

Mar 19.

Dear Kathy.

I know Uncle Harold would like to go there so much, but we just can not go, Mom would go crazy with a rash if we both left the country at the same time. Uncle doesn't want to go alone.

I hope you can see the

and take a picture for
him .

He would be so happy

love
man

KATHE

IN ENGLAND I WAS STATIONED AT
ALDESGHOT AND A CAMP ABOVE THE
HILL AT HAZELMERE BETWEEN LONDON AND
PORTSMOUTH.

WE SAILED FROM PORTSMOUTH AND LANDED
AT OSTEND. WENT BY TRUCK TO ~~BRUSSELS~~^{Ghent}
WHERE WE WERE STATIONED AT CASERNE
LEOPOLD, A MILITARY FORT.

FROM THERE WE WENT THROUGH ANTWERP THRU
BERGEN OP ZOOM TO MIDDLEBURG ON WALCHEREN
ISLAND.

FROM THERE TO A SMALL TOWN ABOUT 5 MILES
EAST OF MACHINES.

THRU BRED A, TILBURG, S'HERTOGENBOSCH
TO NIJMEGEN ARRIVING ABOUT 1ST DECEMBER '44
AT THE TIME OF BATTLE OF THE BUNGE WE WERE
PULLED OUT AND SPENT NEW YEARS AT A TOWN
CALLED BOXTEL SOUTH OF S'HERTOGENBOSCH.

~~WHEN WE CROSS~~

FROM IN THE NIJMEGEN AREA WE STAYED
AS GROSGEEN IT LOOKS I THINK LIKE THIS



FROM SOME HOUSES ON THE HILL WE COULD
LOOK DOWN ON THE FOREST FROM THE NORTH.

WHEN WE BROKE OUT WE WENT THRU BIEVE
AND MADE AN ATTACK AT THE GOEH CAR CAR
CROSSROADS. LATER AGAIN AT THE HOCHWAND
FOREST AND AGAIN AT XANTEN.

LATER WE CROSSED THE RHINE AND
WENT THRU GROWINGEN ^{AND DADENBURG} AND ENDED UP ABOUT
26 KM FROM WILHELM'S HAVEN.

XANTEN IS AN OLD ROMAN FORT THAT WAS
ESTABLISHED TO KEEP THE PEOPLE WEST OF
THE RIVER FROM INTERFERING WITH THE EMPIRE

IF YOU GO TO NIJMEGEN TRY TO TAKE A PICTURE
LOOKING EAST FROM GROSBEER. ITS ON
A HILL AND SHOULD BE EASY TO DO.

BETWEEN THERE AND THE REICHWAND
FOREST IS A LITTLE TOWN IN THE VALLEY.
IT'S KRAENBURG. WE SPENT CHRISTMAS DAY
THERE WITH GERMAN SOLDIERS ACROSS THE
STREET. WE USE TO THROW GRENADES OUT
THE UPSTAIRS WINDOWS SO AT NIGHT SO
THE WOULDNT TRY EXPLOSIVES AGAINST THE
WALL OF THE CHURCH WE WERE IN. THAT
KEPT THEM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
STREET.

I SAID I STAYED AT THE METROPOLE
HOTEL IN BRUSSELS RIGHT NEAR THE
GARE DE NORD.