Hope Changed His Life

A soldier was captured as a prisoner of war. His captors transported him by train far from his homeland. He felt isolated from his country, family and from anything familiar. His loneliness grew as he continued not to hear anything from home. He could not know that his family was even alive or how his country was faring. He had lost a sense of anything to live for.

But suddenly, unexpectedly, he got a letter. It was smudged, torn at the edges from months of travel. But it said, "We are waiting for you to come home. All is fine here. Don't worry." Everything instantly seemed different. His circumstances had not changed. He did the same difficult labor on the same meager rations, but now he knew someone waited for his release and homecoming. Hope changed his life.