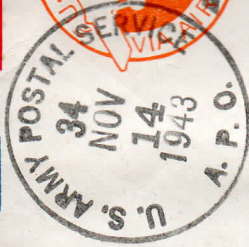


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Dear Mom + Pop,

I am well happy and safe and I hope you all are the same.

I still haven't received any packages yet or letters from Mr. Morgan. While I think of it, you can send me another package or two. You can send me about three pads of writing paper just like the kind I am writing on now. Send about a dozen pencils, a couple of bottles of ink, about a dozen pair of the heaviest woolen socks you could find, and I mean heavy; about a dozen handkerchiefs; 4 or 5 big hershey or nestle bars either with or without; a fair sized box of tea leaves, not tea balls but tea leaves; a couple of pounds of cookies all double with cream between the cookies; also a bottle of blackberry jelly. I think you ought to find all this stuff, around someplace and above all, don't let anyone, I don't care if it is the Mayor, tell you you can't send anything that I just mentioned because fellows here have received everything I want in packages already.



~~Oct~~ Nov. 11, 1943

I can't understand why you haven't been hearing from me, I've been writing regularly. at least I get mail from you pretty often.

As far as the souvenirs go, I guess you will have a long wait because I had amassed a great variety of so-dads and stuff but they were lost so I have to start all over again.

It's pretty nice here right now. It's chilly outside and cold at night but I am in a house with a roaring fire in the fireplace and a great big jug of wine and a sack of potatoes and onions and garlic that I talked out of an Italian. Now I am trying to get some macaroni and some souvenirs out of him. All I am worried about is him moving or us moving out of here and I won't get the stuff!

Well, that's about all for now and don't worry.

Love and Kisses to all and
send some pictures 