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Cp. Carson, Col.¹ Sept. 21, 1945

Dear Mother and Dad,

This is about the laziest life I have ever experienced in the Army. Most of the boys are back but we aren't doing anything. There are rumors that the West coast boys got that 15 day extension, but I don't know for sure. I doubt it, though, for there would be plenty of griping if part of the division got it and part didn't.

What do you think of the new demobilization plan? By late winter all men with 2 years should be eligible for release. But what does the Army consider "late winter?" I don't see any need for sending anymore overseas now. In fact I don't see any need for any of us being here at all. There's nothing for us to do. Of course we are not completely organized or on a set schedule yet.

I hear that we will be on a peace time basis with a 5-day, 40 hour week with Wednesday afternoon off and all day Saturday and Sunday off.

I think the German K.P.'s are coming tomorrow. They will work from 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. and we will have to take over at 2 o'clock because they can only work 8 hours a day. Poor things! How they do suffer!

We might get a pass from 3 P.M. today (Friday) to 6 A.M. Monday morning. If we do, I don't know where to go – Denver, Col. Springs or

Image 2:

the Broadmoor.²

Three of us ate at the Broadmoor last night. I had a grand roast beef dinner. It is a wonderful resort. You would love to come out here. It reminds me of the Hollywood Bach Hotel only it is much nicer and in much more scenic country, being right at the foot of the Rockies.

The golf course is the most picturesque I have ever seen. I intended to play there but it is for officers only unless you are a guest of the hotel. The same old story! There is another nice course in town, so I will play there, although I'll spend some weekends at the Broadmoor.

It has everything—outdoor and indoor pools, tennis, a huge ice pla-ice parlor for ice skating and ice shows, a football stadium and race track, riding, polo among other things. From the hotel and also from camp can be seen the <u>Will Rodgers Memorial</u> on Cheyenne Mountain. The whole territory is breathtaking in its grandeur.

I might stay around here this weekend and take in some of the sightseeing trips. Write all the gossip from home.

¹ Following the trip back across the Atlantic and a redeployment furlough at home, Epstein is now stationed with the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Carson, CO just south of Colorado Springs.

² The Broadmoor is a five star resort located at the base of Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs.