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July 24, 1944.

Dear Mom & Dad,

Well I am back with the outfit again. No more white sheets and having breakfast in bed for me for a while.

Before I come back to the Co. I spent 10 days in Rome just resting up and seeing the sights. Rome has many beautiful places of interest and as you know has a very ancient history. I met a lot of old friends there and I celebrated several reunions. I bought a camera while I was there and a few rolls of film, I wonder if you could find some for me

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and send me ~~some~~ some.
I'll include the box of one of
the rolls so you will know
what kind I want.

I heard I think I myself is
in the Hospital in England. I
believe he saw a little action
in Normandy but had trouble
with one of his toes, arthritis
or something.

The two months I was gone
from my outfit sure made a
big change. When I got back
I found there was only one
other officer left and only a
few of the non-coms. When
I got back up here all of the
old men were glad to see



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me back, I was surprised. They were too, they didn't think I'd ever be back again. The first night back the C. O. wanted me to take a patrol out, the damned fool was serious too. I guess you know I told that - of - where to go. He's ~~the~~ new at this rocket hill team, but not with this boys hill. I guess some of the men told him I liked patrols out or something but that went back to the days of Angola before I got hit.

When you send some more cable and then that film I wish you would



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send me some writing
paper. I hate to write on
this stuff.

I just heard from a friend
of mine that was in the same
battalion with me back in the
states. To be very frank ~~the~~
he said the got shot in the
ass. I guess that's where he got
hit if ~~the~~ ^{he} says so.

I've often wondered if you
ever hear anything of the
34th Div. back in the
states. I guess they just mention
the Fifth Army and let it go
at that.

Well take care of yourselves
folks, by looks of things it
won't be too long before
I'm home.

Love John