

May 8, 1945 Rimini, Italy

Dear Mick,

Today is officially V-Day in Europe and at last the end of it over here. Altho we took the news very quietly, needless to say, we're a pretty happy bunch of G.I.'s. The British boys here took it just about the same as we did. Of course we had the usual amount of drunks, but a lot of these guys don't need an excuse to get boozed up. Now I suppose you're expecting me home in a few weeks. That's a question I still can't answer. Talk is that we'll be coming home shortly or else going to the Pacific shortly. Just take your pick and figure it out for yourself. I hear that Abe finally got home and I suppose that by now you've seen him. What's his reaction?

I went to Rome for three days on an errand for the outfit, and Rome is just about the same except that there ain't as many G.Is there as used to be. Very shortly I expect to get a few days off and I'm going to try to get to Venice. I think now I can give you an idea of where I am. We're on the [*redacted by censor*] coast in territory under the jurisdiction of the [*redacted by censor*] army. Churchill just concluded his speech.

Hymie