have ever been in. They won't let us go to town or even off the post. We can't buy anything in the P.M. as we haven't any ration books. They are having a dance tonight but we can't go cause they didn't have enough passes. The chow stinks and don't get enough sleep. The women that I have seen and of what I have heard about them are in a class lower than any dogs. I thought it was bad in the states but I find any comparison.

They are going to send me to some more school so I guess I won't fight right away. They took our ~~camp~~ away from us and we won't get another one until we get through school here. It mad me pretty mad to.

Well I haven't much more room so have to close now. I hope to hear from you soon.

Love
Lawrence

V-MAIL

THE SPACE PROVIDED USE BACK OR ON OTHER PAPER. WRITE VERY PLAINLY. SMALL WRITING IS NOT SUITABLE.



CENSORS STAMP

PRINT ADDRESS IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS

MRS. GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6 ST.
MAY CITY,
MICHIGAN

SOLDIER'S RETURN ADDRESS:

1st Lawrence White
(Grade or Rank and Name)
[Army Serial Number]: 16160308
1 APR 1945
(Complete Organization)
APO. 16001-CJ-23
address
c/o POSTMASTER,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Dear Mom,

Well I got off the post last night and went to a dance. I danced with a lot of different girls and had a lot of fun. I was surprised at the band they had as it was strictly swing just like in the U.S.A.

I like I told you before the girls arent very good and dont compare with the kind of company I care to be with. After the dance I started back for camp and its get so darn dark around here that I couldnt tell if I was on the road half the time. I almost got lost.

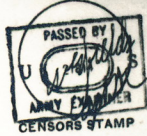
although there are a few cars most of the people walk or ride bikes. I miss the traffic and the quiet around here is hard to get used to.

I wrote a lot of letters the other day and got caught up on my writing. I wrote to Russ Stord and Swick and all the rest. Well I gotta close.

Your son
Lawrence

V...-MAIL

No. _____



MRS. GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6 ST.
INLAY CITY,
MICHIGAN

3/5gt Lawrence Witt
SENDER'S NAME
338 Bomb Sq. H.
SENDER'S ADDRESS
96 Bomb Sq. H.
APO 559 2 Postmaster
N.Y. DATE 7.1.

APR 27 1944

Dear Mom,

I just a few lines to let you know I am doing alright and am still looking for my mail to catch up to me. I don't want much to write as everything is still the same. The other crew in our hut have ~~been~~ bought a radio and it helps to break the monotony. I am still getting a lot of school to go to and a lot of practice flying around here. The weather is fairly nice and I don't feel away from home as much as I expected to. At least I feel more at home here than I did in Texas. I expect to get another strip in the very near future, as without luck I will have five strips all together. I came a long way since I got in the Army. We got a couple dozen eggs from the woman who does our washing. So from what you can see I don't have it so bad. Our schedule is the same on Sundays as any other day so haven't been to church in a long time. I wish I could go more often like I did at home. Well I am out of space again so will close till next time
Love your son
Lawrence

V-MAIL

No.



Mrs. GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6 ST.
IMLAY CITY, MICHIGAN

By Lawrence With
SENDER'S NAME

238 West 4th
SENDER'S ADDRESS

St. Paul, Minn.

APR 25 9 2 Postmaster

N.Y. DATE 21. Y.

APR 28 1944

Dear Mom,

Is another nice day here and everything is pretty nice. I am just getting settled. Getting my clothes and things all put away.

I haven't been doing much of anything yet. I am still waiting to start school, don't expect to start right away as I had expected.

I went to a dance at the Non Commers Club last night and it wasn't so good. I didn't stay long. I sure miss the American girls.

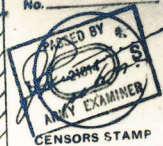
The rationing for us is pretty good. I get fruit juice and candy besides all kind of smoking tobacco. Don't have much razor blades except what I brought from the states and there are plenty of them. Most of the rationing is just to keep up from giving the stuff to civilians. I wish I would start flying soon and get it over with but not much chance.

I haven't got any mail from home for a long time now so it doesn't leave me a lot to write about. I shall close for now.

Love your son
Lawrence.

V - MAIL

No. _____



MRS. GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6 ST.
IMLAL CITY, MICHIGAN

APR 29 1944

1/2 of Lawrence's with
SENDER'S NAME
538 Bomb Sq.
SENDER'S ADDRESS
96 Bomb Sq.
APO 559 2/ Postmaster
71.1. DATE 71.1.

Dear Mom,

As usual things are the same. Sleep is short, but the show is plenty swell and it makes me feel like a heel to be eating so good. I guess the government feels I need it.

We have a cute dog that comes around now and then. They also have a young donkey that some of the fellows brought from Africa. It sure is cute and full of pep. It's very friendly. A funny thing about animals around an army camp they are always friendly with the soldiers and always take out after the civilians. Even a dog can tell the difference.

