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Dear Folks

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After work today had supper and then I took Herman + me went looking through the collection of books I located yesterday. The owner of the collection of books was a school-teacher + probably taught foreign languages as her collection was mainly in this field. Without giving opinions here are some of the things we found or read. A note (excuse written by a parent asking the excuse I her child from school the past three days as the child had a headache (I thought I had this one patented) + because she was needed in the house due to the difficult servant problem. + then on the next line "Kiel Station" + the following line her name. A music book of American + English songs. The "Star Spangled Banner" "God Save the King" + in the index something which attracted our attention was the apparent magazine song + it said song + the tune of the "Hoodlum" "Hoodlum" + the words, were rephrased, in part, "fight against fascism against the dictator etc."

Looking through the books quite inscription on the walls, posters you find that the reason they are told they are fighting are, for reasons almost identical to ours, for Country, for liberty, for a good + healthy living for the future generations because they must or suffer the humilities of the enemy. At about this time a church bell started ringing (as is normally is the case on the town) but this was not on the town but we were to understand in other things + notice this until the ringing kept going for about two minutes straight. Herman + I looked at each other not mentioning aloud what we thought it might mean. The ringing kept up for about ten minutes + we never found out why.

We then went for a little walk went through what was once a concert hall it was a beautiful place now it is half destroyed, gold colored chairs + mirrors beautiful chandeliers, floors all over the place. The remaining portion is still very beautiful + the destroyed portion its beauty can be imagined, the same people who built Buchenwald

Love  
G.S.