

Germany
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Dear Mother & Dad:

I've let you all worried sick about me because I have not written to you. However, if you have been reading the newspapers, you will know that I haven't had very much time. We have been chasing Krauts day & night. Why they continue fighting is beyond me. All hell is breaking loose around them.

We were all shocked to hear about the death of President Roosevelt. It is a shame he couldn't be around to see the finish of this thing. He, like all of us, had his faults but I think that he always tried to do right.

We heard of the president's death in an odd way. We liberated a concentration camp containing thousands of Jewish civil prisoners. That was the first thing they wanted to talk about. I wish you could have witnessed that scene. They crowded around us and held up our feet. They crushed & cried, mostly cried. They kissed our feet and anyplace else they could reach.

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They told us of thousands of their friends who had been brutally murdered in gas chambers at the camp. It was a pitiful sight.

I was glad to learn that you received the \$10.3. You can throw away the receipt. I sent around \$60 home the other day. You should be receiving it soon.

We had our pictures taken by a Pathé News cameraman the other day. Look for me in the newsreels. I'm a movie star now.

Well, I guess that is about all for now. I will write again in first chance. Keep watching the 3rd show. So long for now.

Your Loving Son
"Jody"