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To W. T. HOLMQUIST  
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From  
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6 MARCH 1944  
(Date)

Dear Mom Dad + all,

Got wet Monday after a beautiful Sunday. After church yesterday the chaplain and I stopped for coffee and doughnuts on the way back to Headquarters. While we were nibbling and sipping some fun started in exciting style, but I'm still in one piece.

Now that gay day is out of the way I'm not too busy. At present I'm reading "Walden and Other Writings of Henry David Thoreau". I certainly do not need a rest but occasionally I am forced to take it easy. I'm in need of getting home for a while, though, but there's nothing to indicate that I'll make it soon. I have taken care of two of my enlisted men, however.

I'm glad to hear that you are taking a rest, Dad, and I'm also glad to see that you're using part of your time for adding paragraphs to the letters I receive from home. I appreciate it much. If you need any new neckties or anything just let me know.

After spending a few minutes in an Italian home yesterday evening I realize what a quiet, peaceful home ours was at its noisiest. At least twelve boys in one small room - from 2 yrs of age on up - and all singing, shouting, beating on the table, or just screaming. You can't imagine.

Love,  
Bob

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