

Germany.

28 March - 1945

Dearest Mother and Dad:

Will try to answer the two letters I received from you to-day. You know I was very happy and glad to hear from you. The post card was extra nice. I sure wish I could be standing there looking down into New River Canyon right this minute. I showed it to one of my buddies from Aiden, W.Va. and he said it sure looked good to him. Hackett's Nest is closer to his home than to Elkhorn. Glad to know everyone at home are well. I'm doing all-right and feeling fine. I had a letter from Vestal yesterday - the first one she ever wrote to me. She gave me all the news about the Lambert and Evans boys. They sure are scattered over the world. Perhaps I'll run across

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someone I know - someday, I
got the Easter Card from Margaret
and a letter from Paul to day too,
I want to wish everyone at home
an extra Happy Easter. And you,
mother, a Happy Birthday and
many more of them. Heres a big
hug and lots of kisses for you.
Too bad about Elkton losing
the tournament but no more than
to be expected, They always did come
out on the tough end. I can see
Ronald getting mad and not going to
the final games. Hope he is over it
by now. I was out working to-day
and I seen several deer. One was
killed and my squad is going to
cook and eat it. Boy, I bet fresh
meat will taste good. Talk about
Idors - this whole place smells now

All the civilians are plowing and planting. They haul all the manure they have saved all winter out into the fields. The urine and drainage they haul out in big long barrels on wagons and pour it on the ground. With the slightest wind you can imagine the odor that sweeps over everywhere. Everything sure is turning green and putting out leaves. I was up on a high hill and far as I could see the ground was red turned earth and bright green grassland with spots of woods scattered all over. Sure looks peaceful! I was very pleased to get the jokes and other things from the boys and anything they are you send will be plenty welcome. Thanks for the stamps too. Tell Mrs. Price she was right about the bathhouse but I don't when I'll ever get back to it or another.