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Dear Mother and Daddy,

I got out of the hospital today, after being in since the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was really a very good rest and I feel fine. My final diagnosis was "acute Duodenitis," which, I understand, is the medical term for a bad stomach ache. They took very good care of me (in the hospital). I wrote quite a few thank you notes and read a good deal — "The Golden Carpet," a book the States and Price sent me, and "The Age of Jackson," which you sent me. I wonder whether you have read it. I'm not sure you'd agree too enthusiastically

with it, but it is <sup>very</sup> interestingly  
written. It is a good illustration  
of the fact that in ~~writing~~  
history you can prove just  
about any side of any question  
if you get the proper quotations  
and there are <sup>invariably</sup> beaucoup  
quotations to support either side.

Now we are <sup>on</sup> another four-  
day holiday, Monday through  
Tuesday, this time for New Year.  
Unfortunately I got out of the  
hospital too late to take a  
trip to Venice, as I had hoped.  
Later maybe. We have another  
new officer in. He is from OCC #150  
at Hill — I was in 6H — and  
has 11 points!

Your Christmas cable arrived  
today, also ones from Margaret and

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at Prices. Please tell them both how thrilled I was. P New Years Day the Div. City. command is having an "at home" and as you can see by the enclosed invitation we are getting quite fancy along those lines.

We now have our Hqs. Btry. mess hall all painted and decorated and it ~~really~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> the nicest looking one in the battalion. The chairs are painted blue and yellow (!!) and the color scheme <sup>really</sup> ~~is~~ knocks you eye out. Paint is very hard to come by over here, so you just have to take whatever colors happen along.

I learned on returning  
from the hospital that I have  
one man AWOL and one in  
arrest, but aside from that  
things seem to be running pretty  
smoothly, i.e. along the lines  
we are operating; As far as  
Combat efficiency goes I'd say  
we aren't over 30% effective.

The weather continues  
very mild, although we've had  
some rain and high wind.  
There's practically no snow.

The Moscow conference  
cheered me up a good deal;  
although we did give in on several  
rather crucial points. I certainly  
don't like the Russian attitude  
in re Turkey and Iran though.  
Today's S. & S. has a <sup>very interesting</sup> leading

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article on Mikhaïlovitch and predicts trouble in Yugoslavia come spring. Tito's government is certainly far from democratic, but then I don't suppose the Royalist element would be much more so.

I received The Milton Bulletin and Admiral King's report while in the hospital and enjoyed them both immensely. Daddy, could you send me one of those little Executive's Data Book for 1946? (The one I have now is "Complements of" Mr. Byron.)

There seems to be very little news just now. I'll write soon again. Meanwhile.

my best to all at the house  
and my love to the family.

Love,

Henry.

(P.S. In your info. I have written Dannie,  
Aunt Nancy, Aunt Florence, Sally,  
Florence, Vi Price, Mrs. Volz, Mrs. Strata,  
Mrs. Whittier + Mrs. Home thanking  
them for my presents, which leaves  
Bud + Henryetta, Aunt Jane, M. +  
Mrs. Price, Charles, Mrs. Blake,  
Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Job, Aunt Margaret  
and those at the house yet  
to thank.) Love yet.

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Dear Mother + Daddy,

Well at last there is something very definite as to when I will get home. Doubtless you have already seen this new clarification on discharges. Officers ~~with~~ in the ETO with 67 or more points must be home or on the high seas by April 30<sup>th</sup>!! So there it is, all done in black-and-white. Officially I am credited with 69 points (although actually I have only 67. The two point difference represents two mos. N.G. service which counts on longevity but was erroneously also added to my points. The correction was made once and I have spoken to the Ar. personnel office twice about

it — not wanting to have  
one foot on the gangplank and  
be yanked off for falsifying  
reports! However, he says it is  
~~was~~ too much trouble to change  
it as it had gone that way  
on official records all the way  
to USFET and of course now  
until ~~the~~ 67 as the limit ~~was~~  
it makes no difference.

"Anyhow" I know you will be  
pleased to hear all this and  
of course I will be "counting  
the days" with more intensity than  
ever.

Oddly enough I also became  
eligible for promotion to captain  
today, I believe on the ~~the~~ technicality  
of having held a captain's job  
for a certain length of time, as I've  
only been in grade 11 months. ~~However~~  
Capt. Vogel called me in and  
said the ~~Colonel~~ wanted me  
to have the promotion, "but you

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must agree to stay four months  
after the promotion comes through.  
(and) I'm not going to do that,  
particularly after the USFET  
announcement yesterday in re  
67 point officers. Say the  
promotion was dated ~~June 15~~ Jan  
15<sup>th</sup> it would be May 15<sup>th</sup> before I  
could ever leave the bn. As it  
is I might ever get to that June  
session of the Law School. I  
hope you won't be disappointed that  
I turned down the promotion, but  
I think it's the wisest thing to  
do. Daddy, that leaves no  
doubt of your "ranking" me.

