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WOODVILLE TEX 10A MAY 8 1932

MRS H A CRUTHIRD 735

335 THREADNEEDLE ST BEAUMONT TEX

EVERY DAY IS MOTHERS DAY TO US

RAYMOND LESLIE DOROTHY GAILE

1025A

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April 5 Tuesday

Dear Mom & Pop,

I am sending a picture of our crew. Their names are on the back. We had it made here.

In a few days you will get a large one. Save them for me.

I can't write much now. Will will again to-night.

Love,
Gayle

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TUCSONIA HOTEL
MAIN AND CONGRESS STREETS
Tucson, Arizona

C. P. GRIFFIN
MANAGING OWNER

April 14, 1944

Dear Mom & Pop,

I hope you made the trip allright, and you got to see Raymond. I guess you got my telgram.

We are leaving Sunday night. And we are going to Topeka, Kans. We will only be there for a short time, From 3 to 7 days I don't Know where I will go from there My address while I am there will be.

Sgt. Gayle Cauthrids 38455663-
T. O. 4-17
General Delivery
C/o. Base Post Office
T. A. A. F.
Topeka,
Kans.

We flew the morning after you left. We went to Rhenick Arizona, + Blyth, Cal. It took us about 6 hours. That was our last flight.

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everyone is flying this afternoon except us. Our crew was off again. Lane and I are staying in town at this hotel. We haven't slept in camp since Monday night.

I guess we will be gone in about 2 weeks. Don't worry about me I will be O.K. I will let you know where I am as soon as I can.

Tell every body hello for me.

So long, Love,
Gayle.

P.S. Tell Sis not to get to fat while I am gone.

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U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Topeka Kans.

[redacted]

April 20, 1944

Dear Mom & Pop

I got here yesterday morning. It is still winter up here. Not very cold but it isn't warm. It rained all day yesterday.

We went to Topeka last night. It is a nice town. Not as large as I expected. We are planning to go to Kansas City one night while we are here. It is only 70 miles.

We will get our planes here. We are going to fly across. You don't have to tell anyone for a while. Don't know where I am going yet. They say we will be here about 2 weeks.

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U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES

~~KEARNS, UTAH~~

I had plenty money but we had a couple of parties before we left Tucson. I have 20 dollars but may need more so I sent for some. You will get it back the last of June.

I can't tell you much except we are flying across in a couple of weeks. I don't know which way I saw a fellow that said Jim Hill from Diboll was on this post. I don't know which one that is. Must be Jumbo.

Love

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Don't worry about me Mom I will be O.K. And I am taking good care of my self.

This is our last stop. When we leave here we fly to one of the coast, spend the night and the next day we are off.

Tell everyone hello for me, Tell them all I will see them when I get my missions in.

So long and don't worry.

All my love,

Gayle

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Gayle Dec. 21st 1924

April 29, 1924

Dear Willow P.

Here is my latest thing. Haven't used stamps here. Have O.K. Feeling fine. I got a short haircut you should see me now and I am growing a cowlick. I really have one to. It is kind of thin but it is black, whether it is or not.

I will be seeing you in a while. Be good & don't worry about me.

Love Gayle.

Tell every body hello.

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

1204

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HS DB MO 33 GOVT

WUX Washington DC 1120PM July 7 1944

Hugh A Cruthirds
Gen Del Diboll Texas

Regret to inform you your son Staff Sergeant Gayle H Cruthirds was on twenty four June slightly wounded in action over Rumania period you will be advised as reports of condition are received

Ulio The Adjutant General
840AM July 8

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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Ms Dc Nl Pd

Littlerock Ark Nov 11 1944

M A Cruthirds

Diboll Texas

I am in the States on my way to SanAntonio get my furlough from there see you soon Love

Gayle

733Am Nov 13

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Hs Dlb mo Nl Pd

SanAntonio Tex Nov 13 1944

M A Cruthirds

Box 274 Diboll Texas

Been to see Aunt Jennie. Will stop in Houston to see Mamttie Faye.

