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ACTIVITY REPORT

Personal interviews made.....	8
Claim and applications filed.....	8
Information and counseling.....	17
House calls, nursing homes, hospitals.....	5
Phones calls in.....	102
Phone calls out.....	99

Perhaps you will recall last month I wrote about Maynard "Spence" Spencer. He was shot down over Germany in 1943 and spent the rest of the War as a POW. A week or so ago, Mike Spencer let me read all of the letters he mailed home to his wife while he was a POW. They are being carefully preserved by Mike so future family members can read about this part of their family history.

The letters give you some insight into a POW's life. Spence writes to reassure his family he is in good health, he speaks of endless boredom, and how he longs for a home in the country. He always tells his wife he loves and misses her each day. He said he longs for home and awaits the day when he can have a big meal of ham and eggs and NO SOUP! The Germans fed the prisoners soup all the time.

At the beginning he fears being forgotten and then letters from home started arriving. The first 4 or 5 months with no mail was awful.

All in all, Spence was lucky to have survived being shot down and fortunate to have lived through 2+ years as a POW. I guess it says something when you consider the above as being fortunate, but then war changes things.

Spence did return home and rejoined his wife and family and sought as much peace in his life as he could.

Remember, we are still all in this together. If you need me - call me.

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PS For Vets who are interested, this report appears in The Paper of Montgomery County.

