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Dear Folks:

Had a couple of rainy day yesterday
and today.

Yesterday Lt. Kolbe and Ingber and I took
one of the civilian cars and journeyed down
to Dachau, the horrible Concentration Camp. We
knew that the only section of the camp where
the inmates still ~~and~~ were dwelling; the hospital
section. The starvation cases there were absolutely
horrible, complete skeletons.

Picking up one of the more perceptive of
these I Ingber began contacts, rather callously
I thought, by inquiring "where's the Crematorium?"
we went over to the area where they burned
the bodies. In order to provide a method of
communicating the intelligence back to the townspeople
we took our civilian chauffeur with us. His
eyes popped out, as the Germans had
never heard of this place.

Altho the inmate said 10,000 people were killed a day, I was skeptical, due to the size of the bldg. It was abt. 100' ft long, and contained the gas execution chamber, the ovens, and the room where the bodies were stacked. Some things were indisputable, however, the gas chamber was abt 10 ft high, abt 30' by 30', and could be hermitically sealed. It had jets up above, with elaborate piping systems that came out from chemical vats. Altho the inmate exclaimed with sadistic satisfaction that 300 people were killed on the pretense of taking showers, it was too small.

The ovens had stretcher-like metal things the bodies could be ~~driven~~ wheeled in on. On a sign by the ovens, one could read, in German.

CLEANLINESS IS HERE A DUTY
DON'T FORGET TO WASH
YOUR HANDS.

REINLICHKEIT IST HIER PFLICHT
DESHER
HÄNDE WASCHEN NICHT VERGESSEN

The room where the bodies were stacked, had blood smeared up to the walls. There were 5 bodies laying there, that had died in the hospital the day before. About 5 die a day still in the hospital.

Love, Bob

P.S. We also saw Churchill. White about 4' later.