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TRAUNSTEIN, GERMANY.

FLORENCE, STREHNHART:

ANOTHER DAY ON THE ROAD, AND THE WEATHER AND THE SCENERY BECOMES MORE BEAUTIFUL AS TIME GOES BY. YESTERDAY'S LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO YOU WHILE WE WERE STOPPING AT MUEHNSBURG, AND IT SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED THAT WE SPENT PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE DAY THERE. DURING THE TIME WE WERE THERE ADVICE CAME THRU THAT OUR ORDERS HAD BEEN CHANGED AND THAT WE WERE TO PROCEED TO LINE, AUSTRIA, SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN IN ON THESE RUMORS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING YOU CAN NOW READILY COMPREHEND HOW IT USED TO BE DURING THE WAR. IN ANY EVENT, DARLING, IT HAS BEEN A GRAND TRIP, WITH THE END NOT YET IN SIGHT

ALL MORNING WE HAVE BEEN TRAVELING FROM MUNICH IN THE DIRECTION OF SALZBURG. IN THE NOT VERY FAR DISTANCE IS VISIBLE THE HIGH MOUNTAINS OF WHAT WAS GOING TO BE HITLER'S REDOUBT, BUT WHICH UP TO THE PRESENT TIME HAS NOT DEVELOPED INTO A SOURCE OF IRRITATION TO THE ALLIES. THE PRETTY LITTLE VILLAGES NESTLED IN THE VALLEYS OF THESE HIGH MOUNTAINS ALWAYS CREATE A NOSTALGIC FEELING OF HOME. EVERYTHING IS SO PEACEFUL AND QUIET, IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEE MANY POLKS ALL DRESSED FOR CHURCH, AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN OUTLINED IN THOSE FAMOUS SAVARIAN OR ALPINE SUITS. OF LATE THE CHILDREN WAVE TO US AS WE GO BY. THIS USUALLY BRINGS THEM CANDIES AND CRACKERS THROWN TO THEM BY THE BOYS. AMERICANS CAN'T BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST CHILDREN, AND I'M PROUD OF THAT TRAIT IN US.

ABOUT NINE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING WE STOPPED AT TRAUNSTEIN, FROM WHERE I AM WRITING THIS LETTER, TO HAVE BREAKFAST AND TAKE CARE OF OUR BIOLOGICAL NEEDS. SOME CHILDREN GATHERED ABOUT US IN THIS WELL BEASTED YARD, TO WATCH US EAT, AND ADMIRE THE ORANGES WHICH WERE PART OF BREAKFAST. I GAVE ONE LAD PART OF MY HOT CAKES, AND WATCHED HIM DEVOUR THIS PLUS ALL THE ORANGE SKINS AND PULP HE COULD FIND ALONG THE TRACK. AS USUAL THIS WAS A HUGGED YARD, SO I TOOK A FEW PICTURES OF IT TO SHOW YOU WHAT MOST OF THE RAILROAD YARDS IN GERMANY LOOK LIKE THESE DAYS.

IT IS RUMORED THAT THE SECTION OF COUNTRY WE ARE HEADED FOR IS AMONG THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN EUROPE, AND SINCE IT IS ON THE DANUBE, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT MY STAY HERE WILL BE INTERESTING, AND I HOPE, SHORT. AS USUAL I AM IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND SPIRITS, AND HOPE THAT THIS FINDS YOU AND JIMMY HAVING FUN. I KNOW THAT YOU BOTH ARE IN FINE HEALTH AND THAT JIM WILL KEEP ALL OF YOU IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS. NOT GETTING ANY MAIL FOR ALMOST A WEEK IS PLENTY TOUGH, BUT HOPE THAT SHORTLY WE ARRIVE AT OUR DESTINATION THE MAIL WILL CATCH UP WITH US. TIME SEEMS TO GO MORE QUICKLY WHILE TRAVELING, AND EACH MOMENT SURELY BRINGS ME CLOSER TO YOU AND HOME. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE NEWS HAS BEEN LIKE THE LAST 5 OR 6 DAYS, BUT I TRUST IT'S IN OUR FAVOR. KISS JIM FOR ME, AND I'LL KISS YOU IN MIND WITH ALL MY LOVE AND DEVOTION. MY VERY BEST TO

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