

May 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Eiche,

I'm very disappointed
because I haven't been
receiving your "news letter".
Don't you send them out any-
more?

Everything is going okay with
me here at the front but I'm
ready to go home anytime.

There is lots of excitement here.
Bob K is around me somewhere
but I haven't seen him since I've
been in Italy.

The most excitement was
one night when we took supplies
to the forward observer. We
started out just before dark
and continued until we were
stopped by MP's telling us
that it was too light to go any
farther. While we waited
for it to get dark "Jerrie" left
a few rounds of mortar fire
fly. The three of us jumped in
a ditch along the side of road
which was slightly muddy but
we didn't object to that. Finally
we were given the okay to continue
toward no mans land. We traveled
the last quarter mile on foot
with our supplies of rations & etc.
on our backs. We had to cross
an open spot which was about
20 yds wide. As we proceeded
with caution a German machine
pistol opened up on us. We
didn't know if they could see us
or not but we hit the dirt while
the bullets cut the grass near by.
that was too close for
comfort. We also crossed
"Purple Heart Ave" & saw

"Suicide Alley". The G I's gave
the streets their names. That shows
how serious Americans take war.

I was very glad to get
back to my "hole in the ground"
where all we had to worry about
was German artillery fire.

It isn't too rough here but
in may get rougher as time goes
on. The infantry deserves the most
credit in this war.

I hear from several
of our boys but have lost
contact from quite a few. Do
you have Russ Hiltops' address?
I sure would like to have it.

Write when you can.
Hope that your enrollment
is good.

Here's hoping that the end
is near & that we all can come
back & have a reunion.

As Ever

Eddie

PS. Heard from
Dusty several weeks ago