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LETTER NINETY SEVEN-VIC TO EDITH

22 November, 1944

Somewhere in Germany

My dearest beloved,

I'm ashamed of myself, I failed to write you an air mail letter yesterday. Sweetheart, you see, we were on the move and I didn't set still in one place long enough to write you a long letter but I did drop you a V-Mail letter.

As far as mail was concerned I had a banner day yesterday. Yes, I received 27 pieces of Mail, dating from Oct 1, to Nov. 3. I can truthfully say that I think that most of my mail has caught up with me now, except for the ones you sent to the "Red Ball" Mail. Today I received a V-mail birthday greeting. Sweets, you're a doll!

A lot of things are happening around here which are very interesting and ev-en-a wee, bit exciting. Of course us veterans take this kind of stuff as being the usual.

I can't for the love of me understand how the army feeds us so well in our location. Just to give

you an idea of what we ate this evening. Spaghetti and meat balls! (fresh meat) green beans, stewed tomatoes, vanilla pudding, coffee, orange juice (can). you can't go hungry on that can you? The men & officers got another distribution of cigarettes, gum, blades etc. so everybody is happy.

In our present set-up Lt. Luddeche is living in our room since Lt. Wittman went on temporary duty with Division. Our present room in the cellar of a former gorgeous home is not as airy as the others we occupied but, Oh so much more comforting. It's all white-washed and has a library in it with some wonderful literary books, (in German). Doc Luddeche while perusing about discovered a copy of "Meiv Kamf" (in German) which looked as if it had never been used, absolutely new.

As I look through much of the literature I find I can see now how Hitler sold his flock all that propaganda. One thing is certain, the people bought the stuff and are as guilty as he. Some of the books and pamphlets are beautifully illustrated and right smart photography too. These bastards were high price "con" men of the first water.

It's tragic that Germany with one of the highest culture's of Europe has to use that culture to destroy rather than to progress. Oh well! Since Germany wanted to destroy, so shall she be destroyed.

The weather here has kept up quite well despite this time of the year. We've had some rain showers but it has not been too bad.

Tell me when you receive the package I sent you. Goodnight sweetheart, I'm going to drop a line to Sally and June & Kenny.

I love you, my darling

Vic