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Letter from Krautland, April 25, 1945

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Air Mail

25 April 1945
Kantland

Dear Dad Mother & Vernon;

I received your welcome letter of April 15th today so that came through in very good time.

We have been having very nice weather lately and it really feels good. Everything is very pretty out here. This seems to be pretty good farmland. Of course you see very few tractors and most work is done with oxen which makes the country ironically peaceful.

You probably have been reading in the papers concerning the brutal treatment in concentration camps over here - I have seen enough to last me a lifetime. I

have lost all respect for anything
German. You actually cannot
believe it until you see it.
You asked how far I was
from Berlin - well it's about
50 miles from here. I took a
picture by a sign saying
95 Kilos to Berlin on one of Germany's
super highways. And that really
is a highway it is well over 200 ft
wide and straight as a pin, all
crossroads are built over or under it.

At present we are looking forward
to a link up with the Russians
which should come shortly. Just
what will happen after that I don't
know.

Also had a letter from Myra
today and she sent the recent
pictures you had taken at home.
I like them very much.

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It is kind of hard
to believe that Vernon
is big enough to take the car
out already - but that's what I
get for being away from home so
much.

How is everything getting along
back home? Have my books been
coming through regular every month?

Must close now - Hope you
are all well

Love
Your Son
Ralph