

Altmaier Germany
Dec-19-1955

Dear Mother Father Bros +
Sisters

Just got back from mess
have been squirming around
all day and finally settled
down to write you another
letter. Mama the last letter
I wrote was at calmar Tex
embury and have sent a
number of post cards in
the meantime. We are now
at Altmaier Germany which
is our destination so I under-
stand. How long we will be
here I don't know, but don't
think it will be so very long.

Our mail had been delayed
on the trip and just received
a number of letters a few days
ago from you and the kids
also 2 pkgs of newspapers.
Am awful glad you are
all keeping in good health.
It is to bad papa has
to work so hard when he
is not feeling well, but say
the war is over and that ought
to make anybody to feel well.
I have not rec a letter from
you since the Armistice was
signed, but just know everybody
went wild in D.C. The last
front we were on was at
Verdon

mostly in the argonne forest
we had been driving the Germans
until they had retreated nearly
to Sedan a good many miles.
We thought for a while they
had gone on back to Germany
it took so long to catch up
with them. Everything seemed
so peaceful until one eve we
pulled into Boulson a small
French town. They seen us
pulling over the road and
hiding on one side of the
town and that night they
opened up their guns on us
all that night they fired at
the town, the men had to

get the horses off the line and
 take em away from town and
 up over the hill and stood
 up all night in the rain.
 sleeping on the wet ground
 etc. Believe me they were hit
 ing all around us, which seem
 ed like a warm reception
 just before the armastice was
 signed. Our Div was relieved
 at Boulson France close to
 "sudan" the historic town where
 France met her fate in one
 of the wars in the past. We
 went back to Harri-court and
 was there only a few day when
 news was rec that Germany

had quit. It seemed unbelievable at first. The German soldiers were just as happy as us it seemed, for at night our boys would burn a box of powder which would light up the skies, then in return the German soldiers on the other side would do likewise, celebrating the end. It was quite a relief to get a good night's sleep, without having to get up and hunt shells from some German bombing machine. We were notified at Harriacourt that our Div was picked to be used as occupation troops.

on the Rhine and that we were to drive overland to Coblenz we started on the morning of Nov - 14 and reached this town on the 16 day of Dec which is little over a month. It seems strange to be mixed up right among people who only a short time ago your life would not be worth a cent. A great many of the German soldiers have returned home from the war all they can say is well we have lost. In several of the towns we passed through we met soldiers who had fought against our Div on

several of the fronts, one of them
operated the gun which fired
on us at Boulson. The German
people have not got much it
seems, such stuff as soap
coffee etc are not obtainable
anywhere. Flour is very scarce
their bread is made from whole
wheat and looks like ginger
bread. The scenery around here
is very beautiful you can
see from the cards, Altmark
I understand was a summer
resort. Our Regiment are all
billeted in houses hotels etc.
I am staying in a room
with an other corporal and

two sargeants. we have two beds
and have things fixed up pretty
nifty. The old Dutch girl makes
up the bed in the morning
cause I don't want to learn
how to make up a bed ha!
Mama I might tell you that
we landed at Brest France
when we came over, went to
Guer France, then to Luneville
in Alsace Lorraine, from there
to the champagne front, there
to Chateau Thierry, Chalons
Joul Front, was at St Michel
~~Verdon~~ Verdon and several
other places. It seems funny

Willie has never written, but I
 guess he never rec my letters.
 I wrote him several times and
 told in the letters that you have
 been writing him often, also
~~how~~ how everybody was at
 home. mama I am certainly
 glad you got the \$100 and
 hope the \$45 money order is
 not lost. Did you ever get
 the German helmet? Let me
 know if you are rec the \$10
 a month dependency money?
 I sent Aunt Mabel a card
 or two and wrote a letter
 some time ago. Here it is
 only 5 days until Christmas
 and then N. Y. no doubt

you will be fixing for a
 big feed. Some of the xmas
 pkgs have come in already
 and I am watching closely
 for mine you bet. Well mama
 there is little more to write
 I have been sitting here looking
 at that soft bed for it is
 somewhat difrent from hard
 boards; and cold ground.

Will write Ely Alice and the
 kids soon. Tell papa not to
 work too hard, and pull the
 wish bone of that chicken for
 me. Will close now

wish you all best wishes on
 the New Year

Geo M. Anderson

Your son + Bro
 George

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