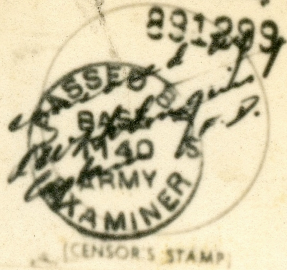


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To W. T. HOLMQUIST
3241 WEST 45TH AVE
GARY
INDIANA U. S. A.

From
Capt. R. W. Holmquist
(Sender's name)
51st T. C. 10100
(Sender's address)
APO 650 Ft. Mon ALY
5 April 1944
(Date)

Dear Mom, Dad, & all,

I was able to dodge all the lava flowing down from Peruvina so I'm in one piece yet. Lately I have been doing plenty of washing around - all business of course but I see plenty just the same. For a while I stayed with a fellow named Dermody from Indianapolis who knows many Gary people, having them this Rouben who has the building deal along Ridge Road. Dermody has a candy company in Indianapolis. Also met a fellow from Accatur, Alabama. At present I'm living with a dentist from Los Angeles.

I wish I could send you some of the oranges we have here. The sweetest and juiciest I ever expect to eat. Most of them are red meat. Or if you need anything else let me know - anything but eggs, cigarettes or shoes. Eggs sell for 15¢ each, shoes 30¢ a pair and cigs 4.00 a pack.

Last Sunday after church I got a jeep without a top and took a long ride through the warm glum blossoming countryside. Something good for my morale. I'm in good condition physically but this 20 months is just about enough for one stretch, don't you think?

Love
Bob

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