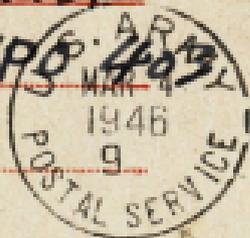


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Dear Folks:

When we first arrived in Muhlhaus, we went to the U. S. Army Switzerland Leave Center. This is the place where the ledgerdomain of currency exchange, issuance of passports, etc. takes place. The Center itself is the most attractive army installation, as such, I have ever seen.

It covers about three or four blocks' space, is staffed by German P.W.'s, and features a myriad of attractions and conveniences for the G. I. on furlough. The "processing" lasts perhaps two hours, leaving the rest of the day and evening free.

There is a large and comfortable Red Cross, with a sleek, plump-looking German P.W. Dance Band; a good mess-hall; a movie; and

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and a large number of army books which one may take free. (I picked up about 8 good ones). In the Red Cross is a unique personal service section; one can get free hair-cuts, shoe-shines, clothes-pressing, and manicures! The idea, which is a very good one, is to give every American soldier that goes into Switzerland a sharp, clean-cut appearance. (Average G.I. Joe, thru' the ~~in~~ inaccessibility of such niceties and facilities, gradually becomes just a trifle sloppy. Needless to say, I took advantage of them all to iron out the kinks of 48 hrs. on the road.)

Even the beds were good there, and I got a good night's sleep before leaving for Switzerland the next morning.

Love, Bob