

November 7, 1944

German Prisoner of War Camp
Artoflag, 64,

Dear Dad:

Received your letter of October 1st yesterday; it is the latest I have had from anyone. Glad you had a chance to see Betty and Greer.

You keep asking about Bruce Martin. He is fine and is not wounded. People at home certainly hear some funny things. I have been a prisoner of war twenty months now and I do not know a thing about certain matters. Maybe you can give me the answers.

What does the GI bill of rights provide? What process do prisoners go through when we get home? What States, if any, have given bonuses to soldiers overseas? Also advise regarding income tax for soldiers. We don't know a thing about what is happening at home (except strikes) and it seems like someone would send us the latest information. We are still soldiers even if we are out of the fighting.

It won't be long until Thanksgiving and Christmas and neither one will be much unless the Red Cross sends some food parcels. The YMCA has done a wonderful job though; they are continually sending books, sports equipment, and musical instruments and things arrive all the time, but nothing from the Red Cross.

Today is Election Day and most of us don't even know who is in the running, except Roosevelt.

In my next book parcel, please send some playing cards, wrap them up real good in newspaper. I know this letter isn't very amusing, but nothing ever happens here; it is the same life every day. Lots of love and Merry Christmas to everyone.