Of course I will still leave  
Hq. Btry. I believe Lt. Priewitz,  
the other officer, is volunteering for  
six more months so will be

going home for 45 days leave  
about the end of this month.  
He came from a medium city  
outfit and is a very pleasant  
fellow, (but terribly immature  
when it comes to handling men  
or superior officers. He talks  
incessantly but don't get a  
bit of a lot done.)

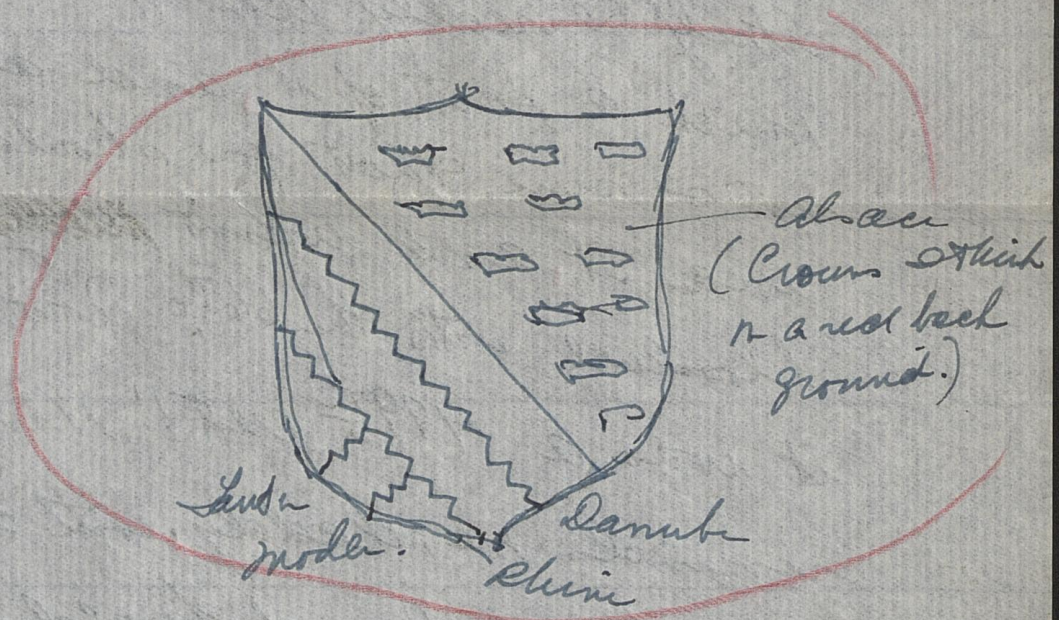
I am so glad the flowers  
and battalion crest arrived. I  
also got quite a laugh out of your  
last letter, mother, in which you  
mentioned Hawaiian plates. Hawaiian  
Butter dishes, <sup>vegetably</sup> bowls, and plates  
were to have been your main Xmas  
present and I ordered them  
from the Coop at the end of  
November. The flowers were sent  
merely as a "stocking present," and  
in case the Coop was out. They  
were and I got their letter,  
expressing regret and returning my

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card, about two weeks ago! They've  
been out of all Hawaiian clime  
for nearly a year, so I guess that  
will have to wait. <sup>P</sup> Incidentally  
to show how time flies, or  
"escapes", or something, you mentioned  
in your last letter not having  
seen me since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1945.  
It was even so far back as 1944!!

<sup>P</sup> As for ~~recollecting~~ the ~~little~~ crest  
itself I really don't feel very  
much a part of it, and am  
not so sure that you should  
wear it, as I wasn't ~~really~~  
blooded with the 66<sup>th</sup>. Now if  
it was a 499<sup>th</sup> crest!! Which  
reminds me, daddy, with all  
your knowledge of heraldry,  
etc., couldn't you make up some  
Coat of arms for the 499<sup>th</sup>?

I could offer ~~the~~ a few suggestions  
 to wit the coat of arms of Alsace,  
 which is divided vertically and  
 one half of which might serve.  
 For the other half perhaps some  
 symbolism for the river Rhine,  
 (with Saube and Moselle tributary),  
 and Danube. Also I believe  
 we had the only CMH awarded  
 to an artilleryman, so perhaps some  
 part of the medal should be worked  
 in. In a motto perhaps Saenger's  
 "Give me some fire."



This is just a suggestion in case  
 you ever have any spare time. That  
 would give you two crests to you

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credit.

Col. Hasselback is leaving around the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month for 45 days in the States. However, I understand that ~~the~~ he is spending two weeks of that at Ft. Sill, attending a big meeting to discuss plans for revising organization, T10 and tactics of field artillery (from lessons learned in combat.) Capt. Vogel, who'll probably be major by then, will take over the bn.

