

Parosby, Germany
2 Oct 1945.

Dear Mother & Dad:

Enclosed you will find a few more pictures I had a couple more, however I was obliged to give them away. Since I had the negatives I didn't mind. Have the negatives reprinted and you will find a pretty good shot of me reclining on the ground. By looking at the negative you would never believe that the print would come out. However, it printed very well indeed.

One Sunday, a few weeks ago, I took a walk in the fields outside of Parosby. For want of anything else to do, I took a few pictures. I was accompanied by a little German kid named Josef Starke, who has fallen in love with me I guess. He follows me everywhere. Josef is a confirmed disciple of Nazi-ism. He spent 4 years in the Deutsche Jungvolk and 2 years in the Wehr Jugend. He firmly believes that Hitler was a god-on-earth and twenty years from now the Germans will be occupying America instead of us in Germany as it is now. I have tried everything I know to Christianize him, all to no avail. That will give you some idea

what we are up against here.

I have some more dope on this telephoning from Switzerland. (if I ever get there) It seems that the usual procedure is this. As soon as I arrive I send a cablegram telling you what hotel and what city I shall be at on a certain date. You then call long distance operator and arrange for a call to be made on that date to me. It would not be practical for me to call you for the trip is all pre-arranged and I would not be in any one place long enough to place the call, wait for it to go through and then receive it. One day I would be in Basle, another in Zurich, another Geneva, on another I would be in Lucerne and so on. So, if I do get there, please call me. Use some of my funds. I understand that it costs $\$1/4$ for 3 minutes.

There is a rumor to the effect that all men with 45 points or over will be leaving this division on or about Oct 14 for the 90th Inf Div and eventual shipment home. This is only a rumor. However, it is a fact that we shall be leaving sometime during the fall or early winter for some

other division that is going home. As you know the 4th Division is Army of Occupation and will probably be here for years. It has already been announced that only men with under 45 points, will be in the Army of Occupation. Oh yes, I now have 50¢

Oh yes, Dad asked for the names of some of the cities in which we fought etc. Well I am sending a large 2 piece map which shows the route we took in our excursion through Europe. The prison camps are listed ~~it~~ and I don't know the names of them. We never stopped long enough to find out. One of them however was Ohrdruff. Some of the cities were Bitterburg, Koblenz, Carlin, Bad Neuznach, Pfungstadt, Darmstadt, Hanau, Lauterbach, Gotha, Weira, Jena and Limbach.

Well, that's all for now. So Long

Your Loving Son
G. J. J.