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Letter Written to My Parents on Nazi Stationery

That I had liberated from some office

I was with the 26th Yankee Division, 328th Infantry Regiment, Company I. At the time this was written, we were in Northern France somewhere in Alsace. My Company went on the line October 5, 1944 near Pont A Mouson and had been on the line or immediately in reserve since that time.

The heading on the stationery under the German Eagle with a swastika: DEUTCHES ROTES KREUZ Under that is Kreistelle Salsburgen/Westmark

Third line: Fernuf: Salsburgen 53

In the upper right, top: Salsburgen, den \_\_\_\_\_ 194 \_\_\_\_\_  
Adolf Hitler-Strabe 159

(Written Nov 27, 1944)

Dearest Mom & Dad,

Last I remember I was able to write was Nov 5. Boy have I been on the move since then, hardly two nights in one place, hence the reason I haven't been able to write. As you can see I have new stationery. Picked it up one day and thought it would be novel to write on. I am well and as can be expected under war conditions.

In a few days as soon as it comes through, I will be a staff sgt. That means I am a squad leader. I have the squad and duties now. Its been so long since I've written I dont know what to write. Your mail came through good until about 2 weeks ago and then stopped so I'm anxious to start getting mail again. The first Xmas package you mailed came about a week ago, the one with the toilet articles & scarf. I've had the scarf on ever since and it will be a good thing this winter. I managed to carry the toilet articles and use them but it was quite a job. The candy from Madison hit the spot too. I dont get much candy anymore and when I do it sure tastes good. I'll be glad to get all the food boxes too. Our squad has been lucky because 2 or 3 fellows got food boxes and we all had some good US goodies for once.

My mustache is getting there and doesnt look bad but my hair is starting to curl its getting so long. I had a sort of a birthday present on Nov 7. I had my first shower in a month. Boy it was a drafty one but seemed mighty good at that. A couple days later is when I started traveling and haven't stopped till now, but this isn't for long.

I have been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, \$10.00 more per month so that & staff sgt pay (plus overseas pay) brings me to around \$125.00 per month. If I ever get paid, I'll be sending home 2 or 3 months pay to save. I haven't spent money now in about 2 months.

Please don't worry when you dont hear from me for periods of time because I write when I can. I sure hate to not write but if I can't, I can't. I've seen plenty and have a lot to forget. I'll have plenty to tell when I get back and I put my trust in God that I do.

Am enclosing 2 menus from some rations we get called 10 in 1. It is the best ration we get besides kitchen meals which seems to be never so when we get this ration it is like a feast. It is packed in a case for 10 men for 3 meals. (B,D,S) and has to be divided up.

I got my Thanksgiving turkey 2 days late but they got it up to me just the same. Guess all the boys (in the Army) had or were supposed to get a turkey dinner, but it was quite a job to get it up to some of us. Sure tasted good too. First hot meal I'd had in about a month

Well guess I'll close this letter and hope to get (time) to write soon and tell you more. Always thinking of you.

(Save this letter because of the paper)

Your loving son,

Robert

Ed Note: Third Army started an offensive Nov 8. This is why I was on the move so much. General Patton was hoping we could reach the Rhine. November weather in France in 1944 was horrible. It rained most of the time till later in the month when it turned to wet snow. 1944 was the wettest fall since

1918. THANKSGIVING WAS NOV 23, 1944.



Letter written to my sister in New York

That I had separated from some office

I was with the 2nd Infantry Division, 33rd Infantry Regiment, Company  
at the time this was written. We were in Northern France somewhere in Alsace  
my company went on the line October 2, 1918 near Font a Mousson and had been on  
the line or immediately in reserve since that time.

The heading on the stationery under the German badge with a swastika:  
ROSE WAGNER under that is Kreisbriefe Salsburg  
Third line: Salsburg 72  
In the upper right: Kreisbriefe Salsburg  
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(Written Nov 27, 1918)

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good for that hot meal. I had in about a month.  
Well guess I'll close this letter and hope to get (time) to write soon  
and tell you more. Always thinking of you  
Love this letter because of the paper

*Very donated by Robert Madson  
May 1998*

Your loving son,

ROBERT

The letter which was dated on October 27, 1918 is the one  
I have in my possession. It was written in the  
same place as the letter dated October 2, 1918.  
In the north west it turned to wet snow. 1918 was the worst  
1918. FATHER'S DAY