I was glad to hear you'd seen Owdy Costlow. I've been wondering how he's getting along. His battalion had just taken an awful licking near Lambstein when I saw him at Ahlunger last January. His own tank

with several K or W shells,  
had been knocked out and, all  
in all, had had a very rough  
time. One of the other battalions  
in the 12th A. D. during the same general  
engagement went out and never  
came back, and ~~with~~ by that I  
mean not the smallest part of  
it! Crossly told me when I saw  
him that they had lost contact  
with this bn., and we liberated  
quite a few of them at Stammelberg,  
and learned the whole story. I  
hope he is not crippled up.

Tank wounds are invariably  
mean, with a large percentage of  
amputations. You don't see many  
light wounds in a tank; it's either  
killed right out, or arm or leg  
knocked off, or you're unhurt  
(physically that is).

I will certainly keep my  
eye out for Tommy Cheshire  
and Bud Burnett, although if the



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latter has ideas of going to  
med. school in fall & think  
his best not come over here!

I still have your  
Christmas tree on my desk. It  
was on the dining room table  
all during the holiday. The  
records also arrived safely.

(On those bulbs they must  
be ~~125~~ 120-125 VOLTS. The  
watts aren't so important although  
60 watts should do it.)

Tonight I am O.D. and  
so have to stay out here at the  
post. I inspected the first and  
second reliefs this afternoon,  
and am now just waiting  
for midnight so I can make  
my <sup>between</sup> midnight and six inspection,  
and also the third relief.  
I am also An. I. & E. officer

again, "in addition to my  
the duties."

George has signed up  
until May, David "indefinitely",  
Weaver until May and then'll  
probably be others. It is quite  
amazing how many are staying  
on. Of course a lot of it is  
temporary, just waiting for  
summer, or signing up so as  
to get an immediate furlough  
home.

I trust that all goes  
well at home, that Bonnie,  
Cuech Henry et al are  
fully recovered and that  
James is back in the bosom  
of his family. That was certainly  
some crossing the "Randolph"  
had. Love to all.

Love,  
Henry

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Tonight's "L. & S." brings  
news of the halting of  
redeployment by points and  
conveys the general message  
that "things" are going to get  
tougher. In short ~~everything~~ <sup>everything</sup>  
looks ~~black~~ black again, although  
I still feel confident I'll get  
home sometime this summer.  
However, no chance of it

in spring now I feel sure.

Boy, I can see morale hitting  
a new low. <sup>P</sup> I am again the

only officer in Reg. Btry. as  
Lt. Priewent left this morning  
to take a D. P. train to Hungary.

With things ~~looking~~ as indefinite as they

are being B. C. is quite a  
strain, or at least I find it so.  
There are many things I would  
like to do for the men, but cost,  
and discipline is a problem.  
I have about 4 two non-coms  
I can depend on and they  
don't even approach the worst  
I had in the 499<sup>th</sup>. I would  
give a months pay to have  
Apts. Cunningham and  
Cinarossa here now!

I do hope they figure  
out some definite scheme for  
rotating occupation units soon.  
If they stick to the present  
system and merely rotate  
personnel I don't see how  
any outfit will ever be combat  
efficient. I know we are at a

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new law. Perhaps we will adopt a system something like the British, who used to pair their battalions, these twins hrs. alternating between home and overseas duty. I don't see why we couldn't do the same with divisions, say the 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. and 1<sup>st</sup> pairing, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> A. D. etc. Right now we are in the midst of a terrific gas shortage so there are practically no vehicles moving at all.

I had a very nice letter from Roney who had received the watch and was very much pleased. He's still in the E. T. O., but hopes to leave soon.

Jim saw I wrote you I'd  
heard from Steinbock, as well  
as Bae's family.

Living as we are now  
~~in~~ a garrison life, and with  
~~no~~ ~~communication~~ practically no  
daily contact with the civilian  
population, ~~we~~ I find myself  
growing definitely out of touch  
with what is going on. It's  
really much less interesting.  
Rottenburg and Eiding were far  
~~more~~ better than this in  
spite of the veneer of  
civilization we are acquiring.  
We do have a nice officers'  
club downtown now - about  
a five minute walk from here -  
and the movie I mentioned  
before. A few nights ago I saw  
Emil Pile's "Story of G. F. Joe".



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which is fair, probably as close to the real thing as they'll ever get.

The weather is colder, but still not too bad, and there's no snow.

I recently had Christmas cards from Margaret, Hulda, and Annie, in addition to the one from Ida, already received. Also had cards from Frances, Rozil and Inaitha. Carleton Ben is home and also I think Johnny Sick. (How come John Ben gets discharged? Skip it.) The ones who started for Japan just got the breaks I guess, all except for the poor old 97<sup>th</sup> Division! Margie sent me a picture of Alexandria. Also had a card from Susie

Page saying she hoped John  
would be home soon.

