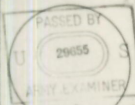


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TO: MRS C L GALLUP  
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REDLANDS CALIFORNIA

FROM: SGT C L GALLUP  
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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

22 APRIL 1946  
(Sender's complete address above)

Somewhere in Germany

MY DARLING WIFE,

HELLO, HONEY. HOPE THAT BOTH YOU AND LAURA ARE FEELING WELL. I AM OK BUT STILL PRETTY BUSY. THIS MORNING WE HAD THE MORNING OFF AND A GROUP OF US WENT OUT TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP. WE HAD TO LEAVE QUITE EARLY THIS MORNING IN ORDER TO GET BACK FOR HOON CHOW AND WORK THIS AFTERNOON, BUT WE HAD QUITE ENOUGH TIME TO SEE THE HORRORS OF A NAZI MASS-MURDER CONCENTRATION CAMP. I DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG THIS CAMP HAD BEEN IN OPERATION, BUT KNOW THAT IT WAS OPERATING IN 1938 AND EVER SINCE THAT TIME. 51,000 PERSONS EITHER DIED OR WERE KILLED IN THAT CAMP WHICH ORDINARILY HAD ABOUT 50,000 MEN IN IT.

THE SLAVE LABORERS WERE TREATED NO BETTER THAN ANIMALS. IN FACT, ANIMALS ARE TREATED BETTER BECAUSE THEY ARE AT LEAST FED DECENTLY AND EITHER TREATED FOR SICKNESS OR HUMANELY PUT TO DEATH. AT THIS CAMP THE PRISONERS WERE STARVED TO DEATH. SOME OF THE 20,000 STILL THERE ARE SO THIN THAT THEIR LEGS ARE SMALLER THAN MY ARMS. BODIES ARE STILL STACKED IN A FILE SIX OR EIGHT DEEP OUTSIDE THE CREMATORY FURNACES AND ON A TRUCK ALONGSIDE THE BUILDING.

ENOUGH OF THAT HORROR, THOUGH. IT IS ENOUGH TO SAY THAT I SAW THINGS THAT I HAVE READ ABOUT IN MAGAZINES BUT NEVER COULD QUITE BELIEVE UNTIL I SAW THEM WITH MY OWN EYES. YOU HAVE UNDOUBTELY READ SOME OF THE ARTICLES IN "READER'S DIGEST" AND OTHER MAGAZINES. TAKE IT FROM ME YOU CAN BELIEVE THE SWORN STATEMENTS THAT THE AUTHORS OR EDITORS SPEAK OF IN THOSE ARTICLES. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A CIVILIZATION SUCH AS THAT WE SEE ALL AROUND US HERE IN TOWN WHERE WE ARE LOCATED COULD PRODUCE HORRORS SUCH AS THOSE WE HAVE SEEN WITHIN A COUPLE OF HOURS DRIVE.

EVEN THE HOUSE WHERE WE ARE NOW LIVING HAD PICTURES AND UNIFORMS AND BOOKS THAT WERE MUTE EVIDENCE THAT THE OCCUPANTS WERE NAZI SUPPORTERS. YET THE ARTICLES WE READ AND THE STORIES WE HEAR IN THE NEWS ALL CLAIM THAT THE ~~NAZI~~ GERMANS CLAIM NO PART IN THE ATROCITIES. IT MUST HAVE BEEN TWO OTHER GUYS -- OR IT WAS THE FAULT OF THE HIGHER-UPS -- OR THE PEOPLE WERE ONLY ~~THE~~ VICTIMS OF A GREATER POWER THAN THEY. THEY WERE FORCED TO DO THIS OR FORCED TO DO THAT IN ORDER TO LIVE. YET WE SEE HOMES WITH WEALTH SUCH AS A WELL TO DO BUSINESS MAN IN THE STATES HAS WITH ALL OF THE LUXURIES OF A MODERN AGE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I AM STILL SINGING THE SONG - "NO LETTER TODAY." I STILL HAVE NOT HAD A LETTER SINCE THE 4th OF APRIL. HOPE YOU HAVE BEEN GETTING THE FEW LETTERS I HAVE WRITTEN DURING THE PAST WEEKS. I HAVEN'T BEEN WRITING AS REGULARLY AS I ORDINARILY DO, BUT WILL TRY TO DO BETTER. BELIEVE ME HONEY, I HAVE BEEN BUSY, THOUGH. NOW I MUST SIGN OFF AND SPEND A LITTLE TIME ON MY STUDY OF ARMY ADMINISTRATION. GOODNIGHT, HONEY. I LOVE YOU, SHIRLEY.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY  
**V---MAIL**

Your adoring husband  
HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?