

23 November '44
Somewhere in Germany.

Dearest Dad,

Received your letter of Nov. 3. Yesterday. I certainly was very glad to hear from you again. Also very glad that you folks are very well. So am I, or still able to around. And pretty confident that I'll remain as I am for a long time to come.

I got a letter from Carl about a week ago, and have already answered it. I was very to glad hear from him. He wrote that he met young "Shino". I forget his real name. He also stated that he will probably be there for quite sometime. I hope so, that way I can keep in tab with him. I wrote to him twice since, well, about ten days. So that ought even things up for me. This way I'll be expecting some letter.

Well, Pappy! Don't trouble yourself by running around to get cigarettes for me. I never realized how it was. I have been alright so far, as smoking is concerned. I have enough right now to last awhile. So it really isn't so acute. We get rations here. Therefore, it won't be necessary for you to run around town get cigarettes for me. Thanks for doing the favor. Although you might send me a quart of something. I could sure use a nip now and then. I'll settle for rum along. In case you can, just ^{fill} them it's a request. A vital one.

Well, today is Thanksgiving Day for some people. And probably some will hold theirs next week. God bless those that had theirs in the U. S. and not here. I just hope this the last war. At least for a thousand years. Our squad managed to eat ours. We caught a goose and some potatoes. The goose was tough as I don't know what. I think I fractured a jaw eating it. Another ruined his false teeth, upper. I don't know what else. It also rained cats and dogs. But, I'll swear I seen a couple of elephants fall. All in all I am dry and warm. Today was quite a day for a Thanksgiving. This day I shall remember for a long time. Some day soon I will tell you about it. Every day we are closer to Berlin. Haha their hills, they will remember it a long, long time. Anyway, Thanksgiving ~~is~~ a Thanksgiving anyway you look at it. I have plenty to be thankful for. Believe it or not. So really I am in good spirits.

Here I'll wish you cheer and greetings for this coming Christmas and New Years. So I'll be closing now and hope to hear from you again very soon. I'll be seeing you. So Long.

Your Son,
Aaron.