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## 1945-05-04, Franz to Family

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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 hoora eve. to you. Im sorry she  
such an eager Beaver - she said I disagree  
on so many things - Im 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 Id eat my steel helmet!  
Well - Im 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  
Im not kidding - Love Jim.

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Germany – May – 4 – 1945 -

Dear Folks,

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so a nice time to answer some  
mail. Today for the first time.  
We got mail, been several days.  
Sorry to hear you've been ill Isa.  
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