Camp near Streurying Bu
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Dear friend

I now for the first time take my pen to tell you. A few times to let you know that I am well and also that we arrived at the same place we left some time ago, we came yesterday in the after noon and the weather was pretty cold and so than it has been before this winter and to day the wind blown so that it blown the trees round and it is pretty cold but it won't last long and then come on the summer with its green bushes and flowers. Oh what a nice thing it is to be a soldier in the army and we are fighting for, God give & back with to you as though you should read.