(Mother, your wallet  
arrived but I have a very  
sad thing to report. My A.G.O.  
Card (official identification) won't  
fit in the pocket and it's  
made so it can't be cut-down  
or folded. Could you send me  
one that would hold the  
size?

A.G.O. Card  
SIZE.

Also with money so bulky so  
keep me without the glassine  
envelopes would be better. It  
is a beautiful wallet and I  
will save it for when I'm

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discharged.)

There isn't much other news. Your letters have arrived and I read them more often than ever!! The news from China and the world in general certainly looks brighter. Quite a few states I see in the States. I suppose foreign affairs are taking a back seat.

Love to all. Any new news as to when Billy is coming home? Both our medical and dental officer have left.

Love.

Henry.

Ronel Banach, Amberg.  
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Dear Mother and Daddy,

February almost here  
and there is no "possible  
probable shadow of doubt"  
but that I'll be home within the  
next few months!! I was to  
have <sup>been</sup> shipped to the 102<sup>d</sup> Div.  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, preparatory to  
going home, but for a number  
of reasons, which I think  
you will consider sound, ~~which~~  
~~the~~ <sup>I</sup> volunteered to stay until  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, i. e. change myself  
from category V to IV. <sup>P</sup> In  
the first place they are hunting  
badly here for officers and I would

much rather stay here in the  
Fourth as long as possible than  
go to the 102<sup>d</sup>, or any number  
of other outfits, before going home.  
In other words by volunteering  
to stay until a definite date,  
(still a month and a half  
ahead of the date on which I  
must be on the boat) <sup>according to the War Dept. directive,</sup> I will stay  
with the Fourth and probably  
go directly home once my  
date is reached. It is also about  
time for me to hear from my  
State Dept. exams and if I leave  
now I probably wouldn't receive  
word of where to take my oral  
exam. I also hope to get that  
leave to the U.K. <sup>with</sup> <sup>mission</sup> although,  
as S.3, my chances of going  
to Venice, or Budapest, as I had

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hoped are absolutely nil.  
I took wa S-3 and S-2  
Monday, Lt. Doran taking  
Hqs. Stuy. I think Maj. Vogel  
was very glad to have me  
stay. You understand the  
mere fact that I was going  
to the 102<sup>d</sup> Div. doesn't mean  
I was going home right then,  
but that they were merely getting  
officers with <sup>wp</sup> 72 points  
transferred to that division.  
Lt. Shay, a Williams man,  
who recently joined the br.,  
signed to May 15<sup>th</sup>, although  
he has 71 points. Lt. Scanga -  
"Big" Jacks - has signed to  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, and I hope I may

go home with him. It is  
really amazing how many  
got "kuck fern" at the last  
minute and decided to stay.  
With many it's a sort of  
fear of civilian life, the  
dread of making the change-  
over. At any rate, things  
certainly are turning out 100%  
better than I dared hope  
two months ago. Incidentally,  
I wish you would get me <sup>a</sup>  
credit cards for high class  
hotels in <sup>both</sup> New York & Boston,  
so I will have some way of  
establishing my credit should I  
need funds when I land.  
All incoming troops dock at  
New York now, but I might take a

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run up to Boston.

Futz's cake arrived today and is certainly delicious. I also received your cookies and we all enjoyed them immensely. Today I received mother's letter of Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, as well as a nice letter from Charles. It is apparently headed for Belknap's.

The Colonel held ~~the~~ an "at home" Saturday night, after which all adjourned to the Fleeter Hotel (our officers' club) from which I didn't adjourn until 7:30 Sunday morning — really quite a lively party! The Colonel and



Col. Odin, the chief of staff,  
attended another party, in  
Regensburg, Sunday night,  
~~and~~ missed their plane  
Monday morning, and  
reappeared in Amberg ~~Monday~~  
night Monday noon. The last  
I heard they were heading  
for Frankfurt in the CofS's  
sedan.

Tomorrow I'm going to  
Regensburg on a number of  
missions. The roads are not  
bad now and our drivers  
are all very careful. We had  
quite a snow yesterday, but  
today it is all gone and it is  
quite warm again.

You mentioned overeating.  
I have given that up and

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reverted to an almost  
bridal-like diet!