I have been wondering if Don is in the army yet. I hope I hear from him before too long a time maybe I will write to him tonight. One of the fellows has a bike and I get a workout on it every now and then. I also spend a little time in the gym.

The pilot is putting me in for another strip and expect to have it soon. How are Walt and Howard and the rest making out? Will I will about till next time

Love your son
Lawrence

V-MAIL

No. _____



CENSORS STAMP

MRS. GRADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6 ST.
IMLAY CITY,
MICHIGAN

MAY 2 1944

1st Lawrence Witt

SENDER'S NAME

338 Bond St.

SENDER'S ADDRESS

76 Bond St.

APD 559, 76 Bond St.

M.I. DATE M.I.

Dear Mom,

Its Sunday March 30th and a swell day. I only have two hours of school today and that in the afternoon. I washed clothes this morning and after school I hope to go to church services. We have a church program on the radio now and it almost seems like a Sunday at home.

They treat us swell around here. I get a ride with a colonel and major in a jeep the other day. They dont have the same distinction between officers and enlisted men in the states. We get ice cream once in awhile and plenty of fruit juice and salads. We have our own mess hall and its a lot better then the others have. We fry eggs in our hut between meals.

I went over and got my diploma from the pilot yesterday and as soon as I get some stamps I will send it home with some foreign money I am saving.

I havent any more to write now so I will close till next time.

Love Your Son
Lawrence

V-MAIL

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May City, Mich.

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MAY
1944



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SGT. LAWRENCE WITT # 16160308

~~338 Bomb Sq~~

~~96th Bomb Sq~~



Missing
Seymour Topor, Capt. A.C.
338th Bomb Sq.

A.P.O. 5-389 Postmaster

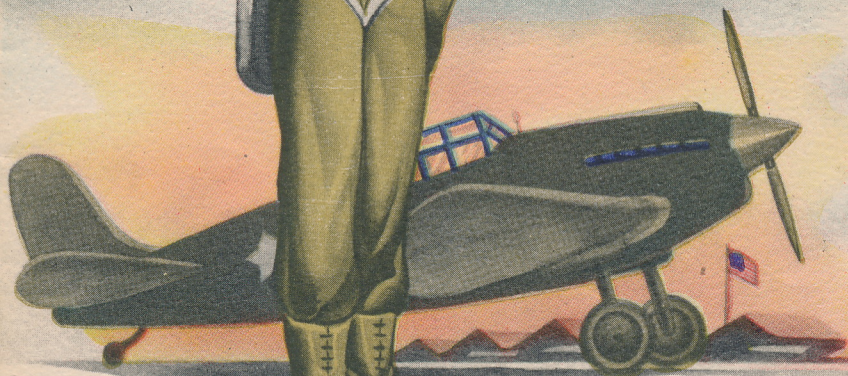
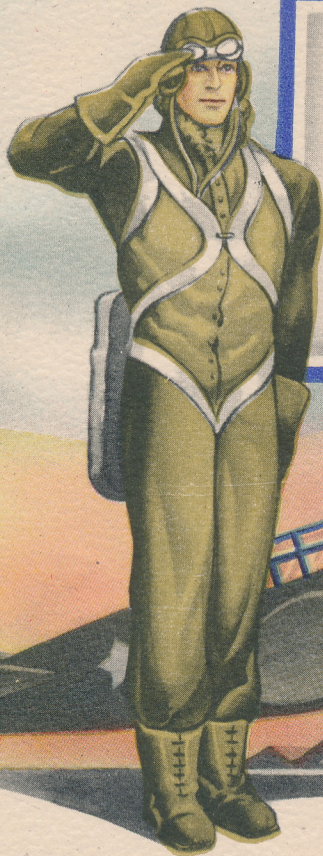
MAY 28 1944

N.Y. N.Y.



Happy
Birthday

TO A
MIGHTY FINE
FLYER



May your Birthday takeoffs
all be smooth

Your climbs be steep and true

May you level off to Happiness

And skyways clear and blue —

May you cruise along to joy and cheer

May bumps be what you stay from

And may your landings always be

The kind you walk away from.

Lots of love —
Mom.



230 W. 6th St.,

Dearborn City Mich.

5-3-'44

Dearest Larry. Well I have been to Port Huron today I went with Mrs. Shell a neighbor lady. we went down on the train this morning and back this P.M. I had a good time and it did seem good to get away. I am having a vacation this week, Mr. Deats (the baker) is sick and went to Ford Hosp. for an examination he says he will be back at work next Monday but I have my doubts. Anyway I am glad to have this week off as I want to do some house cleaning I washed a big washing Mon. & Tue I ironed now tomorrow (Thur.) I am going to wash & stretch my Curtains. I may call Mrs. Vear and ask her out this week end.

