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My Dearly Beloved Judy,

As I wrote you yesterday dear, I'm now somewhere in Germany. There is a main difference between being billeted in France than Germany. This time allied troops enter Germany, under the no fraternizing policy. The government has taken that attitude because in the last war, our troops entered Germany, and acted friendly to the civilian population. This time we want them to know that we don't consider them superior nor do we need them.

In the particular town I'm in there are a few civilian families and our troops are not quartered in the same house as the ~~and~~ civilians live, as was the case in France. There are

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many unoccupied houses in which to billet ourselves. The only time I see the civilians here is when they are carrying a bucket in their hand, walking down to the water point to get some water.

Otherwise they generally remain in their houses. I don't know how much or what they have to eat but they don't look undernourished. The majority of the civilians are of the older class in age that remained here when the American troops entered the town. I imagine the other people fled deeper into Germany.

Oh yes, I happened to notice one of former outfit's vehicles passing along the road and I yelled out as loud as I could to halt the vehicle as I knew the driver even though he didn't happen to be from my former battery.

We chatted a few minutes and <sup>3</sup>  
I learned that my former outfit  
isnt to far from where I am, while  
I'd like to visit the headquarters  
section it would be practically  
impossible for me to leave my  
company area. When this fellow  
returns to the outfit he probably  
will tell the fellows from  
headquarters & battery, that I'm  
okay and in their vicinity, &  
about eight miles.

was disappointed today honey  
in that I didn't receive any mail  
from you today but perhaps,  
tomorrow will kind of make  
up for today.

Goodnight darling, pleasant  
dreams, and I love you sincerely  
and with all my heart. words  
can not express how very much  
I miss you dearly.

Love,  
Forever yours  
Ben