

**NAME:** Milton

**RANK:** Private

**ORGANIZATION:** 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** North African and European Theaters of Operations

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**Milton's friend sends him a letter from the United States:**

“2/28/43

How are you? Well I trust and hope. I have not received an answer to the letter I wrote you Jan. 25 but I understand. Because no doubt it either was lost or your answer was or you might even be kept too busy now to write. I'm very busy myself these days so I know how it is. Please write me first chance you get & let me know if you receive V-MAIL in its correct form where you are.

Last Mon. nite I went Bowling and had oodles of fun. I won't disclose my score however because you see this was my first try.

Fri nite I went to the Y. M. C. A. – U. S. O. to make recordings. That business was very dull. But I was kept busy sewing buttons & a division sign on for a Captain who is living at the Y. M.

Tomorrow nite I am going to my first official fight at the Arena...Daddy says I should take along some smelling salts. Will write & tell you all about it...

...Well it is getting late & space is scarce here so I must close now, but remember to take good care of yourself, Wishing You the Best of Luck I

Remain Sincerely Your friend

Sally...”

**Milton's friend's letter above is returned to sender with the outside marked “IT IS REGRETTED THIS ITEM COULD NOT BE DELIVERED AS ADDRESSEE HAS BEEN REPORTED...” and further marked “Status Changed to: Prisoner of War.”**

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**Milton writes the same friend in the United States from a German Prisoner of War Camp:**

“April 9 – 1944

Received your swell letter and the pictures! I'm so glad you correspond with my brother. The picture he sent you was taken during a dinner invitation...But the one invitation that I want to keep is yours – remember? So sorry to hear of your recent illness...How was the trip...I'd like to hear more about it. I only wish I could've been there to help show you around – it is a beautiful place. Your pictures are great – hope they're not rationed. We had an Easter service which was very touching. God grant us the next one at home...

Just me,  
Milton”

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- Milton made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period and the North African Campaign (viewer discretion advised):**  
<https://archive.org/details/ARC-38950>
  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers the Battle of Sidi Bou Zid, Tunisia, where Milton was captured by the Germans (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Sidi\\_Bou\\_Zid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Sidi_Bou_Zid)