

Italy 2-2-44

Dear mom,

Just got your v mail today. Your letters are coming thru okay. I've answered every one so you will have a pretty fair idea which one I've arrived. So far I'm getting along okay. The worst part is the lack of places to go. Italy is sure a poor country. In fact none of the countries I've been too will compare with the states.

Send Ralph Schacht's ^{home} address if you have it. I lost my address book and my memory doesn't seem to have room for addresses. I didn't receive either of the boxes you mentioned.

The weather has improved since we first arrived. It is a lot like late September up home. Warm days and cool nights.

I am in a tent with seven other fellows. Massachusetts, New York, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and North Dakota are represented along with Wisconsin. The fellow from Tennessee is sitting here wishing he had a quart of that corn liquor his dad makes back home. Now they are arguing whether beer or whiskey gives the worst hangover.

Love Bud