

To the Honorable
General Eisenhower
Stemming from Antwerp via
the President's C-54 and was
driven to the more colony
district in Potsdam. The
German Will Hay apparently
had what is considered the
best house. It was fixed
up for me as President &
called the Berlin White House.
It is a dirty yellow and red.
A ruined French Chateau in
~~the~~ architectural style ruin-
ed by German - endeavor to
cover up the French. They e-
rected a couple of towers



chairs on each side of
the porch facing the lake
so they would cover up the
beautiful chateau roof and
tower. Make the place look
like hell but purely German
just like the Navias City
Union Station.

We did ^{not} see but two German
civilians on the several mile
drive from the airport to the
yellow "White House".

The house as were all others
was stripped of every thing
by the Russians - not even
a tin spoon left. The
American commander
however being a man



of every caught the Russian
boat train and recovered
enough furniture to make
the place habitable. Nothing matches.
We have a two ton German
side board in the dining room
and a French or Chippendale
table and chair - maybe a
mixture of both. There is
a bidseye wash maidrobe
and a oak chest matching
the two ton side board in
my bed room. It is comfort-
able enough all round but
what a nightmare it would
give an interior decorator.
To get down to today. Mr
Churchill called last night
by phone.

and said he'd like to call
for me to set the hour
I did for H. M. this morning.
He was on time to the dot.
His daughter told her father
he hadn't been up so early
in ten years! I'd been up
for four and one half hours.
We had a most pleasant
conversation. He is a most
charming and a very clever
person - meaning clever in
the English not the Kentucky
sense. He gave me a lot of
kosey about how great my
country is and how he
loved Roosevelt and how he
intended to love me etc etc.
Well I gave him as cordial

a reception as I could- being
virtually (I hope) a polite and
agreeable person.

Damn sure we can get along
if he doesn't try to give me too
much soft soap. You ^{mean} soft soap
is made of ash lye he
and it turns to lead hell when
it gets into the eyes. It's fine
for chigger bites, but not so
good for rose complexion.

But I have not a rose complexion.

We struck a blow for liberty
when he left in Scotch - not
the right hand for the purpose
as the old V.P. Jack Garner
can testify.

The photo was had
field day when he left.



[July 16, 1945]

At 3:30 P.M. Mr. Sec. Byrnes,
Adm (5 star) Leahy and I left
in an open car for Berlin,
followed by my two aides
and various and sundry se-
cret service and military
guards and preceded by a
two star general in a closed
car with a couple of plain
clothes men to fool em if
they wanted to do any target
practice of consequence on the
Pres. They didn't.

We received the Second
Announced Division and
tied a citation on the guidon
of Co. E 17th Announced Engr. Bn.
Gen Collier who seemed to

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know his stuff, put us in
a reconnaissance car built
with side seats and no top
just like a hoodlum wagon
minus the top on a fire
truck with seats and no hose
and we drove slowly down a
mile and a half of good col-
dies and some million of
dollars worth of equipment—
which had amply paid its way
to Berlin.

Then we went on to Berlin
and saw absolute ruin.
Hitler's folly. He overreached
himself by trying to take in
too much territory. He had
no morals and his people
backed him up. Here did

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I see a more sorrowful
sight, nor witness retribution
to the nth degree.

The most sorrowful part
of the situation is the dehumanized
Hitlerian populace. Of course
the Russians have kidnapped
the able bodied and I suppose
have made unvoluntary work-
men of them. They have also
looted every house left stand-
ing and have sent the loot
to Russia. But Hitler did the
same thing to them.

It is the Golden Rule in
reverse - and it is not a
an uplifting sight. What a
pity that the human animal
is not able to put his moral
thinking into practice!

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We saw old men, old women,
young women, children from
4 to teens carrying packs
pushing carts, pulling carts,
bravely ejected by the con-
querors and carrying what
they could of their belongings
to no where in particular.

I thought of Carthage, Babel,
Jerusalem, Rome, Atlanta,
Peking, Babylon, Nineveh;
Scipio, Romulus II, Titus,
Herman, Sherman, Japhis
Khan, Alexander, Darius
the Great - but Hitler only
destroyed Stalingrad - and
Berlin. I hope for some

sort of peace - but I
fear that machines are
ahead of morals by some
centuries and when morals
catch up perhaps there'll
be no reason for any of it.

I hope not. But we are
only terrorists in a planet
and maybe when we bore
too deeply into the planet
there'll be a reckoning - the
knows?



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