Nürnberg, Germany
Sunday July 17, 1949

Dear Lenore,

I have been away almost three weeks and I have not heard from you yet. If you address an air mail letter to my A.P.O 403 Med Headquarters, it should catch up with me in about a week. I should like so much to know how things are going at home. Tell me how you and the children are doing. If I don't

hear from you I shall
make a long distance
call. I do miss you.

This city, Nurnberg,
is a depressing place. Four
years after the war most
of the old city still is
little more than a
rubble heap. Its old
wall has been blown up
and the moat filled
with debris. The city
is closed to all out-

orders except members of the U.S. Army or Military government. Every room must have two (or more) persons in it. The shops have little to sell but I understand it is much better than it was just a few months ago.

The American Hospital was built by Hitler in 1938. It is a modern and well equipped place.

It is about the size of Fredimens and has a good number of sicks in it at this time because some 30,000 troops are in the field on manuvers at this time. The wives and children of the solchers are quite a problem too. So far I have done well, surgically speaking, In this city there is a large detachment

of Negro troops. Because I had no hospital duties I went out to their billets at a Kraal just out of town and at the request of the Chaplain spoke at morning church services. This was my first contact with Negro troops on the trip. At Chapel there were about 25 German brides, many

of whom had their brown-
skin offspring with them.
This relationship there
seemed quite alright;
they looked like any
other family group in
church. Afterwards I
had lunch at the
Officers mess and
picked up some
rather interesting

data. In the outfit I visited there are 900 men. During the last 19 months there have been approximately 176 marriages. Since Jan. the authorities made the regulations stiffer and the rate has slowed up. Now marriages are not permitted until the man is within

three months of his de-
parture for the states.
He must place $1000
in escrow with family
welfare office and the
girl must be Okayed by
the C.I.C (counter intelligence)
and the provost marshall
(to check morals status.
What has simply hap-
pened is that the

boys now live with girls
out of wed lock. There
have been 196 babies
born to such couples
during the last year.
The chaplain estimates
that 80-90% of the men
have "homes" in the city.
This of course includes
many of the Germans
but they dare not

protest. The white soldiers do not like it and many fights ensue.

Tonight, looking down on the main plaza of the city from my hotel room, I should say that at least 2/3 rds of the troops were walking off arm and arm

with some Franklin within the first 50 yds from the bus stop. It is not nice, as a matter of fact, makes one just a little sick in the stomach — but this is a victorious army, the Negroes are a part of it, there are

few German men the
girls are still hungry
and the Americans
feed them dress them
and fill their wants.
More than the towns
have been destroyed
in Germany – the
normal codes have
been destroyed – values
are not the same.

When I left the barracks after lunch I went with a party consisting of the C.O. of the hospital his wife and sons and the chiefs of the three major divisions with their wife to see the Opera "Gräfin Mariza" a sprightly

light musical comedy
type of play. It was
delightful. From the
theatre we had tea
at the Officers mess
in the Stern Castle.
Here the proprieties
were so much in
evidence, almost
stuffily so that
I excused myself

to come back to my
room to write this letter.
There is a very wide
range in the scale of
man's living. To day
I have observed bacteria
close to the bottom and
a sphere close to the
top. We as a race have
so far to go.

Tomorrow morning
we leave for Wurtzburg

After that for Giessen and Frankfurt and then a long jump to the North Sea to Bremerhaven.

Please save the things I send. They will make a nice addition to the kids scrap books.

Good night, my sweet

Charlie