

May 8, 1945
Germany

Dear Folks,

Yesterday sure was a great day for me. We attacked on the sixth and were supposed to shove off again yesterday morning. But instead of receiving an attack order, we were ordered just to stay where we were. Then a little after ten o'clock we got the news that the Germans had signed unconditional surrender. Even though it doesn't take effect officially till tomorrow, it meant that we were through fighting.

Boy oh Boy! What a feeling. The Lord has certainly been good to me. I've got lots to thank Him for.

The "Stars and Stripes" also brought us some pretty good news yesterday. It said that over half of the combat troops would get a furlough back in the

states before they are shipped to the
C.B.S. Don't plan too much on it
because there's just about as much
chance against it as there is for it.
But wouldn't it be great!

Yesterday also I received a box
from you and my name was turned
in for a pass to Paris. It was the
package containing pop corn and that
really hit the spot. The corn
was still as crisp as it was when
you packed it. It would have done
your heart good to ^{have} seen the fellows
(and me) go after it. I wish I could
send the box home and let you
fill it up again.

If my pass had come a little sooner
it might have kept me out of a
little fighting but I'm glad to get

it now. I'll be going in a day or so. Considering everything that happened, wasn't yesterday a pretty eventful day for me?

Well it looks like spring again today. Maybe the weather is doing a little celebrating. We've really had some pretty rough weather for this late in the season during the past week. There has even been a little snow. I hope it stays nice now.

It's been almost a week now since I got any letters but no doubt there'll be two or three when they do come.

Hope everything is ship shape back there. Be good and God bless you.

Love
Donald