I trust all goes well  
at home. Is Florence home  
yet? Any word from Billy?  
The strike situation seems to be  
easing up a good deal. <sup>P</sup> They  
held municipal elections, (in  
small towns only) here last  
Sunday, with the Christian  
Social Union coming out way  
ahead of the Social Democrats +  
Communists. Of course there were  
strictly held in <sup>↑</sup> rural communities.  
Also many so called "uncontested"  
candidates won, i.e. where only  
one man ran. The officials  
elected were burgomeisters and

~~These~~ councils in the Jemeinde,  
a Jemeinde corresponding  
approximately to our townships.  
The kreis <sup>(county)</sup> elections will be held  
in June. All cities of any size (over  
20,000) are ~~already~~ organized ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup>  
Stadt kreis so they will not  
elect until June either. The  
U. S. Officer for the Stadt kreis  
Amberg told me ~~recently~~ that  
if the elections were held here  
now he figured about 6,000 votes  
for the Christian Social Union (old  
Bavarian People's Party), 4-5,000  
for the Social Democrats, <sup>and</sup> 1,000  
for the Communists. Former  
members of the Nazi Party are  
not allowed to vote but  
he figured if there were no

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restrictions at all the still  
Nazis would at present poll  
about 4,000 votes. The  
Communists are very well  
organized in Cambridge and  
have a headquarters on the  
main street right ~~across~~ next  
to the Rathaus.

I wrote the Law School  
tonight asking that my  
January application be  
considered as a formal  
application for the June session.

I think I may very well  
ask to be discharged in the  
East, so I can go ~~with~~ directly  
to Cambridge and talk things  
over as soon as I land.  
However, I'll have to wait and

see what the system is first.

My love to all the family.

For,

Henry.

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been a hard drive all the way through. Siwichi is a H/T drive and Burzon the Amore, babe, and general landyman. The maps we are inspecting were just issued and constituted on first close-up look at the ground we were to fight on in so many months.

(These copies are for you. There is no need to return any.) Love to all

Love,

Henry...



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Dea Mather & Daddy.

Had three taken by  
the local Baerach. Not too  
sharp but thought you might  
like to have them anyway. In the  
picture  
I look a little dark about  
the eye but that is really  
an illusion. Am in pretty  
good shape!

Big party tonight at the  
Colonel leave tomorrow. I  
take on a S-34 S-2 Monday.  
My London pass is out but  
Maj. Vogel says if one comes  
in two or three weeks I can

take it.

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Dear Mother and Daddy

Lots of activity and lots of rumors in these parts.

The T/O for the Constabulary Regiment has come down and we are making up cadres to go out ~~with~~ as soon as they are activated. This constabulary is to be organized on state police lines and should be operational by June 1<sup>st</sup>. As things look now I'll have nothing to do with it. P By next Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, we should know exactly what is to become of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amd. i.e. it will (1) either remain over here as part of the tactical occupation force, (2) will be disbanded over here and

"shipped home in a box"; or (3)  
will be used as a "canin"<sup>we</sup> for  
troops remaining to be redeployed.

I rather think the last is the  
most likely course and it would  
be by far the most agreeable to  
me, for it would mean I am  
remained right where I am  
until we were filled up with  
men eligible to go home and  
then "took off." <sup>TP</sup> At any rate, the  
cadre for the Constabulary Squadron  
which the 66<sup>th</sup> is furnishing will  
probably go to Heiden by March  
1<sup>st</sup>. That will include Col. H.,  
Maj. Vogel, Lt. Harpel and  
probably all of the 15 other  
lieutenants who aren't eligible  
for redeployment or are <sup>are</sup> R.A.  
My next letter should clear up  
lots of things.

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The weather here is so warm as to be almost spring-like. This morning Grainger and I took a walk out in the country and this afternoon I hope to get my last thank-you notes cleaned up. <sup>17</sup> Last night (Sat.) was the usual party at the Fleckton. I wasn't there long, as I spent most of the evening at a dance over at the hospital. I had dinner at Maj. Vogel's. Jim Haipel has moved in there since Col. Haselbach left. The Colonel is supposed to sail today or tomorrow.

I don't find myself too busy. Thursday I went down to Regensburg on a number of

missions. I had to turn in  
20,000 marks I inherited from  
Joe Zehnder way back in September  
(Rottenburg) to pay P.W.'s with.  
I turned the money over to  
Lt. Neave who succeeded me as  
S-2, who turned it over to  
Lt. Haipel, who gave it back to me!  
It was drawn from the Wehrmacht  
Fiscal Office in Regensburg which  
still functions to pay P.W.'s. ~~It~~  
The money and payrolls were  
in an awful mess, but I got  
out my circular on German Army  
pay procedure and finally got  
it straightened out. The thing  
one learns in the Army! <sup>P</sup> I  
saw Jack Bau for a few minutes  
only as he was getting out  
after the C.G. to inspect some  
installation or other. <sup>P</sup> I signed up



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The Gzech liaison officer to speak  
at a "Cannoneers Forum" which  
we organized at Point Baraboo  
in conjunction with the I. & E.  
program. ~~During~~ <sup>For</sup> one of the two  
one <sup>hour</sup> "orientation" periods  
each week we have this so  
called "forum", with an outside  
speaker, who presents a short  
discussion and then answers  
questions. It breaks up the  
orientation and relieves the monotony  
of the battery orientation periods  
which are apt to be pretty dull.

