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THE STARS AND STRIPES

UNIT No. 1

MEDITERRANEAN

APO 512

Rome, August 19 --

.... Just a Postscriptum to my recent communication pointing out the various dilemmas and alternatives confronting your overaged soldier boy. While still looking forward to reading your well-considered comments on my situation, I have already made up my mind -- rash and all too independent, as youth is, these days.

To make it short, I have decided to get myself demobilized here in Europe and to stay in this continent for at least four or five months after my discharge -- with the city of Rome as my headquarters. The film project which I mentioned before seems to be pregnant with interesting potentialities. Besides, there is the Europe book I would like to write and for which I need material; there are all those places and people I still want to see: there are plenty of reasons.

I might have been more reluctant to make this decision, if it ~~not~~ had not been for my hope that you and dear Dad may visit Switzerland before the end of this year. I suggest Zürich or St. Moritz as the ideal settings for our Christmas celebration. Brother Angèle -- ("Du bist e Leutnant!", or "Bist du e Leutnant?", or isn't

he??) could join us, coming from Luxemburg, or wherever he may be stationed. As for me, I'll be there in time to meet you at the station. The aging civilian in the sloppy coat -- that's me. You won't recognize me at first -- being used, by now, to think of me as a dashing warrior.

Speaking of civilian clothes: I have asked Friedrich (and the newly re-married Christina Toller) to send me some of the things I left behind in the Bedford cellars. I do hope that the moths won't have eaten up all my suits. That would be too bad; for here you get only poor stuff for truly fabulous prices. -- Yet I would appreciate it enormously if you could fix me a package with some minor articles of clothing -- such as, some shirts (good Lord, what is my number? Well, you know, kind of medium-sized), a pair of shoes, preferably black (do you remember my number? I don't! But if they don't quite fit, I would certainly be able to trade them here for another pair), a few neckties, about six pairs of socks, some underwear (the drawers, please, rather too small than too big!). Also, if ^{you} could include some toilet soap, brushless shaving cream, razor blades (if possible Gillette), and after-shaving lotion -- that would be too nice for words!

I am adequately equipped with pyjamas and handkerchiefs. The slippers you sent me some time ago are so lovely that I couldn't bear the idea of wearing any others. And don't

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U. S. ARMY

you bother about a dressing gown -- I have a very smart one (blue silk) which I stole from Capt. Hans Habe who left it behind when he quit Fifth Army.

Then, of course, there is the cigarette problem. The more, the merrier! I hope to make some kind of arrangement with some American agency here, so that I won't be quite without any rations; but I'll never get as many as I need. I really don't know what the tobacco situation is like in your country, right now; but I suppose it must have somewhat improved. In any case, I trust that you'll manage to get hold of a few cartons.

Some coffee might come extremely handy as I intend to take a little apartment in Rome, together with one Cpl. Roland Geiger -- another soldier who wants to get himself demobilized over here. (He is the one who has brought me into the movie business in which he participates as one of the financial backers himself.) Yes, and maybe some jars of jam or marmelade or honey, and some tinned meat and sea food, and some breakfast stuff such as Corn Flags and the like. In other words, it's really two different packages I am dreaming about -- one with articles of clothing, one with food.

What a "Wunschzettel!" As if you were not

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busy enough without such additional
nuisances! But then, whom else could
I ask -- lonely old bachelor I am? I
am afraid neither Tomski nor Jonnie would
fix any packages for me. Those are the
disadvantages... (But there are advantages,
too!)

THANKS, anyway. And be careful when you
drive your little car to town! Remember
that dangerous spot, right where you
enter Sunset Boulevard! FULL STOP! And
don't try to pass any car, unless the
view is absolutely clear and you can
actually see what's coming!

I expect to leave for Nürnberg in about
three or four days, and to be back from
Germany early in October. Then my dis=
charge is likely to come through almost
immediately -- in ten days or so.

You'd better make your reservations at
the Souvretta House and at that nice
hotel on the Zurich Lake -- what's the
name again? Well, the hotel where Reisi
and Stez used to stay.

I enclose two samples of my recent prod=
uction -- nothing very exciting.

Travis,

K.

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