I bought your Birthday gift today and I will mail it tomorrow I hope it gets there June 1st. you said in your letter yesterday you hadn't had any mail yet. I hope you begin to get some soon. your letter was dated Apr 28th and I got it May 2nd so that is sure fact. It don't seem possible that you are so far away when letters come so quickly and it seems like you should begin to get some by now.

The news sure sounds like the Germans are plenty jittery I guess they wish they hadn't started it now.

It has been warm today and it looks like rain to night. I hope it is nice tomorrow.

I am getting acquainted out here and have made a few friends so I don't feel quite so lonesome anymore. Everyone are putting in their gardens now. I am not going to make any I'll just sponge it.

from the rest, that's the ~~easiest~~ easiest.

I haven't heard from Walter yet but I don't suppose it will be much longer now. Evelyn never writes either. It sure seems good to hear from you so often I don't worry so much when I hear.

Aunt Ethel is starting her flower beds and is busy in her garden. Howard likes it at Hurd Lock real well, he works days out there and I think it is better.

Well as usual there is no news. I'll send your Birthday card with this and hope you get it by your birthday.

Happy Birthday! & Happy Landings & hope you will be home for your Birthday next year.

Lots of love -
mom.

230 W. 6th St.,
Imlay City Mich.
5-3-'44

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No.



CENSORS STAMP

MRS. GLADYS COLLINS
 230 WEST 6, ST.
 INLBY CITY, MICHIGAN

1460908
 Sgt Lawrence W. [unclear]
 SENDERS NAME
 96 Bomb Sq.
 SENDERS ADDRESS
 96 Bomb Sq.

APR. 157 76 Postmaster
 N.Y. DATE N.Y.

Dear Mom,

MAY 10 1944

I received three letters from you today and I was sure glad to get some mail at last. So Walter is over seas to. I was wondering were he was. I wrote to him and haven't received an answer yet. I went bike riding last night for about two hours. It felt good to get out for a change. I was my cool all and rock all over the country side. Its very nice around here. I can get off the post any time I want busy, but there isn't any place to go near by so don't go out often. I started going to church again. Went the last two Sundays with the crew. I am glad you like the recording I sent. I wonder how it sounds. The name of our ship will be, "Some ward Angle". What do you think of it?

You're not wrong about Destination Germany as thats were I will be going. In fact thats were I have already been. It isn't bad at all and the chance of coming back is very good. Of course it will be a long time yet. I got another letter from Don and he is still out of the army. Well I shall close now as I haven't any news.

Love your son
 Lawrence

V-MAIL

No.



SENSORS STAMP

Mrs GLADYS COLLINS
230 WEST 6 ST.
IMLAY CITY,
MICHIGAN

MAY 12 1944

16160300
1st Lawrence Witt

SENDER'S NAME
338 130th St
SENDER'S ADDRESS
86 130th St.

APD 559 % Postmaster
N.Y. DATE N.Y.

5-11-1944

Dear Mom,
I received another letter from you today which took only two weeks to get here. It looks like my mail is at last catching up to me. I just got back from camp. We had ice cream tonight. It isn't like ice cream in the U.S. it tastes like cold flower and water. I guess you can see my address has changed again it Tech. Sgt now and I get 200 dollars a month now. It doesn't look like I will get to go to London as a pass for some time yet. When and if I do get one I will let you know all about it. I got a letter from a girl and she said Bill is was home on another furlough. I wish him. I should write her mother a letter as she always treated me pretty good. No I don't have any bikes but I get a chance to borrow one once in awhile and go riding. It nice country around here to ride through. I got a letter from Dad and he said he has been put in I-10 over a week and a half ago gone devil. I hope they get him.

Well I haven't any news so I will close for now as am out of space again.

Love Your Son
Lawrence

V-MAIL

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Mrs Gladys I Collins
230 West 6 st
Ipsley City Mich.

The **secretary** of war desires me to express his deep regret that your son Technical Sergeant Lawrence L Witt has been reported missing in action since twelve May over Germany if further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified

Dunlop Acting The Adjutant General.

254 PM W

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AG 201 Witt, Lawrence L.
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29 May 1944.

Mrs. Gladys I. Collins,
230 West 6th Street,
Imlay City, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Collins:

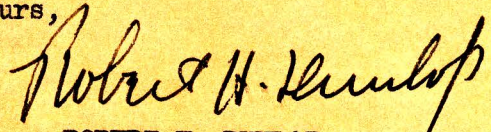
This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your son, Technical Sergeant Lawrence L. Witt, 16,160,308, Air Corps, has been reported missing in action over Germany since 12 May 1944.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months. Also, it is the policy of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces upon receipt of the "Missing Air Crew Report" to convey to you any details that might be contained in that report.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports. However, in order to relieve financial worry, Congress has enacted legislation which continues in force the pay, allowances and allotments to dependents of personnel being carried in a missing status.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,



ROBERT H. DUNLOP
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

Sergt. Lawrence L. Witt, of Im-
ay City, gunner on a bomber, has
been missing in action over Ger-
many since May 12 and Tech. Sergt.
George W. Peart, of Burt, gunner
and radio operator on a bomber,

Kriegsgefangenenpost
GEBRÜH
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MAY CITY
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An MRS. GLADYS COLLINS

MAY CITY

Box 332
Libby, Mont

Empfangsort: MAY CITY ST.

