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Guernsey - May - 4 - 1945 -

Dear Folks.

In "C. J." - Charge of Quarters to you
so a nice time to answer some
mail. Today for the first time
we get mail, been several days.
Sorry to hear you've been ill Isa.
Had a letter from David & she
verified all my suspicions - your
working too hard & by the head
flame I want you to cut it out.
I've told you before about this -
I don't give a damn if the house
rot from dirt - I would rather
a million times see you than a
clean house when I come home.

Now wise up. - and take things
easy or I'll go AWOL. and
never come home.
Have a lovely place here. Our
Lounge room - for (Elected men) is
simply grand. - Living better than
any time since I've been in service
Went on a trip today to Sarkie Co. for
supplies - Nice Country here - a
farming district - small villages. All
the people live in the towns & go
out in the country to farm. Very
primitive. Women pulling carts
loaded w/ the potatoes

a large wagon with a horse &
are hitched up. Its a rolling
terrain & they farm in small
patches - Would give you good
out - I know. Lots of fruit trees. But
not much natural timber. All timber
has been planted of course. This
country has been lived in for over
a 1000 years & the ground needs
lots of fertilizer - Every house has a
barn in the rear & a manure pile
in front. If I ever get the aroma
of cow & horse manure out of my
nostrils I'll probably be unable to
sleep. Smell like Jessops Dairy all
the time.

A Korea was. I see you. I'm sorry she
such an eager Beaver - She said I disagree
on so many things - I'm positive we
would both be very unhappy if we
married - I get an average of one
letter in 10 days from her. If that
3 times a week I'd eat my steel helmet!
Well - I'm well & as happy as any P.T.
over here. Love & say best to you
all - You live in my thoughts -

Its it easy I see
I'm not kidding - Love
Frank.

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Germany – May – 4 – 1945 -

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so a nice time to answer some
mail. Today for the first time.
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working too hard + by the Lord
Harry I want you to cut it out.
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rots from dirt – I would rather
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clean house when I come home.
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in front. If I ever get the aroma
of cow + horse manure out of my
nostrils Ill probably be unable to
sleep. Smells like Jessops dairy all
the time.

So Lorna was to see you. Im sorry shes
such an Eager Beaver – she and I disagree
on so many things – Im positive we
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Franz