

Opening note from Stan Smith, Editor (Retired), Audie Murphy National Fan Club:

The text found on the next page of this document is from a letter by Audie Murphy written to:

P.F.C. Avery F. Dowdy
A.S.N. 18083657 – Ward 106
Ashburn General Hospital
McKinney, Texas

The envelope (with .6 cents postage) was mailed June 21, 1944 and had the following return address:

S/Sgt A.L. Murphy, 18083707
Co. B, 15th INF. A.P.O #3
c/o P.M. N.Y.N.Y

I will assume the “P.M” stands for “Post Master” The letter was subsequently forwarded to:

J.R. Dowdy
2311 Cedar Springs Ave
Dallas, Texas

The three-page handwritten letter was dated: Italy June 18-44 and its text includes many misspellings and grammar errors. I have added notes of clarification within braces. Please remember the notes are my own and not part of the original letter.

Stan Smith
Editor (Retired) Audie Murphy National Fan Club

Dear Pal.

Just a word to say hello hope you are about well I am fine Dowdy you didnt tell me where you were hit leg arm or where. Red there isnt much to tell about [Note: "Red" could possibly be Carlos T.] from what I can learn about him when last seen he was taking some prisoners to the rear and got cut off by the Jerrys. and captured I dont think he was killed. Now about yourself whats this about you wanting to come back

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to Italy I cant hardly believe youd rather be here. As close to home as you are but I guess things have changed a lot since I left the states.

It isnt so bad here now have had two passes to Rome. but was disgusted with the place its nothing like I expected. I wonder if Paris will be a disappointment to. hope I get to go to

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France since I came this far I may as well see them all.

well Red there isnt much to write at present time So will have to sign for now I will look forward to a long letter from you [Unreadable ... possibly Liz] wrote and said she thinks a lot of you I told her to take care of you."

Best of luck Pal
Murph

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