Straße: 230 W. 4th ST.

Kreis: MICHIGAN

Land: U.S. AMERICA

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Mit Luftpost
nach
U.S.A. - RM 40. Rp

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Gebührenfrei



Deutschland (Allemagne)

Lager-Bezeichnung: LAGER N. 3 DL.

Gefangenennummer: [REDACTED]

Vor- und Zuname: LAWRENCE F. WITT

Absenders

Dear Mom, well I am a P.W. and am okay
I can only write two letters and four
cards a month so wont be writing often.
If you want to send any packages
you have to send them through the
Red Cross. They give us a lot of things
The best of which is the food. Let me
know how much of my stuff they
send home from England such as
my pipes and pictures. I am lucky
to be in good health.

damn good treatment and dont
have to do any work. We dont get
much tobacco and soap so if
you send a package see the red

cross about what you can
send as there are a lot of do's and
donts about sending packages.

I have some clothes from the Red
Cross among them is a over coat
which is just like most people wear
at home. Write often, Love Lawrence

Dear Mom, I have been here
almost two weeks and am just
getting on to the place. all I have
done so far is eat, sleep, and play
cards, or sit in the sun. It isn't so
bad being here we live in barracks
and all we are expected to do is keep
it clean. We got a lot of cabbage to
eat and you know how much
I like cabbage. I hope every
thing is alright at home and
that you got news that I am OK
before to long a time. We are
looking forward to the Red
Cross coming here as when they
do they bring packages of food
and cigarettes also clothes and

toilet articles which the
Germans are short on. Well I
have to close. I hope to hear
from you soon and don't
forget to send me some
candy or something.

Love your son Larry

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Kriegsgefangenenpost



An GLADYS I COLLINS
IMLAY CITY

Empfangsort: IMLAY CITY

Straße: 230 W. 6th ST.

Kreis: MILWAUKEE

Land: U.S. AMERICA
Landesteil [Provinz usw.]

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Gebührenfrei
U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Allmagne)

Lager-Bezeichnung: KRIEGSGEFANGENEN LAGER No. 3 d.L. GERMANY

Gefangenennummer: ~~1111~~

Vor- und Zuname: Tsgf. H. H. WITZ

Absender:

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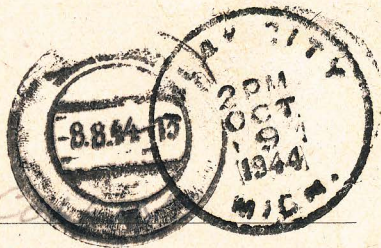
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Mrs. GLADYS C.

Gebührenfrei

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Absender:

Vor- und Zuname:

Sgt Lawrence A. H.

Empfangsort:

Libbey, Mount
MAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Gefangenennummer:

1167

Straße:

230 W. 6th St.

Lager-Bezeichnung:

M.-Stammlager Luft 3

Land:

U.S. AMERICA

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

11063

U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Allemagne)

Kriegsgefangenenlager

Datum: JUNE 15 1944

Dear Mom, well its just another day here,
Everything is going along pretty good,
& only hope & beat this card home.
It rains most of the time here so
cant find much to do. Our Red Cross
packages arrived and expect to get
them tomorrow. Love Your Son, Lawrence

GEPRÜFT
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Kriegsgefangenenpost

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An MRS. GLADYS COLLINS

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LIBBY MONT.
1944
OCT 19

Libby, Mont.

Empfangsort: LIBBY CITY, MICHIGAN

Straße: 230 W. 6TH ST.

Kreis: MICHIGAN

Land: U.S. AMERICA

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Mit Luftpost
Par Avion

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U.S. CENSOR
Gebührenfrei

Deutschland (Germany)

Lager-Bezeichnung: M.-Stamm-lager Luft 3

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: 1/SGT LAWRENCE WITTE

Absender:

Dear Mom, Today is Sunday June 28,
and its a swell day. I just finished
eating and cleaning up my silver
wear. I went to church service this
morning and expect to go again
tonight. Thats about all the
social life we have. The boys
were playing football yesterday
so you can see I have it pretty
good. We get French cigarettes
from the Germans and they are
sure strong. I dont smoke many
of them. We get meat, raisins, candy
and jam from the Red Cross besides
the food we get from our rations.
I have learned to appreciate life a lot
more since what I have been through.

