

Somewhere in Germany
Nov. 8, 1944

Dear Mother,

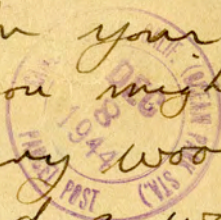
Finally I have a chance to write a few words. We have our extra stuff with us so I can get at my pen and stationery. Sorry I couldn't write more often, but I know you will realize that if it was possible to do so I would.

I've seen action and it isn't pleasant. But on the other hand it hasn't been very dangerous so I can assure you that you needn't worry. More people are being hurt in L. A. by automobiles than over here. The army continues to take the very best of care of us.

Even the food situation has been good. Whenever the kitchen can get to us we have hot chow, which has been quite good. At other times we eat rations and as yet I haven't been hungry a bit. Of course I'm looking forward to some of your cooking in preference to what we're getting, so you can start planning a super-deluxe banquet for me as soon as I get back. Then have a big bed with a nice soft mattress and a feather quilt ready so I can sleep comfortably for a week straight. Then I'll take a hot bath for a couple of days and be all set

for civilian life again.

The bad thing about being here is living in the open. Even that isn't too bad when it doesn't rain although the weather is becoming colder. In your next package you might include some heavy wool socks (size 12) and a wool muffler. They will come in handy.



Your letters have been getting to me o.k. Though we don't get mail every day it accumulates and we get a lot of it a couple times a week.

Up till now the watch has been giving me good service in spite of the hard wear I've given it. But

the other day the strap
broke so I'll have to do
without the time for a
while. It seems funny to
want the time of day
when most of the time I
don't know what day of the
month it is.

Now I must quite
for a while so I can clean
my rifle. A rifle is supposed
to be your best friend here.
So far it netted me one
chicken which tasted delicious
roasted over an open fire.

Give my best regards to
Mr. Sloff. Keep writing
and let me know everything.
Have you received any bonds yet?

Love,
Herb