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Dear Folks:

I forgot to tell you that we had a "choice" of tours. In some respects it was not much of a choice, because all 13 possible tours wound up in the Mountains at some winter sport resort. There was simply no escaping the Mts there, as if they were magnetic. The only possibility of deviation was that some tours had 5 days in the Mountains, and some had only 4.

Naturally, with the decent intention of eliminating unnecessary days in the Mts., I chose the latter type. My intentions were to see some of the large German-speaking cities in Switzerland, Zurich, Bern, Lucerne, Basle. So I chose Tour No. 11, because it afforded 1 day in Zurich, and

2 days in Basle.

We pulled into Basle from Muhlhaus France at about 9 a.m. In two long lines we moved slowly thru' the Swiss customs. We had been previously oriented and warned, not to attempt to bring surplus P.X. items over (We were allowed to take one week's ration of cigarettes, candy etc.) the border. Swiss customs is very thorough! But I think the spectacle of long lines of G.I.'s by the hundreds probably had long since dulled the thoroughness of even the Swiss customs men. At any rate, they only asked me a couple of questions, ran their hands thru' one pocket of my valise and waved me on. In Switzerland at last! We came into the R. R. station of Basle.

Love,
Bob