I expect my future after the war will
be the best part of my life. I am running
short so shall close. May the Lord
watch between me and thee while we
are absent one from the other.

With all my love
Lawrence

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No 7 ck 34 Govt Washington DC 1104pm 7/5/44

Mrs Gladys I Collins
230 West 6th St
Lmlay City Mich

Report just received through the international red cross states that your son Technical Sergeant Larence L Witt is at prisoner of war of the German Government letter of information follows from povost Marshall general.

ULIO The Adjutant General

1055pm D

Missing Flier Held by Germans

Imlay City Sergeant Lost Since May 12

Imlay City — Tech. Sgt. Lawrence L. Witt, 20, gunner on a heavy bomber based in England, who previously was reported



Sgt. Witt

missing in action over Germany since May 12, is a prisoner of the German Government, according to a War Department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Gladys Collins.

Sgt. Witt enlisted in the Army Air Forces in November, 1942, and went overseas early in April of this year. A brother, Pfc. Walter Witt, is stationed in England.

Dear Mom, well there isnt much
to write about. I am putting on
weight and have it plenty easy
around here. We have a couple
ball games going all the time and
card games to help pass the time.
Our food is getting better all the
time. We have a lot of rainy
weather but once in awhile we
get enough sun shine to get a
tan. Its a good thing I am here
instead of back flying and ending
up were some of them did. We
have church services every Sunday
and also during the week. We expect
some books from the Y.M.C.A. soon.
Then I can brush up on my reading.

I hope everything is going good
at home and that you arnt
worrying about me to much.

Well I havent any news so
shall have to close.

Love Your Son

Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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An MRS. GLADYS COLLINS

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Deutschland (Germany)

Lager-Bezeichnung: M-Stammlager Luft 3

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: 1st Lt James A. Hoff

Absender:

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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Deutschland (Germany)

Lager-Bezeichnung: M-Stamm-lager Luft 3

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: Sgt Lawrence W. Hoff

Absender:

11041
U.S. CENSOR

Dear Mom, well its another sunny
day here. I just finished washing
clothes and am waiting for
them to dry. Its the 4th of
July and we are having a ball
game in the area. also have
religious services today. The
Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. are
taking good care of us and I
am putting on weight. We have
plenty to do to pass the time
and its getting better all the
time. we have cards and also
some musical instruments
and expect to form our own
band.

I hope everything is going
good at home and that Walter
is alright also yourself and
dont worry about me as I
am well off and treated good
I shall close till next time.
Love your son
Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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GLADYS COLLINS

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Absender:

Vor- und Zuname:

T/sgt. Lawrence Witt

Gefangenenummer:

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Deutschland (Allemagne)

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Box 332

Straße:

~~230 W. 6TH ST.~~
Libby Mont

Land:

~~U.S. AMERICA~~

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

11347

U.S. CENSOR

Kriegsgefangenenlager

Datum: JULY 13, 1944

Dear Mom, well its still the same and
not much news. I am in a new area
and its even better than the one before.
I am putting on weight and get lots of
exercise and a lot of free time which I
spend reading the bible and play a lot
of solitaire. Paul goes to Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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Deutschland (Germany)

Lager-Berechnung:

M.-Stammnummer Luft 2

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: Sgt Lawrence W. H.

Abseher:

Dear Mom,

JULY 13, 1944

It's another nice day here and I have just finished shaving and washing up. I have a pipe now and have been smoking French cigarettes in it. I made some candy last night and don't expect it to last long. The time goes fast here and keep my ears open for any good news about the war. I hope it over soon. The Radio Operator came to this camp a couple days ago so five of us are together now. We don't know anything about the rest of them except the co pilot which has passed

on. Today being Friday we have a Bible study. We get oat meal today and I got some raisins to put in it. I guess that all the news so shall close. I hope you are all well.

Love your Son Laurence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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Militärpost
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An Par Avion

Postkarte

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Absenders

Vor- und Zuname:

1 Sgt Lawrence Witt

Gefangenennummer:

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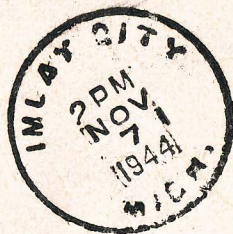
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Deutschland (Allemagne)



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230 W. 6th St.

Land:

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MICHIGAN U.S.A.