The first time I had Mr. Miller  
who is the UNRRA director here,  
last week was Mr. Eckman the  
CIC special agent ~~Miller~~. Next  
week Maj. Hattox the Mil. Gov. Officer

is going to discuss the rebuttal  
of German political parties.

~~At~~ The week following I hope to  
have a representative from each  
of these parties give a short  
exposition of their platform followed  
by a question period. That should  
be <sup>a</sup> daisy!

I enclose some prints of  
pictures Grange took which  
I thought you might enjoy, also  
some negatives I took of Bond  
Banacks. (In case you wonder  
who Bond was he was a  
Br. commander in the 359<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
90<sup>th</sup> Div. who was killed during  
the War. The 90<sup>th</sup> of course were  
the original troops in this town.)

I sent Grannie Heyburn  
today a ~~clipping~~ picture from  
Took magazine of villain Helder

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Heyburn being made up for one of his western screen roles! It's the first time I knew there were any Heyburns left <sup>out</sup> of those who "went ~~to~~ West." Do you know of any of Uncle Weldon's descendants still out there? I thought his marriage was "without issue!"

Medical officers' qualifications for discharge came down to 60 points and 39 months service today. Doesn't Billy fall into the latter category? I hope so. I'll sign off for now, but will write all the dope Wednesday or Thursday. Love to all,

Love,  
Henry.

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Dear Mother + Daddy,

Lots of changes this week!  
The colonel leaves Sunday, so  
Maj. Vogel becomes C.O. ~~Will~~ Jim  
Haysel will be ~~the~~ <sup>Exec.</sup> and  
I am to take S-3 and S-2.

But that ain't all!! The 66<sup>th</sup>, as  
well as the other combat brs. in  
the 4<sup>th</sup>, are to be formed into  
cavalry squadrons and <sup>will</sup> become  
part of a new force being  
organized known as the  
Zone Constabulary. This Constabulary  
will perform all border guard,  
patrol, raid and other <sup>security</sup> functions.  
We do not know yet when the  
actual change over will take place,

only that it will be sometime  
before April 1<sup>st</sup>. At any rate, as  
S-3, (provided I'm still with the  
tr.) I'll have to make ~~all~~ <sup>schedules</sup> and  
supervise all training when we  
change over. I get one lousy  
job after another. I'm also  
afraid this <sup>completely</sup> cuts out any chance  
I might have had of going on  
leave, or on a D.P. train to Poland,  
or Hungary. I wish I was a  
"shavetail" again!! The details  
of the 300,000 occupation force  
have been all worked out, and  
were given out at a C-3 meeting  
yesterday, but, although I  
know you'd find them most  
interesting, I can't go into them  
as yet.

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Last night I had dinner  
at the Colonel's, with the other  
B.C.'s. He is coming here  
tomorrow night, (Friday), and  
the Capt help are in specimens  
of joy and expectation. Then  
the Colonel is having a final  
blow-out at his house Sat.  
night for all the officers. Incidentally,  
he is going to be in Louisville and  
I gave him your address & phone  
number, so if he calls don't be  
surprised. I think you'd enjoy  
having him out for a meal.  
He has relatives in Louisville  
named Merkey, one of them a  
Doctor. Do you know them?

I'm so glad Dick Howe has  
been able to come up. I don't  
suppose he'll be getting out for  
some time. <sup>?</sup> I had a very nice  
<sup>letter</sup> from Joe Downe, in which he  
said what a wonderful time  
he'd had at our house. <sup>?</sup> I was  
quite appalled when I heard  
that Dr. Spurling was going  
to inquire as to what ailed  
me. Really, I'll tell you everything  
and there's no need to call  
in the brass. The truth is  
that the personnel in that  
hospital was changing so  
fast I didn't have the same  
doc. more than two days in  
a row, and the only reason I

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stayed so long <sup>that</sup> was<sup>1</sup> each new doc more or less started from scratch (or me), and wanted to "observe" me for a couple of days himself. As I wrote you, the thing they suspected was jaundice, but it turned out to be only a bad stomach ache. They also tested for ulcers <sup>etc</sup> & gall bladder, but without results.

I'm quite sure I wrote you several letters between Dec. 9 and 25. However, they may be delayed. Also, I believe, I remember alot of US-bound mail burning up in a plane wreck.

There is an officer's pass for London open and in trying



to get it, but probably won't be successful.

Last Tuesday the last of the original 499<sup>ers</sup>, who were here, left for the States. <sup>left</sup> Kristopit and "Anezy" Snyder (my driver) were the only ones from Hqs. I also saw quite a few from other outposts who assembled here, Bastianki, (old message center chief), Sumidze (fire division), Littlefield (cook), also most of the medics. Kristopit was one of the best, (also a FD computer). Roney called me up Wednesday night from Augsburg, but unfortunately I wasn't in. He said he was leaving soon, <sup>also</sup> De Spain, who ~~was~~ <sup>became</sup> a tank gunner after <sup>of</sup> the original gunner "shot his

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halt," dropped by to see me while  
he was down here on some detail.

