

29 July
Parsberg, Germany.

Dear Mother & Dad:

Today I received four packages. That makes 6 that I have received altogether. There were two boxes of cookies and 2 boxes of assorted canned goods and the potato sticks. Boy! Those potato sticks really taste good. Now I wish I had a steak to go with them. Things are a little better around here now and my needs are not quite so acute. However, keep the packages coming they are always welcome.

I have not written lately because I have been very busy working on the plans for a recreational park that we built here. We put the German POW's to work on it and it was finished last Sunday. We named it after one of the officers who was killed in action with us at Gotha. We had a grand opening with the division band and all kinds of sporting events. The day ended with a G.I. & show in the evening. (over)

I was very happy to hear of
Georgie's marriage. I should like
to write him a notice of
congratulation but I do not
have his new address. As soon
as you have it will you send
it on to me. I wish I could
have been there. Who knows?
Pretty soon I may be an uncle.

A couple of weeks ago
I traveled to Kelheim and
saw the Jack Benny show. It
was almost as good as a
letter ^{from} home. It was great to
see real American civilians.
Before the show started, Benny
was out in front horsing
around with the boys. He was
dressed up as an M.P. Also in
the same show was Martha
Filton the singer, Ingrid Bergman
the movie actress and Larry Adler
the famous harmonica player.
Of course Benny played the fiddle
and not at all badly. The highlight
of the show was a "love scene"
between Benny & Ingrid Bergman in
which she pounded him on the
chest with her fists, pulled his

hair and wound² up with him
laying flat on his back on the
stage. When it was over, Benny
said "I don't know whether she
won the Academy Award or the
Golden Gloves." Commenting on the
destruction of German cities, he
drew a roar from the audience
when he said "Say, fellas, how do
you like what WE did to
Nürnberg." With a great big emphasis
on the "we." Another good quip came
when he said that he used to
play football in the Nürnberg
Stadium. All in all it was a
very good show. "Information Please"
is going to be in Kielheim this
week but our Battalion is out
of gas so there is no transportation
to get there. I guess we'd miss
it.

We transferred a lot of high
point men to the 9th Armored Div.
which is going home, and in
return received a lot of low point
men as replacements. They were
welcomed to the Div. by Col.
Hayden Sears of Chestnut Hill, Mass.
who is the commander of C C A
(over)

The Colonel's speech was made in the rear of Bn. Yes right underneath our window. Shades of Gen. Patton! What a vocabulary that man has got! I heard words that never even knew existed. He minced no words in letting us know what he thought about the Grunts. He told us if they gave us any trouble to beat some brains into them. "However," he said, "I don't want you to become a bunch of Mc Gee's, who had 11 court martials before The Stars and Stripes got Congress to come to the aid of the poor bastard." It was one of the most colorful talks I have ever heard.

I am enclosing a few pictures of our meeting with the Russians. Save them for me. Don't go lugging them around. I am very much disappointed about the loss of that tank cover. Well, so long for now.

Your Loving Son
"Gly"

P.S. Please send another package.
New address - On Hwy 5150 AID etc.