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Kriegsgefangenenlager

Datum:

JULY 29, 1944

Dear Mom, I am still as well as ever
and am doing fine. We have
some books to read and a band
to listen to. Church services are
getting better all the time. The
weather has been pretty cloudy
though. Love your son Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost



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U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Allemagne)

Lager-Bezeichnung:

STRAßKLUFT DER LUFTWAFFE NR 3

Gefangenennummer:

1167

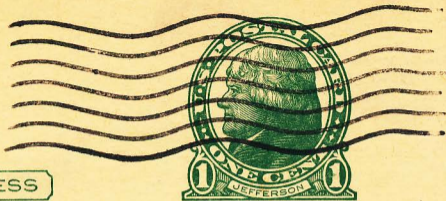
Vor- und Zuname:

Herr Dr. Schmidt

Absender:

Dear Mom, Its Thursday, August 3rd and
everything is about the same except
for improvement in camp conditions
every now and then. We have an
English minister here now who is very
good. I heard his first service here
last Sunday. His talks are much
like those of Cortides. The weather has
been damp almost all the time
although we have enough sunshine
to dry our washings. We just got a
shipment of Red Cross clothing in,
which we are in need of. I am
growing a thin beard like a
goat. I made a pipe this week to
pass the time. I have two good pipes.
I also have a book to read, "Olives

Twist." I was talking with some
Detroit boys a while ago and going
over some of our old times. Well I
must close again. I hope you are
all well and hope to be with you
soon. Love your son Lawrence.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs Witt
230 W. 6th
Omaha City
Mich

WAR PRISONER INFORMATION

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"DAD MAC MANNIS' LISTENING POST"

"A Veteran of Both Wars Keeping Faith With His Buddies"

I have just received News from Radio Station DXJ, Berlin, Germany ⁸⁻⁵
that S/Laurence Witt Serial No. 16160308
is a Prisoner of War in Germany. The report indicates that he is (well) (~~wounded~~)
and is being well taken care of. Safe & Well

Please
May I have His Picture and a reply to this report? Thank you.

"Dad" Mac Mannis
315 Victoria Way
West Palm Beach, Florida

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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An MRS. GLADYS COLLINS

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Straße: 230 W. 6TH. ST.
Kreis: MICHIGAN Mont.
Land: UNITED STATES
Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

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Gebührenfrei!
U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Allemagne)
Lager-Bezeichnung: M-STAMMBOER LUFT 3
Gefangenennummer: 1167
Vor- und Zuname: Sgt Lawrence A. H.
Absender:

GERMANY

Dear Mom, its another nice Sunday
afternoon, one of the quite lazy kind,
very quite in fact which is unusual
here. Most of us are reading, playing
cards or just sitting in the sun, it is
two hours since dinner and about
time for tea. I have read several
books since the last time I wrote
including one on chemistry. Our
church services seem to be better
all the time. As I have told you
before we have several very
good preachers, of which I feel
fortunate to have with us. We
now have a kitten in our barrack
and its so small I think it
would fit in my cup. It gets

its share of kind attention. I have
been playing some ball but
there is none for improvement.
I shall close now until next
time, I send my love and best
wishes and hope for the day we
can be together again. Paul Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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Absender:

Vor- und Zuname:

Sgt Lawrence Witt

Gefangenennummer:

1167

Lager-Bezeichnung:

STARAGLUFT
NR. 3

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Deutschland (Allemagne)

Bay 332

Empfangsort:

~~MMX CITY~~

Libby, Mont

Straße:

~~230 W 7th St~~

Land:

U.S. AMERICA

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Mont

Kriegsgefangenenlager

Datum: AUGUST 9, 1944

Dear Mom, just a few lines to let you know I am doing fine. We have books and papers to read. We have sail boats in a pond the boys made. I pass a lot of time that way and playing

baseball. Well I hope to see you all again soon.
Lawrence



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U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Allemagne)

Lager-Bezeichnung: Kriegsgefangenenlager der Luftwaffe Nr. 3

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: 1st Lt LAWRENCE WITT

Absender:

Dear Mom, I just to let you I am still
alright and busy every day, I just
finished washing clothes, taking a
bath and cleaning my teeth. I got
some clothes and it looks like I
got them just in time as its
starting to get cold weather already.
I have been playing cards, baseball,
football, and volley ball most of
the time. We have a lot of books in
and have done a lot of reading. So
my time is well taken up. We
have a victrola and a lot of
popular records and also some
classical ones to help pass the
time. all these things together help
the time to pass fast. I hope

you all in good health and
that this will be over soon
so I can be with you again.
We had a program here a few
days ago and it was good with music
and all. That's all the room so shall
close. Love your son Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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Box 332.

Libby, Mont.

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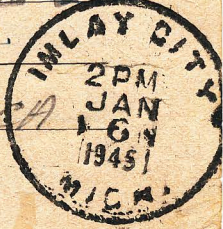
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Deutschland (Germany)

Lager-Bezeichnung: Kriegsgefangenenlager der Luftwaffe Nr. 3

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: TSGT LAWRENCE WITT

Absender:

Dear Mom,

Oct. 4, 1944

It's another nice day today although we have had some cold weather.

I met Norman Hollender I guess you remember & worked for his brother in the Laboratory at Ford.

I also met Stanford E. Walk who used to go with Bob Love. I

sure meet a lot of people here.

