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Thurs Morning

Dear Mom and Dad;

Practice up on my typing a bit. Trouble with typing is my bad spelling shows up too much.

Kinda late writing this week, guess it is that I am so very busy--Have absolutely nothing to do. Seems harder to write when not busy then when there is a lot going on.

Marge has probably told you that I have been transferred to the 498th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. Is just another step on my way home. Had thought I would go home with the 607th T.D. Bn.; last week they sent all men with over 85 points over here, five officers came over. I had my choice as to staying with the 607 or coming over, chose to transfer. Think I will have a better chance getting home with a division then with a separate battalion.

As things look now, think I will be home before Christmas. Seems probable that I will not get out of the army right away, but don't think I'll have to go to the Pacific. Of course a lot depends on what happens in the war with Japan--from here that looks good now.

I am on the staff here, means nothing however. The Bn. is way over on officers, so none of us have much to do. Our hardest job definitely is finding something to do. We play soft ball some, play cards, etc. Only one officer came to the battalion with me; most of the others are new too, so we spend some time getting acquainted. They all seem to be a nice bunch of guys.

Think I told you I was planning a trip, last week, to Hitler's Mountain Home. Another officer, a Sgt., and I went as planned. Was an all day trip, most enjoyable. His home was in the ~~Maxxxxx~~ Bavarian Alps. Consist of his home proper, with several other "big wigs" homes--all well bombed out-- and sort of a ledge on top of a high mountain, where he held meetings and gave dinners. The country was all very beautiful, have sent Marge a lot of pictures, she will send them on.

We are located about 20 miles north east of Munich in the town of Erding. Have a nice house to live in. Meals are not as good as they use to be in my own company. Weather is cool, surely nothing like the August weather you are having; is comfortable in a blouse at nite.

Seems to be it for now.

Love to all

I sent you a V-mail
change of address

