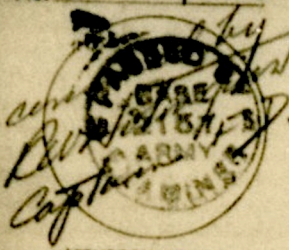


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Dear Mom, Dad & all,
I have travelled thousands of miles since I last wrote but I'm almost back to where I started from. When I was at Casablanca I felt as though I was practically home. Yesterday I visited Taormina, a famous resort town in northeastern Sicily. Quite a beauty spot. While there I had tea at a Swedish ladies house. She got a kick out of my good ole Swedish name but was disappointed because I couldn't talk the language. A couple of nights ago I stayed at the base of Mount Vesuvius and just the night when the volcano started putting out red hot lava. It was quite a sight to see the molten rock lighting up the night sky. You probably heard about it in the news.

Carol, your valentine finally came in today. Somewhat late but I can make it retroactive.

Of course I'm continuing to wonder when I'll get home - I already have four campaign stars on my ribbon. But I am thankful that I'm well and in one piece.

Love Bob

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