

Waco, Texas.

July 8, 1944.

Mr. Amon Carter.

Ft. Worth, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Carter:

I have just intending to mail you these letters concerning the death of our son Capt. Richard H. Jarwood but we have been so hurt that I am a little late in doing these things. I'm sure you will understand.

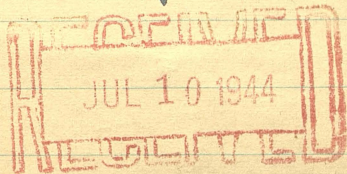
We sincerely appreciate your help and sympathy and feel that all we can do is to accept these letters as the whole truth put back in our heart that will be a doubt until we can see and talk to some of the boys there.

Our other boy Lt. C. S. Jarwood has received the purple heart which he mailed home. He is now on limited service, due to a permanent knee injury, somewhere in Italy.

I sincerely hope your boy is well and that you are hearing from him regularly.

Best wishes from

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jarwood
2211 Barnard
Waco Texas.



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January 14, 1944

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My dear Mr. Torrence:

It is with a great deal of sadness that I inform you of the death of your son, Captain Richard H. Torrence Jr on January 10th. He succumbed to a heart ailment very suddenly and prompt medical attention failed to revive him. Services were conducted today by Chaplain Stanley Kane in our chapel and he was laid to rest in the local cemetery. Pallbearers were Captains Jack Emerson and James B. Bond; Lieutenants Ivan Carlisle, Stanley M. O'Brien, Vincent A. Grimes and Anthony M. Graham. Some photographs were made and I will make every effort to send them to you. I was his Battalion Commander and was with him in battle the day he was wounded by a bursting shell. He had fully recovered from his wound though it may have contributed some to his condition. I would like to say that he conducted himself very gallantly in action and I have recommended him for a decoration for valor, which however will not come through until after the War. My home address is 1418 North 7th Street Temple, Texas and I hope to contact you further upon my return to the States following the War. Lt. Col. Barron, Captain Clarence M. Ferguson and other officers join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy. Sincerely.

(Signed) Charles H. Jones, Jr.

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Oflag 64,
Germany.
14 Jan. 1944

One U. S. Identification Card
One U. S. Drivers License
One Case
Five Captains Bars
One Razor
One Belt

Mr. Richard H. Torrence,
2211 Barnard St.,
Waco, Texas,
United States of America.

My dear Mr. Torrence:

It is a very sad occasion that I write you this letter concerning the death of your son, Captain Richard H. Torrence.

Captain Torrence was captured at Persona, Italy, on September 13, 1943 and arrived here at this American Officers Prisoner-of-War camp on October 20, 1943. He had been in good health and had made no complaint of any illness. At the morning roll call on January 10th at 8:00 o'clock he suddenly collapsed and fell to the ground. Four officers immediately picked him up and carried him to the infirmary, a distance of about fifty yards, where respiratory measures were begun by our American doctors, but he ceased to breathe at 8:20. Everything possible was done for him but to no avail. The doctors have diagnosed his death as due to heart failure.

Telegrams were dispatched to you and preparations made for his burial.

Services were held for him in our chapel by Father Kane this morning and he was buried in the local cemetery, where several Allied prisoners-of-war are buried, adjacent to the small town of Altburgund/Schubin. I shall ask the International Red Cross to furnish you with an exact sketch of the cemetery and grave.

All of our officers attended the funeral, including the German Colonel and Commandant and members of his staff.

A military burial was accorded your son, the German Army furnishing a firing squad that gave three volleys as the casket was lowered.

Several wreaths were presented by prisoners-of-war and one by the German Army.

His personal effects, consisting of:

One War time Log	One Diary
One Cigarette Lighter	One Fountain Pen
One Crossed Rifles Insignia	One Note Book of Sketches
One Bill Fold	One Gold Ring
One Partially Written Letter	Thirty Lager Marks

One U. S. Identification Card	Five Captains Bars
One U. S. Army Drivers License	One Razor
One Toothbrush in case	One Belt

are being turned over to the Red Cross, through the German Army, tomorrow, for shipment to you.

On behalf of all the American officers here I extend to you and your family and sincere and heartfelt condolence upon your great loss.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Thomas D. Drake,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Camp Senior.

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Oflag 64,
Alzburgund,
Deutschland,
14 January, 1944.

Mr. R. H. Torrence,
2211 Barnard St.,
Waco, Texas.
United States of America.

Dear Mr. Torrence:

The announcement of your son's death has already reached you; these lines carry our mixed sentiments of sorrow and congratulation to you, for, while death is always sad, it is an assured destiny, but the soldier's noble sacrifice conquers all feelings in that honored glory that marks a hero's passing. Valiantly did Captain Torrence offer himself in obedience to the call of conscience and his nation. Willingly did he accept the fortunes of war, bravely did he endure the hardships of the field and quickly did he demonstrate leadership ability.

A God of Mercy and Justice will share a reward proportioned to acknowledged merit. Death in duty is crowned in highest honor, while we know the spirit of Captain Torrence will forever live as the inspiration of all good Americans. To you a word of regret in the loss of a son, but too a congratulatory note in having a son so worthy of the State and colours he loved.

The burial took place on January 14th at Alzburgund in the Prisoners plot of the Catholic cemetery, Row 4 Grave 22.

The funeral was attended by fifty American officers, the Senior American officer in captivity, Colonel Thomas Drake, and representatives of the German Command. The services were conducted in accordance with American customs with respect, we trust, to your wishes.

Personal effects of value or interest are being forwarded to you.

With all sympathy, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Stephen W. Kane,
U. S. Army Chaplain.

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