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Germany

Dear Folks,

Happy Easter! If for no other reason this has turned out to be a pretty happy Easter for me because I got four letters from you this evening. They were from March 12 to 19 so you know what was happening along about that time. When I was reading them I thought of a whole "encyclopedia full" of things I wanted to say to you. So before I go any farther I am going to go over them again and underline anything that brought an idea to my mind this afternoon. Maybe that way I'll get you told at least part of what I wanted to.

I guess the best way to start would be to say that I wish as much as you do that I could have had the angel food cake for Easter that you wanted to.

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send. The Lord willing
next Easter you can
bake an angel food and
we'll eat it together. What say
we make it a date.

No doubt I had about the
same feelings that you did con-
cerning Richard's turn of affairs.
I had hardly even thought of it
turning out this way so it did
sort of surprise me. I expect that
I am gladder than any of you that
he was rejected but I know or can
guess how he feels. I had told
one of my buddies about Richard's
time coming up and as I was read-
ing the letters I told him how it
turned out. He said that I should
say "Hi 4F" and if I were home
I no doubt would do so. I ex-
pect that a little kidding would
do as much to relieve the tension
as anything else. I trust your judg-
ment but since things have turned

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out this way think it over carefully before you break your neck trying to get into any ^{thing} military. I believe the Supreme Being has something planned. Whether it be right or not but in thinking about what to do in the future, don't forget that continuing your schooling is one possibility.

Now that it has been brought to my mind I do remember a little something about Richards ribs. But I would have ^{had} even less reason to be thinking about that than you would. No one told me how Eulen came out on his examination.

I wonder if March "went out, like a lamb" for you. I guess the nice weather is the reason things are going so good over here. It made me proud to know that some of our news was getting back home. I can't

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claim to have personally
been in on the taking of
Coblenz but I was at
that time just a little ways up the
Moselle from there.

You did guess wrong though about
my being in the Saar again. I
have never been back there. I've
really had some experiences this
last week that I don't suppose I
ought to tell you about yet. I've
got a couple of souvenirs that I'll
send home but I'll tell you about
them later.

Do whatever you think best about
putting in the Tribune about my
silver star. Don't misunderstand me
but you have my permission. ^(I wouldn't want anything big.) ^{though}

I think I have explained in
another letter about the money
you didn't know how to dispose
of. It's just what's not taken out
of my pay in allotments that I can't

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use here. I am sending
thirty dollars out of the
money I drew today. It's
not a hard and fast rule but I
expect most of it should go for bonds.
I do want you to feel free, though,
at any time ~~for~~ to use what money
I send home for anything else you
deem wise. It'll be alright if
you want to accumulate it and
buy bonds of larger denominations.
But of course don't hold it for
six months or anything on that order
because it can be accumulating
just a little interest. Sometime
if you want to I would be inter-
ested in knowing just how I stand
financially.

Now that you have asked about
the pop corn in my Christmas box
I'll have to tell you. As you know
I got it just after we got on the
boat coming over and of course there

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was no way to make use of it then. Well things will happen and things will get kicked around and as I remember the sack got broken or somehow it got spilled before I ever got it popped. A little popcorn might be an idea though for something to send me now. Those packages really are a blessing.

I'm glad mother mentioned about the cigarette situation. We do get them but that's still no reason why I must smoke them. You needn't worry about that end of the story. If my cigarettes get used someone else uses them. You are right though about using them for money. We do use them to trade sometimes to the civilians for something they might have to eat. Not that we're hungry but it's a lot of fun just to buy an egg

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or rock something for yourself. I think the greatest use for them, though, is when someone is lucky enough to get a pass to Paris. They go like hot cakes back there. Incidentally I think I'll be getting one of these passes one of these times.

While I'm on this subject: I really do thank the Lord for strength ^{to resist} to resist temptations, or perhaps rather, occasional scoffings. As you perhaps know the Germans are great for alcoholic drinks and it's not occasionally that we come onto them. The drinks (just as the smokes) don't tempt me in the least but you can guess the rest of the story. With it so easy to get, people are apt to say lots of things without thinking. God has been very good to me.

If you (the mother's club) are having to send Wendell cigarettes I sure wish he could have mine.

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Our company has had the pleasure recently of freeing a great number of French, Polish and Russian prisoners of war. Boy that is really a happy experience. Those boys are just so excited they can't contain themselves.

One outfit had an experience the other day that I'd like to be in on one of these times. That is the liberating of some of our own boys from the Germans. I guess the height of my ambition would be in capturing the prison camp that Wendell is in. Wouldn't that be something to remember.

I am thankful that your prayers are still with me. There is no doubt in my mind about their value. As mother wrote recently "may the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another."
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