

Somerset in Germany
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Dear Mom & Dad:

Well today is another nice day for which I am thankful. You can't appreciate how important good weather is until you are forced to live out in the open. Then the weather becomes a major problem, something to be anticipated and worried about. However, if things keep up the way they are now, it won't be too bad at all.

Each time I write it becomes increasingly difficult to find something to write about. There are so many things that can't be written and so few that can. However the main purpose of these letters is just to let you know that I am all right. I think that is what you want most of all.

I had my picture taken yesterday. I'm afraid that it wasn't very flattering. I was dirty and grimy and eating stew out of a tin can. When we get the finished prints which should be in 2 or 3 months I will send it to you. I am also going to send a clipping from "The Star & Stripes" and some pictures of the city of Luxembourg. I don't know whether the censor will let them go by. However I see no reason why he shouldn't. Luxembourg is a very picturesque city as you shall see from the pictures. It was at one time a medieval castle and the walls and battlements can still be seen throughout

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the city. I spent a very enjoyable day there just poking around.

You have heard the expression "It's a small world" Well, I certainly found that true in Luxembourg. The American _____ (The cry has just gone up, "Gether, count your men.") well, as I was saying, The American Red Cross has a big Club in Luxembourg. I wandered in there and who should I meet but about 4 or 5 boys from the old 299th. You remember the first company I was ever in in the army. Boy! It was good to see them again. We had a swell time talking over old times.

Boy, in telling you folks, the fellows here are really jumping for joy. The Air Force is really going over. I can't describe it you would have to be here to see it. We all know that they are making our job a heck of a lot easier. Oh, I wish you could see this. The boys here are actually shouting with ~~joy~~. The sky is filled with planes. "Jerry" is really going to catch hell somewhere and in just a few minutes to, there doesn't seem to be any end to this. There still coming as far as the eye can see. Oh! It's great.

Well, folks, I am going to cut this short and watch the show. So long for now
Your loving son
"Doc"