

April 24, 1943

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Focht,
631 W. 15th Street,
Tyrone, Pa.

Dear Friend:-

This evening at 9:00 P.M. (E.W.T.)
the following message was read by the German announcer from
Short Wave Station DXP in Berlin, Germany on 7,000 K.C. :-

Message from Ernest Focht to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Focht:-

"Dearest Mother and Father, - arrived safely here in Bavaria,
Germany from Italy. Had a very fine trip. Loads of beautiful
scenery! Am well and safe. The Lord be always with me. Say
hello to all (Paul?) and Laurie. Love,
-Ernest."

The above was the 5th one of 10 messages read from our own dear
American boys who have just arrived in Bavaria from Tunisia via Italy.
They are in a transit camp and will soon be sent to the American War
Prisoners' Camp "somewhere in southern Germany." According to the
German correspondent, this is new camp with the best of facilities.
When your boy reaches this camp, he will write to you, giving his
prisoner's number, the name of his camp and barracks' number, which
you must have in order to write to him.

I trust this information will be of value to you and hope you
brave boy keeps well and is returned safely to you.

Respectfully yours,

Irwin F. Bender
124 N. 2nd Street
Oberlin, Pa.



If wrong address, Postmaster for Tyrone:-

Your kind cooperation in locating this boy's parents will
be gratefully appreciated.

I. F. Bender.

P.S. (Will you please donate a stamp or so to keep up the good work
of message relays?)