I moved from the other cages a week ago and am busy getting things set up in this new place. I am still in the same

camp just in another part of it.

It's getting to be a large camp.

Our food from the Red Cross

is half ration for the duration

I hope it won't be long. I still haven't received any mail.

It should take about another month. I am sure anxious to

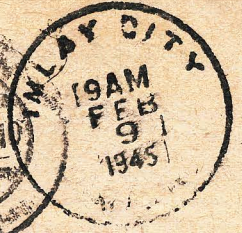
hear if you are all alright. I

shall close for now. Best

wishes. Love Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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Box 332

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Land: UNITED STATES

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Gebührenfrei

11028
U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Germany)

Lager-Bezeichnung: Kriegsgefangenenlager der Luftwaffe Nr. 3

Gefangenennummer: 1117

Vor- und Zuname: Tsgf LAWRENCE WITT

Absender:

Dear Mom, I still havent received
any mail but expect it to come
through soon. Some of the fellows
that came down when I did
are getting there now. It has
been pretty cold the last few
days and are having a lot of
rain. I have been reading some
books on chemistry to pass the
time away. I have been singing
in the choir for church services.

I keep wondering about Walter
and wondering how he is doing,
also about Ringe and if you have
heard from him. Jeanette must
be in the third grade at school by
now. She should be getting grown

up since I left. I sure will be
glad to see all of you again.
I hope everybody at home is
in the best of health and not
so anxious for me. I am in good
health and the best of spirits.

With all my love, Lawrence

Kriegsgefangenenpost



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Kreis: _____

Landesteil: UNITED STATES

U.S. CENSOR

Deutschland (Allemagne)

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Lager-Bezeichnung: STABHQ LUFT No. 3

Gefangenennummer: 1167

Vor- und Zuname: 1/SGT LAWRENCE L. WITT

Absender:

Dear Mom,

NOVEMBER 9, 1944

I received your first letter which was mailed September 4, just a few days ago. I was so glad to know everything is alright at home & was sure anxious. I am also glad to hear Walter is well and that he asks about me. According to your letter you are in a nice place now, it must be like Utah in a way. It is nice scenery there with the mountains and all. Our church services are very good as we have to very good preachers. Our music has been limited in the past due to a lack of instruments but that is being overcome by the Y.M.C.A. donations. The choir of

which I am a member is also doing very well as we have a very good leader. We also have morning services and bible studys through the week besides to services on Sundays. Have you heard from Don Ring? Love your Son Lawrence

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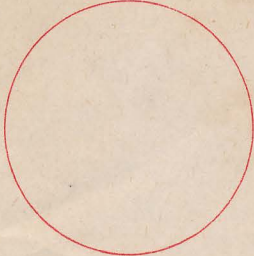
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16160308
Serial No. _____
Repatriation Center No. 1
APO 657 % P.M., N.Y., N.Y.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
MRS. GLADYS I. COLLINS
Box 332
LIBBY, MONTANA

From

1st Laurence L. Witt
(Sender's name)

Serial No. 16160308
(Sender's address)

Repatriation Center No. 1
APO 657 P.M., N.Y., N.Y.

APRIL 23, 1945
(Date)

DEAR MOM, STARTED FOR HOME THE DAY I LEFT STALAG 4B. ON FEB. THE SEVENTH WHEN I STARTED MY TRIP WEST. WE LEFT AT NINE IN THE MORNING, ON FOOT, ITS THE BEST WAY TO TAKE A SIGHT SEEING TRIP. SEEN MANY INTERESTING SIGHTS ON THE WAY. WE ARRIVED IN HAMBURG AREA FORTY TWO DAYS LATER. AFTER A MONTH OF REST SOME OF THE BOYS WITH SOME GERMAN GUARDS STARTED EAST. I FELT I HAD SEEN ENOUGH OF GERMAN CULTURE SO DECIDED TO MAKE MYSELF SCARCE, BESIDES THAT WASNT THE DIRECTION I WANTED TO GO ANYWAY, AFTER THE BOYS HAD GONE A WEEK OR SO SOME TANKS WITH WHITE STARS DROVE TO OUR FRONT GATE, THAT WAS THE SIXTEENTH OF THIS MONTH SINCE THEN CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY. IT MATTERS LITTLE NOW AS I AM LEAVING FOR HOME AGAIN TOMORROW. I LEAVE HERE BY TRUCK TO AN AIRFIELD AND THE NEXT DAY I LEAVE FOR FRANCE. I SHOULD BE HOME IN A MONTH OR SO. I HAVE BEEN PASSING THE TIME CONFISCATING THINGS FROM THE GERMANS. WE HAVE MOTOR BIKES AND CARS. WE TAKE ALL THE FRESH MILK AND EGGS WE CAN GET, ALSO CHICKEN AND VINE. ITS ALMOST NICE HERE, ITS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE NICE TO GET HOME AGAIN. I HOPE TO FIND THINGS MUCH THE SAME. THERE IS SO MUCH TO WRITE AND I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, I SHALL ANSWER THEM WHEN I GET HOME.