It was quite a nostalgic sort  
of work as you can see. There are  
still two men in the btry. who  
came overseas with the 495<sup>th</sup>, but  
the old hands are all gone now.

I saw Jack Bam when  
I went down to the G-3  
meeting yesterday. He chewed  
the fat for about half-hour,  
which was all the time I  
could spare.

Will write Sunday.

My love to all.

Love,

Henry

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Dear Mother and Daddy,

The warm weather continues and still no snow. This morning (Sunday), after a rather strenuous party at the officers' club last night, Inaugh and I got up and rode with the Colonel at 10 o'clock, <sup>we</sup> being the only ones to make the grade out of a <sup>very</sup> large number who allowed as how they would <sup>really</sup> be there. The ground is <sup>too</sup> hard, and there is too much ice for cross country riding, but we had a very pleasant time. I've been riding a horse named "Counters" who ~~is~~ has lots of

"temperament" (as the Krauts say),  
and is quite a handful, but at  
the same time a good jumper and  
with very nice gaits. They also  
have the indoor riding hall  
fixed up now, so I expect to  
be able to use that. After the  
ride we went over to the Colonel's  
house for a beer and found  
~~out~~ Captain Vogel had just  
received word of his promotion  
to major — so there will be  
another party tonight.

St. Piewent is leaving  
again tomorrow, after having  
been back about a week this time,  
to take a D.P. train of Poles  
through Czechoslovakia to Katowice,  
Poland. Boy, I'd love to make  
that trip. However, it looks  
as though I'm stuck on this

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B. C. job. Lt. Doan who  
has been at school in England  
for two months just got back  
this afternoon and will be in  
Hq. Btry. He ~~was~~ <sup>recently</sup> made first  
and is a very good officer so  
that is a bright spot.



I have bought a new  
pair of puttees, as my others are  
in pretty bad shape, and we  
have to wear Class "A" (dism)  
uniform now and more all the  
time.

There seems to be very  
little news. This afternoon <sup>at four</sup> I  
went to a "Konzert Abende" in  
~~at~~ the state chamber of the  
Rathaus. It featured a fairly

well broken down opera soprano(?)  
"mit" pianist. She was a good  
six foot two and had a very  
fascinating set of facial expressions.  
The audience was almost 100%  
Kant and <sup>I mean</sup> it was strictly  
an "echt Deutsch" afternoon, even  
to the portrait of King Ludwig  
of Bavaria looking severely  
down ~~from~~ from its place over  
the platform.

It hardly seems possible  
that Spring is only two months  
away and I'm hoping the  
weather continues just as it is.  
(I really don't need anything  
except the things I have written  
you for. <sup>However please</sup> Do send me three of  
my cotton khaki shirts. I have



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only two at present and they  
get dirty pretty fast. Send the  
old ones as they are the  
nicest and are the ones that  
fit me.)

Love to all the family  
and everyone at the house.

Love.

Henry.

Pond Banacks, Amberg  
20 January 1946.

P.S. I enclose a mimeographed  
map of the Fourth's occupation  
zone with major troop towns  
underlined in red. Thought you  
might find it of interest. H.H.

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Dear Mother and Daddy.

I have just returned from (1) the Division Artillery Commander's New Year reception and (2) our battery New Year Dinner and I am consequently in a fairly well gorged state. The Reception, <sup>was</sup> attended by all the great and near-great of the 4th A. D., including the commanding general and his aide-de-camp Lt. Barn, the chief of staff, all the G's, and the largest collection of natural born, English-speaking female American citizens I've seen in many a year! The

latter consisted chiefly of Red  
Cross workers, nurses, and CATS  
(civilian something theatrical  
staff) ~~and~~ and were  
really quite ornamental and  
refreshing. In fact it was an  
eminently civilized gathering  
and certainly excellent practice  
for my reintroduction to  
polite society (I hope) come  
next summer. <sup>P</sup> I hadn't seen  
Jack Sam for about a month.  
The general is evidently  
beginning to step out a good  
deal and Jack looked like  
he could use a rest. I think  
I wrote you that he is going  
home with Gen. Prickett when  
the latter takes his leave to the  
States in February; but then Bill

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have to come back. I also saw Jim Drake, whom you may remember, joined the 499th at Kroschwiller (Alsace) last February and was F. O. #2 from then on. Sgt. Howell was his crew chief. Lt. Col. ~~Parke~~ Parke the CO of the 94th A. F. A. Bn. is a Hawaiian (and St. Pauls) man and was the only officer present wearing a San Brown belt.

H. Brewster and I arrived about 1:30 and left at 2: for the battery where we served dinner at 2:30. There was so much to eat I couldn't even begin to make a dent in it, but it

was delicious and our ~~mess~~ mess  
hall is really an appetizing  
place to eat in now.

