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Dear Earl and Family,

I received your V-mail letters a few days ago so will attempt to answer some. I am fine and hope you all are in the very best of health and happiness. Things around here are pretty dull at present. I don't like it to wall because the time goes to slow. We play Ping-pong, Volley-ball, and Softball to put in some of the time. We have a softball league going and our team is sitting up on top of the pile. I don't think we'll have to much trouble staying there, either. That is, if we keep on playing as we have been. The only thing is that we can't get any equipment. They keep telling us that it's on its way, but we have never seen any as yet. We have a real nice swimming pool but the weather doesn't permit us to go swimming, it's to darn cold. I never seen such screw weather. It doesn't even get dark until about eleven o'clock.

I guess every one is trying to figure what's up for us guys now. Well, it's this way, we hardly know ourselves. We're on temporary occupation now. Hard telling how long it will last. We are in the area of Bad Kissingen in Southern Germany under the Third Army. The last action we saw was at Moosburg. We forced a crossing of the Isar River and then advanced about 10 miles. We, then, got orders to cease all operations. That was on 2 May 45

I was glad to hear that you finally recieved the news about Milt. only I couldn't figure why my detailed letters didn't get through. They must be through by now. I took a few pictures of him too but the printing facilities are so poor over here that I haven't gotten the prints back yet. He should be well on his way home by now. They seem to think, at home, that he won't be sent over seas again, but, I think, they'll be mistaken, unless things brighten up over in the Pacific.

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Now, about the points. Ours are a little ~~less than~~ as yet due to the Battle star deal. We have three so far. Then I have a purple heart, 29 months service and 7 overseas. That makes 56 points so far. I may end up with five more in a few days.

I guess the 9-th did confuse the people for awhile, as to what army they were in. It's this way. We were in the First up til the suhr pocket was cleaned out. Then we were assigned to the Third for a few days. After that we were again assigned to the Seventh. About a week later, we were transferred back to the Third and we're still with them. While in England, we were in the Ninth Army so that means we were in every American army in the STC.

Give my best to Mma, Louise, Ester and Don. I'd sure like to get Don a helmet but, in this area, I haven't even seen any. I wish I'd had known earlier. They don't let stuff like that lay around very long.

It looks like we may have little scraps over this way if the French and Tito doesn't settle down. Those French sure getting brave all of a sudden, especially after the way they through in the towel when Germany was knocking at their gates.

Well, I can't think of anything else to write about so I'll close for this time and write a few more notes.

Love to All, Brother.... Harry

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