November 11, 1943 San Pancrazio, Italy

Dear Mick,

No mail to answer, no news, and not a thing new to write about but since we have to keep up the morale of the people back in the States, here's a few words any how. I think I sent you two regular letters that you should of gotten by now. The literature I sent you in one of the letters you shouldn't take word for word. It wasn't quite that rough. Still I guess it wasn't a joke either.

I've got some German pamphlets that the Americans have been dropping behind the "Jerry" lines, but we're not allowed to send 'em home. I know you would get a kick out of it if you got one but I just can't. Did I ever tell you how well I speak German? When we got here there were still Italian soldiers on the field here and I tried to tell one of 'em something. We had a hell of a time until he asked me if I could speak German. We spoke for about two hours and I sure learned plenty about the Italians from him. He told me I spoke well enough to interpret. He lived up on the Brenner Pass, which is the reason that he knew German so well. Of course I speak my plain every day Jewish but it works. I even picked up a few new words from him. I had the same experience in Africa where I carried on a conversation with two German prisoners. I think I wrote you about that. I can't wait to get to Germany now. Well, I guess that's about all. Maybe some mail tomorrow.

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