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Been to long in getting this off
to you.

If not to late hope you can
use a funny in the muddled
that men are used in -

Very truly yours

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This happened at the battle & taking of a town known as Ergenbucktsweiler,

After gaining the high ground outside of the town, we were waiting to advance on the town, in the woods waiting on the order to advance, from the woods to the first house was about 300 yards of clear ground.

We would jump off at 0630 and as that time arrived, it began to snow and we had the cover of snow until we reached the first building - then all heck broke loose, we were running down the street under mortar and artillery attack. We were diving into doors & cellars for cover when a shell exploded right outside the door.

PFC RIFKEY yelled that he had been hit and was falling down the steps to the cellar, landing on me he was yelling and I said let me take a look. Well he was hit all right. You know that pile of stuff they piled out on the street from their animals, he was hit with this stuff and had a smell to prove it. We laughed about it, but he did not think it was funny at all.

Any how just something on the light side to go along with the job that had to be done.

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