

Jan. 5, 1945

Burma

Dearest Mary,

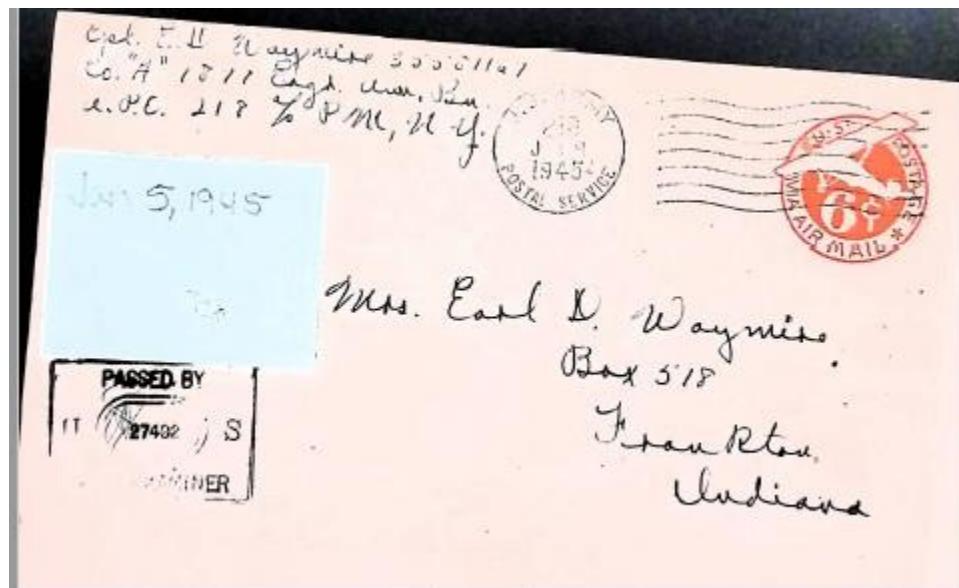
I have had no mail for three days. I did get the Xmas cards Jan 2. Though. They were from Mrs. Herbert Wise, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Perry and Bob and Vi. I have enough letters to write to keep me busy for several days. I'm writing this before the mail comes in because I don't always have light to write by at night, our mail usually come at that time. I hope one of my Xmas packages comes in soon. They will surely get here sometime this month. Several of the boys have not received their Xmas packages yet.

One of the boys in my tent purchased a big white duck somewhere this morning so we are going to cook him some time to-day. He tied to our tent with a small cord and seems to be very content to sit there and look around; little does he know what's going to happen! Bye darling.

I love you very much, Mary.

Yours

Earl



Jan 1, 1945
Burma.

Dearest Mary,

I just finished eating supper. We had ~~boiled~~ steak, mashed with onions, peas, bullion soup, bread, and coffee. We have deer meat quite often. Have you ever tested ~~boiled~~ meat, I like it just as well as beef.

Today is the first day of 1945. When I started to write this letter I almost wrote 44 before I thought. If you get any letters dated 44 don't think anything about it, you know how I forget some things. Last night didn't seem much like New Years Eve. Everyone in camp got paid in most of the guys

spent the evening playing poker.
We did have a little ~~surprise~~
surprise though. We were
given five bottles of beer!
I drank four of mine and
finished the other one this
morning. I didn't get paid
because I signed the pay-roll
in N. S. Co. I suppose I
will get my money about
the tenth of the month.
I'm not worried about it
very much, there is no
place to spend any. I will
send you ~~money~~ money as
soon as I can.

Happy New Year darling.

I love you more each day
your husband,

East

No mail to-day.