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Dearest Mom & Dad,

Say sweetheart you sure are getting to be a letter writer. I got another letter from you last night and was it ever swell. I know it's hard for you to write so much in English Mom, but keep it up because you're doing swell, no kidding. I remember telling Dad that I was going to send him a picture of myself and I will as soon as I get the chance. There's no place I can take a good picture right now, when ever I get the chance I'll sure send him my picture. Mom don't worry about me not getting your letters because I get them all sooner or later. A little while back I didn't get a letter from you or alone for about three weeks, ~~the~~

I don't know why our mail was so late and slow in reaching us awhile back, but now everything is alright ~~and~~ I hope it stays that way. I sure do like the way you write your letters in english - it's swell, I can read your letters easy. I wish I could read Italian then it would be easier for you to write letters, but I'm afraid your going to have to use english Mom because that's the only one I can read. I'm afraid I'll have to give up trying to see my aunt or Beno in Naples, it's not as easy as just going up and asking the captain to give me a pass to Naples - I know he would not give me one. Maybe some day later on I might ~~get~~ a chance to see them in Naples but right now I have to forget about it. I sure would like to see my aunt and I know how happy it would make you & Dad feel.



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but I'm afraid we'll just have to wait till a better time. I told Beno about our aunt in Naples and he said he would try and find her - Beno is in Naples so he has a better chance of finding her than I do, if I ever get the chance Mom I'll sure try to find her, and I'll tell you and Dad all about it.

I'm glad to know you received all the money, the last check I sent home was for a \$100, let me know when you get it. So little Ginger had some more pups - is Dad going to get rid of them again or is he going to keep them? poor little Ginger we never keep any of her pups - the only one we got is Jack the rest we always got rid of. You still got Jack I

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hope, he was a good dog. Ginger
and Jack are the only two dogs we
have now, aren't they Mom?

I'm glad everything at home is
the same, that's the way I want
to find it when I get home. We
sure will fix it up after this
war is over and I come home.
I always did want a new garage
and a nice porch and a few
other things - we'll really go to
town on the place when I get
home - fix it up nice. Well Mom
I guess I'll close for now. Don't worry
about me because I'm feeling fine.

I'm sure glad to hear all of you are
fine and everything at home is the
same. I guess you and Dad are
planting the garden now. I sure hope
you two don't work too hard, take
it easy. I'll write again soon
if I can think of anything to
say. God watch and bless you &
Pop always - take good care of
yourselves - Love & Kisses
Say hello to all, xxx Julie xxx

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Dearest Mom & Dad,

I received your candy last night, it sure is good stuff - thank you sweetheart very much - a great big kiss for you X. I haven't very much to say, but what little I do have I'm going to write. I got a letter from Angie a few days ago, she said everything is fine with her and the family.

Angie said she was coming down to see you and take some pictures and then she's going to send some to me - I hope it soon.

It sure is swell to get pictures of the family, it's been eighteen months since I've seen any of you - and that's a long time - so I want a lot of pictures to see if anyone has changed - people change pretty fast nowadays. I changed myself, I don't know if it was for the best or worst - the best I hope. I'm a lot fatter than I was when I left home, I guess I weigh about 175 or 180 lbs - I'm still bowlegged & my nose is still the same, and I still got a pretty big seat - I think it's bigger now, & how - HAH. It sure is getting nice over here - the weather is swell - today is swell, sunny Italy. There sure was a lot of pretty wild



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flowers, all kinds - sure do smell good - lots of wild poppy's, big red ones.

Boy it sure is hard to think of something to write about - no news, no nothing.

I just answered Dally letter, and I have one more to write yet to alone. Mom did you get my flowers, I sure hope so. I took a nice bath today, clean clothes, nice shave - swell haircut and now I'm on Btry guard, I go back on guard at six o'clock - six to eight and then I'm off four hours - on ten.

hours and off four hours,
so I get pretty of sleep and
time to write letters. Well
Pop how is the garden coming
along, got everything planted
or is it still pretty wet. I hope
you don't make too much
work for yourselves - take it
easy - I know you & mom like
to be busy, but by golly don't
over do it. Well Mom & Dad
I guess its time to close, I
sure hope these few old
lines find everyone in the
best of health. Say hello
to everyone for me.

Don't work too hard &
take good care of your-
selves. Thanks again for the
candy. God watch and ~~bless~~
over all of you. Love & Kisses
I'll write again *** Julie ***
soon. ***