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Nordafrika, 1944-01-31

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North Africa,
January 31, 1944

Tires chère Maman:
This is just another last
little greeting, as I still
am en route and not yet
in a position to tell you
my definite APO address
(which, incidentally, is
NOT likely to be on this
continent). However, my
situation has considerably
changed and improved
since I wrote to you last.
Meanwhile, I have come
in contact with the
organization for which I
shall work from now on

2) — the outfit, you know, represented by R. Sh. — and my life has already become more pleasant and more productive. Not that you've done much actual work so far; but it seems that you'll start getting busy, one of these days, and I have reasons to hope that my future job will turn out to be rather interesting. — Also, it was nice to see quite a few old friends again, here and there, "somewhere in North Africa" — friends from Camp R., and New York, and from other places. One of them was — Otto Z., son of "profoundly unhappy

3) B. Z." — who showed up in
British uniform, looking at
least as ugly as Wölfi at
his worst. I told him that
I was NOT pleased to see
him, and that I resented
his attitude toward Dad, and that
I was sick and tired of him,
any how. Consequently, we
no longer are on speaking
terms — which is a trifling
embarrassing, as we have
business to do in the same
office. However, it would be
even more embarrassing than
if we were on speaking
terms, considering his hideous
looks and manners. —

4) I take it that you may have
written to me, to my temporary
APO address — and only wonder
whether your letter will catch
up with me eventually.
(By the way, you may as
well write to me in German,
if it's more convenient
to you.) — As for the things
which I'd like to have
sent to me, I'm afraid
we'll have to wait until
I have my real APO
address. Besides the sweets,
I gave him and I asked
for one of my penions
notes, I could use, and
would love to have,



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5) a flash light;
6.) a pocket knife (with
bottle opener)
7.) a copy of Voltaine's
"Candide" (if possible in
French; otherwise in English.)
Yes, and two rations of
cigarettes for months would
be even more welcome than
one: this constant tobacco
shortage is indeed quite a
pain in the neck.
And will you please send me
a cable as soon as you
receive my V-Mail letter
with my definite A.P.O. —
telling me as much as

6)

You can disclose about
Golo's and Enika's where =
a bonts, and if everybody
is all right, and if you
still remember
yours tough and
weather - brater
son

KLAUS HEINRICH

PS. 1) Mes hommages to our Papa. I wonder
if it would be possible to let me
have a German copy of Joseph IV.
Probably not. It would be fun, though.
2) Will you please tell me whether
you sent any MONEY to Miss Goodman
of the Bedford - and if so how
much. Your case there is still some
"balance" I might manage to take
care of it myself.