LOVE YOUR SON LAURENCE

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U. S. ARMY EXAMINER

U. S. ARMY

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Dear Mom,

Just arrived in Brussels about an hour ago by plane
on my way to France soon wont be long till I am
home at this rate. Getting food good and getting back
what I lost, I will be in good shape by the time I
get home. Hope every thing is going well with everyone
at home be with you soon

Love
Your Son
Lawrence



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No 4 9 Lbby Mont 1153 A^{mt} 5-10-45

Mrs G Collins
230 West 6th st
Imay City Mich.

Lawrence OK on way home his letter follows love.

Edith.

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No 1 Z.. 23 GOVT Washington DC 312 P^{***}_m 5-14-45

Mrs Gladys I Collins
230 West 6th st
Imlay City Mich.

The Secretary of war desires me to inform you that your
Son T Sgt Witt Lawrence Return to military control 16 Apr
45.

U110 The Adjutant General 403 PM W

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No 9 Z INTL 3 Exa CD SansOrigine Via Mackay Radio
Via Detroit Mich 8

EMM Mrs Gladys Collins
230 West Sixth St
Imlay City Mich.

Greetings Health improving. Write same address

Lawrence. Wit.

316 PM W

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No 8 ck 41 Govt Washington DC 1033pm 5/17/45

Mrs Gladys I Collins
230 W 6 th St
Imlay City Mich

The chief of staff of the army directs me to inform you your son T/Sgt Witt Lawrence is being returned to the United States within the near future and will be given an opportunity to communicate with you upon arrival.

Ulio The Adjutant General

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21126 KARL DET=19

ARRIVED SAFELY EXPECT TO SEE YOU SOON DONT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT
OR WRITE ME HERE LOVE=

LAWRENCE L WITT.

Re-3894

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IMLAY SOLDIER LOSES 30 LBS. IN PRISON CAMP

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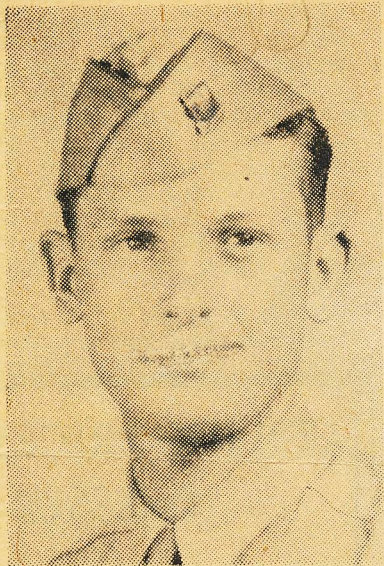
T/Sgt. Lawrence Witt, 22, is home on a 60-day furlough with his mother, Mrs Gladys Collins, Imlay City after being held a prisoner at Camp Stalagluft No. 4, in Germany, for 11 months and two days.

Sgt. Witt enlisted Dec 9, 1942 and received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. and as an airplane mechanic at Amarillo, Texas. He attended gunnery school at Las Vegas, Neb., and had phase training for overseas at Dalhart, Texas.

He left for overseas April 8, 1944. His plane was shot down May 12 while on his seventh mission, and within one month after arriving in England. A few days furlough for a trip to London had been cancelled for this mission.

He was an engineer and gunner on a B-17. The plane was attacked and set on fire while 12,000 feet up over Germany. Five of the crew of 10 were lost. Witt bailed out at 10,000 feet and landed in a small clearance. He was taken by two civilians who turned him over to two SS soldiers and was taken to the camp for non-commissioned officers.

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The Y.M.C.A. also furnished a library which helped put in time. He said they received Red Cross packages at Christmas time, so had turkey, plum pudding and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner. They had smuggled in parts of a radio which were put together so they could get the news of the war.

Witt said he was in the 43-day march from Belgrade to Hamburg, moving them ahead of the Russians. He said they left the camp Feb. 6, and arrived at Hamburg, March 21. The march was mostly by foot over rough frozen ground. Many had frozen feet. He said he lost two toe-nails. They slept in barns and other buildings except for one night when he slept out-of-doors with zero temperatures. Each one had two wool blankets.

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EXPERIENCES TOLD

Captured After Jump From Plane

Imlay City, May 31—Experiences during 11 months and two days in Stalagluft No. 4 in Germany are described by P/Sgt. Lawrence Witt, 22, home for 60 days with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Collins.

Sergeant Witt, engineer and gunner on a B-17, was taken prisoner May 12, 1944, when he landed after making a parachute jump from a burning plane 10,000 feet in the air. He was captured by two civilians who turned him over to two SS soldiers.

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