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Near Rosenheim
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Dear Jack and Jane,

As you may have read the non-frat rule is to all intents and purposes now over, thank God! That means that one after-noon this week or next I may get a pass to go into Rosenheim. If I do I shall get some pleasant tempered German who needs a few cigarettes or a chocolate bar to collect some buttons for me around town. That appears to me to be the best way to manage the matter. Money is a little more stable here than in the victorious countries like France or Belgium, but even in Germany money hasn't by any means the power of food or tobacco. In fact money doesn't mean anything to us or to most of Europe. I hope you will still believe in the sincerity of my effort to look up buttons for you, if I send back your money order, but I rather manage the business by this method I suggest. You of course have given me proof of your ability to get something done by sending me those books which I've enjoyed a great deal, but I still have to give you evidence that I can collect buttons. I will do so soon I hope.

In order to keep myself from going quietly mad I've got myself into the post radio station as an announcer and even a performer on occasion. I read a little ten minute paper the other night on a program called "As One Man Sees It". I discussed with lofty nobility and rather turgid phraseology the reason why I thought we should not use poison gas against the Japanese. Most of the idiots here think we should and since the idiots are also among the officers I was especially glad to give them a counterblast. One night I also appeared on a round table discussion on compulsory military education which I did my level best to make ridiculous. Some said I did and none said I didn't, but then they may all have been friends. I hope to do a fifteen minute program of poetry one evening soon and use that devilishly clever "Departmental" from the Frost Further Range. The work is rather considerable for what it gives me, but it keeps me from digging latrines or walking guard for four hour stretches, and now that I'm no longer a first three grader I have to be careful to avoid such matters.

I was interested to read that you are involved in the radio habit. Would you like to read some of the continuity I write for some of my programs? No. Well, I don't blame you, for it isn't exactly clever stuff, but I have a rather unhackneyed approach to jazz and swing since I don't know the cliches and I rather amaze the other boys with some of the cracks I make.

I liked your remark about seers needing to be taken in pairs. But who would you recommend as one to bear witness against little David Lawrence? I don't really need an antidote for. I went on to read Yankee from Olympus and Time For Decision and with my particular type of feeble memory, I've almost forgotten all the handsome wild things that Lawrence said in his letters. Do recommend me a counter-seer, however.

If you are involved in Spanish literature I suppose you already know about the book, Literary Currents in Hispanic America by Pedro Henriquez-Ureña, which was reviewed in the Times Book Review of June 10. The review makes it sound like quite something worth reading. By the By, have you any old magazines of the literary type that you could send me? *Ed. L. L. L.*

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