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From

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60th Service Group
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APO 528 Ft. Pan N.Y.

22 May 1944
(Date)

Dear Mom, Dad & all,

Thanks much for your letter of April 30th which came in two days ago. Your addition was a real treat too, Dad. By coincidence, the day your letter came, I had paid the organization of Charles Roberts so when I read his address in your letter I phoned the outfit and learned that he was here in the hospital just a couple of blocks from my office. I went over to see him yesterday but he was out wandering around the garden somewhere. Tonight when I went back I finally found him and enjoyed a visit with him. I was so surprised to see him so big and strong looking and with a very enjoyable personality. He has seen some of the toughest fighting in this war and I had heard of their work many times. If you can locate a Jan 31 Life you can read quite a good article on them.

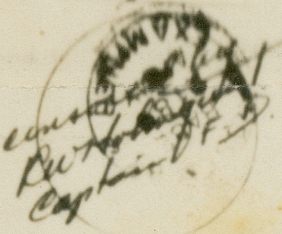
Can't report much else in the way of exciting news. My friend Dorgan left for the States. I'm still very well anchored here but I can't expect to remain here many more years.

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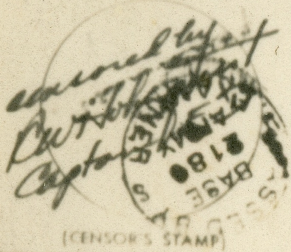
I'm living with a nice Italian family now - that is, I have two rooms in their villa. The main reason I enjoy it is because of the garden. Thousands of the most beautiful roses. Two very sweet little girls too. Their father died about a month ago so they will wear black for two years. The smallest girl, a bit younger than you, Miguel, opens and shuts the gate when I drive the jeep out. She also picks roses for me and some mornings when I leave for the office I find a bouquet on the jeep seat.

Had another feed at Alaimo's place last evening. Pork chops, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, fried onions and strawberries. We all had our hands in the cooking but it turned out very well in spite of so many cooks. The day before I had another super-colossal meal at the place where I am living. I went out and chiseled a bunch of food from the I.M. and had the Senora prepare spaghetti. It was a real feed with fried artichokes, peas, roast beef stuffed with bacon

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and garlic and then for desert we had cake and coffee. I'm beginning to understand Italian fairly well now and am able to get along with my conversing with the natives. But I still insist that I'm ready to get back to the U.S.

On your suggestion I'm intending to inaugurate a 10 o'clock coffee kluge as well as the regular 3:30 game. I ordered a bunch of doughnuts from the Red Cross today so I should be able to begin in real style tomorrow. The fellow I usually have coffee with is a Finn. He's a finance officer too - one of my Class "B" agents.

Now let's drift down to the club for some ging-gong before my 10:30 P.M. coffee and then the "hay". Last night was noisy.

Love,
Bob

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