

Oct. 7, 1944

Germany

Dear Salter,

Got your letter of Sept. 24, was surprised to hear of the hurricane, got a letter from Dot and she told me all about it in Hartford, and how they had been warned about it on the radio, but I guess they didn't believe it.

Yes, I suppose all you folks hear now is election talk and alot of baloney.

It was nice of you to get all of those old clothes and things to send over here for the needy. What you heard is kind of exaggerated a bit though, I think. I have seen some very poor people without much of any thing but never with paper clothes. It seems what they needed most of all were shoes. In France they all had wooden ones stuffed with straw - in Belgium most of the people seemed

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better off and here - well they seem
to have plenty. Everyone wears leather
boots or rubber ones. I guess that
mounted maniac saw to it that they
had plenty here in the country at some body
else's expense.

A lot of the civilians have fled with the
soldiers or were evacuated - some stayed
and waited for us to come. They were
very afraid of us and expected anything
to happen to them but I guess they are
glad they took the chance now. Some
are friendly, but would probably stick a
knife in your back at their first chance.

I have no use for any of them, to me
they were at one time supporters of the
army that caused all of this. Of course
some of them had no alternative, but
how does one tell who they are?

I am in a nice little house now. I have

a fire going in the stove, and the sun is
shining in the window. It is quite Cheaf. It is a sort of a 3 room flat, down stairs
is exactly the same, a bed room, kitchen and
small living room. The fuel we are using
is something quite different than any thing
I have seen. It is some sort of stuff like
compressed coal dust in the form of a small
brick it burns very good and throws
very good heat. The people that lived here
aparently were very religious. There are beautiful
pictures hanging everywhere and alot of Crucifixes
and little holy water containers hanging everywhere.
I wish I could meet a German friend that
could speak good English and get the story,
the real story about this Country. As you know
there has been alot of propaganda. We got alot
of it in the States and of course the Germans
got alot about us. I am thoroly mixed up now -
thought I even before - but I didn't know the
half of it. and neither do you people
back there. Radio & newspapers are wonderful

but off to bed. how they can throw it.

Our old kitchen crew is feeding us now and I mean feeding us. I ate so much for dinner I thought I couldn't walk away. Pork chops for supper I think. Maybe I will go to a movie to night maybe we'll take advantage of the opportunity. I didn't get to Mass yesterday or today - but I did go Thursday and went to Holy Communion it was a sad mass for me. A lot were there - church was nearly full.

Well, think I'll sign off for today hope you are all well.

I am fine.

Loving Son

Clifford

P.S.

I don't think you need to send a fruit cake in a tin container any thing will hold it. Would really appreciate one.