Of course we had a  
New Year Eve party (in) at  
the Officers Club in the  
Hotel Elcton in Amberg which  
was quite a party. In fact  
this 66<sup>th</sup> is quite a partying  
lunch, with Col. Hasselback  
way out in the lead.

The New Year has  
brought a definite cold  
snap and I imagine  
January & February will be  
pretty rugged. Still there  
is no snow. At any rate  
it is New Year and now  
I have a very definite  
feeling that every passing day

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brings warm weather and  
the "hot rick" ~~which~~ that much  
closer. Certainly this is the  
year that will see me home !!

( I keep thinking  
of little things that I need.  
I hope it is not too much  
bother and I ~~don't~~ won't  
blame you if you forget some  
of them. Just now I need  
a good pair of straight nail  
scissors. The silver comb and  
nail file set you sent me I  
use all the time but the  
attached scissors are a little too  
~~too~~ unsuitable for good work. Also  
need some thin comb and more collar holders.)  
I'll write again

next weekend. This will  
bring my love as usual and





best wishes for a very happy  
New Year. Love to all,

Love,  
Henry.

P.S. Daddy & I done a  
very foolish thing upon  
my return from the hospital,  
~~this~~ namely I burned all  
my letters including yours  
into the "\$25. money order!" of  
the fact that it is utterly  
destroyed there is "no possible  
doubt whatever" so maybe you  
can get a refund by  
presenting this letter and  
the receipt. I'm very much  
chagrined about this, but I  
guess I was a little too  
absent minded. L.H.H.

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Dear Mother & Daddy.

Enclosed are some pictures taken on the trip to Prague, Pleshamm-gaw and around Amberg. Some have not been printed yet. The yellowish, dull paper seems to make the best prints. You needn't send me any copies. Just save what you have printed. I enclose list of subjects.

Love,  
Henry.

Paul Banach, Amberg.  
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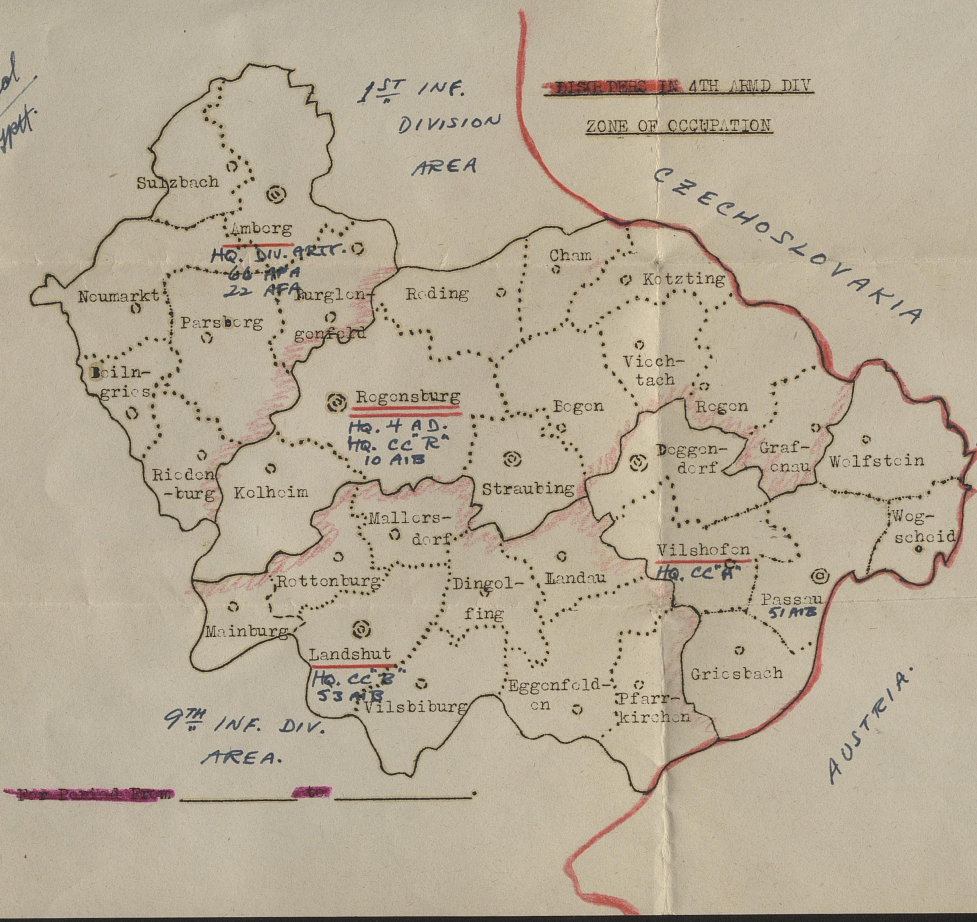
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