

HEADQUARTERS  
692nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

APO 230, U. S. Army  
29 January 1945

Mrs. Anna Mae Pearce  
221 Baltimore St.  
Middletown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Pearce:

I am writing to express my sincere sympathy to you on the death of your husband, Sergeant James W. Pearce, 35793258, who died of pneumonia, January 11th, 1945, in an American Hospital in France. He was buried in an American cemetery in France where services were conducted by the Protestant Chaplain.

Sergeant Pearce was well liked and respected by the officers and men of his unit. His death leaves a sense of loss to all. He was not sick very long. He entered the hospital on January 2nd and died on January 11th. You may be sure that he received the best of medical care and attention.

Your husband was a fine soldier and his heroism is attested to by the award of the Silver Star, which was given to him in recognition of gallantry in action. I inclose a copy of the citation of which you may well be proud.

I know how deeply your heart is touched by this loss and how hard it will be to reconcile life to it. We pray that God may lead you in his mercy; give you his comfort and eternal hope. His comrades join me in this expression of sympathy.

Sincerely yours

Paul R. Walker  
Chaplain