

December 1, 1943 Foggia, Italy

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I don't know where all my mail is going that you're not getting it. I wrote you I was in Italy a long time ago. It ain't a damn thing to brag about any how. We're living in tents and its cold as hell. We live about a hundred yards away from a barn and it stinks like hell. We even eat in a barn that we cleaned out. There ain't a damn thing here that I've seen that I would trade for any part of Dover Street.

So Jake is going to be a Pappa? Any thing is liable to happen now. I figured him to be one of the best gold bricks in the army. If he ever gets over here I guess he'll really moan.

So you're still sweating out the sea? If there is any thing you can do about it, take my advice and stay ashore. That Battle of Portsmouth ain't a glorious one but its a lot more comfortable than the one over here. Here, there ain't no beer either.

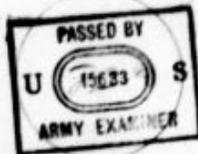
Hymie



Dover Street, Baltimore today, looking past the Babe Ruth Museum on corner.

Print the complete address in plain black letters in the postal boxes, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

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PORTSMOUTH,
VIRGINIA

1st Lt. A. Ledy 33064382
340 Bond Street A.P.O.
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12-1-43 Italy
(Date)

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