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Parsberg, Germ.

Dear Mother & Dad:

Well I just returned yesterday from Switzerland and am readying myself to leave tomorrow for Passau which is going to be our new Bn area.

I was very disappointed because I was unable to reach you by phone from Switzerland. As soon as we arrived, I tried to place a call. They told me however that I would not be able to get over there for 7 days. I sent a cable telling you to call me at Weissen. One of the fellows who did the same as I, received his call the first thing in the morning of the 21st & waited around for 3 days mine never did come.

Nevertheless, I had a wonderful time. I can't describe to you how it felt to see cities untouched by war. The shops were all filled with everything from food to refrigerators. I had my first ice cream soda since I left the states. We stayed at the best hotels and had the best of

food. The trip cost \$35 which paid for our hotels and meals and we were allowed to spend 200 Swiss francs on incidentals. Traveling as a civilian it would have cost about 1000.

First, we left from Munich and went to Mulhouse (pronounced Mull-oose) there we paid for the trip and had our money converted. We entered Switzerland ~~at~~ Basel. Here we paused long enough to go through customs, then we continued on to Geneva. We entered the League of Nations building and saw the assembly hall. It is now nothing but an expensive pile of marble. We stayed in Geneva two days and then went to Montreux. This is a resort town on Lake Lemman. Here I went through the Castle of Chillon. This is the castle that was made famous by Lord Byron in his poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon." It is a beautiful place, built right on the lake. It has baronial halls, torture chambers and dungeons. Just like in the movies.

From Montreaux we went to Pesne where we entered the House of Parliament. We also saw the room in which negotiations between the ourselves and the foes ended this war. From there we went to Lucerne and from there to the mountains were we spent the last 3 days.

That is the broad outline of the trip. I will tell you more about it in future letters.

I had a whole pile of packages waiting for me when I returned there was also a letter from Jan. I had fallen very behind on my letter writing but intend to catch up now. Well, that's it for now. I have to start packing for the trip tomorrow.

Your loving son
Edw.

P.S. Sent a music box that I bought in Lucerne. After I sent it I found the key that winds it. Will send it later. Also sent some handkerchiefs.