Be home Tuesday night maybe. leaving here tonight Love

Gayle

920Am Nov 19

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ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING COMMAND

Be It Known That

S/Sgt. Gayle Cruthirds

Has Satisfactorily Completed The Prescribed Course of Training For

Airplane & Engine Mechanics (C-46 Airplane)

Given at Curtiss Technical Training School

From 1-5-45 *To* 6-2-45

In Testimony Whereof and By Virtue of Vested Authority I Do Confer Upon Him This

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

Given on this 2nd *day of* Mar., *one thousand nine hundred and forty* 5

Attested: J. S. Bolles
Director of Training

Ralph W. Robart
Commanding
RALPH W. ROBART, MAJOR, A.C.

AFTRC FORM 10

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1. Sanstefano, Italy. (West Coast)
2. Ploesti, Romania
3. Porto Magaraha, Italy
4. Frascata, Italy
5. Weiner Noustat, Austria
6. Nice, France East Coast
7. Marseilles, France East Coast
8. Malfalcone, Italy Northern South East Coast
9. Pottendorf Austria
10. Ploisti, Roumania
11. Sineria, Roumania
12. Genoa, Italy
13. Castel Maggiore, Italy
14. Ploesti, Roumania
15. Nacona, Italy
16. Constanta, Roumania East Coast
17. Munich, Germany
18. Sisak, Jugoslavia
19. Bratislova, Czecholavakia (Northern)He got a fighter here.)
20. Casarsa Railroad Bridge, Italy
21. Nis, Jugoslavia
22. Ploesti, Roumania (This is where he was hit.)

Find a place called Lecce in Italy. He is about 21 miles north of this place. You will find it in the middle of the heel of the boot. He is 70 miles south of Beri and about 30 south of Tronto.

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The
Congress of the United States of America

Proudly Presents
The

Air Medal

To

GAYLE H. CRUTHIRDS	STAFF SERGEANT	38455663
NAME	RANK	S/N

For the Following Citation:

FOR HEROISM WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT AS A NOSEGUNNER ON BOARD B-24 LIBERATORS WITH THE 514th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 376th BOMBARDMENT GROUP, UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS. DURING THE PERIODS OF 17 MAY 1944 TO 20 SEPTEMBER 1944 STAFF SERGEANT CRUTHIRDS FLEW MISSIONS OF DAY AND NIGHT HIGH ALTITUDE BOMBING STRIKES AGAINST THE NAZI THIRD REICH OF GERMANY AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES, SAN STEFANO, ITALY; PLOEST, ROUMANIA; PORTO MAGARAHA, ITALY; FRASCATS, ITALY; WEINER NUOSTAT, AUSTRIA; MALFALCONE, ITALY; NICE, FRANCE; MARSEILLES, FRANCE; POTTENDORF, AUSTRIA; SINERIA, ROUMANIA; GENOA, ITALY; CASTEL MAGGIORE, ITALY; NACONA, ITALY; CONSTANTA, ROUMANIA; MUNICH, GERMANY; SISAK, JUGOSLAVIA; BRATISLOVA, CZECHOLOVAKIA; CASARSA BRIDGE, ITALY; NES, JUGOSLAVIA; BUDAPEST, HUNGARY; TOULON, FRANCE; GULF OF SAINT TROPEZ; CUPRIJA, JUGOSLAVIA; KRALJAVO, JUGOSLAVIA; PERRARA, ITALY; VIENNA, AUSTRIA AND AVEISO, ITALY. ALTHOUGH WOUNDED ON HIS TWENTY-SECOND MISSION, STAFF SERGEANT CRUTHIRDS FLEW EXTRA MISSIONS WITH UNFAMILIAR CREWS IN ORDER THAT HE COULD ROTATE BACK TO THE STATES WITH HIS ORIGINAL CREW. BY HIS DARING ACTION, EXCEPTIONAL SKILL, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY IN THE FACE OF GREAT PERSONAL DANGER, STAFF SERGEANT CRUTHIRDS UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS.

GEN. COLIN POWELL	REP. HERBERT BATEMAN	~~HON.~~ ~~SAM~~ NUNN
COMMANDING OFFICER	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	CONGRESSMAN