

downstairs with the Dining Room and sitting Room. Upstairs are all the bedrooms. Usually with each country house. There is a large attached barn. The barn has cows, horses, and chickens. The barn and houses are laid out in wings so that the final appearance is a quadrangle with a large court yard in the middle. The entrance to the court yard is accomplished by large swing doors. All in all its quite interesting; but I don't want one for me.

Love—Freddie

P.S. I just received Pa's letter of Feb 12th. Write V mail or air mail but never regular mail.

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Somewhere in Germany  
With The First Army Chasing the German Army,  
March 24, 1945

Dear Marie,

I received your regular mail letter of Feb. 21 and March 10th V mail. You see how much faster V mail letters and airmail letters are. Write airmail or V mail.

Today we are excited by more good news that really has us bursting with excitement. It seems everybody and his uncle have now crossed the Rhine. We are all enthused. The last big obstacle is gone. We are on our way.

The weather continues to be like May instead of March. The trees are starting to bud, and the few German civilians that are left are starting to plough the fields. Spring Feaver has me. The funny part of it is that I have time to sleep and take naps. War is much easier than I dreamed. Everyone knows their job perfectly. We do our tours of duty with smooth precision that gives us the maximum time for ourselves.

I have received more cigarettes and soap from our rations than I will ever



*Roland and some other men in the 348th, by now fast friends, find time to simply enjoy each other's company.*

