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Dear Mom & Dad,

I hope this find you well
and not worrying too much.

To date I have received all
the packages you sent including
the shoes. Which fit perfect, thanks.
I have not yet received the lb. box
of chocolates you said you sent. You
mentioned sending some hard candy,
please do not send me any hard
candy. There is more hard candy
in Italy than the combined armies
of the allied nations could eat for
the next ten years. We'll sick of
the stuff.

According to all the papers the
cigarette shortage is not getting any
better. You must be having a heck
of a time getting them in Washington
Dad. We are getting along O.K over

here. Although I² hear back in
the war areas they are not getting
as many as they used to. A
couple of the men ~~back~~ in the
company were back in Naples and
they said you can get ten and
fifteen dollars a carton back
there. I'm certainly glad we get all
we want up on line. I don't
know who deserves it more than
the front line outfits. Do you?

I'm still waiting for two rolls
of film I sent to be developed. I
gave them to one of the officers in
the company who was going on
pass to get developed, he couldn't find
a place to get them done so he gave
them to a friend who had a friend
who knew someone that developed
film. I might see them again, maybe.

I have some more money to
send you when I can get up and
around. (The doctor won't let me
get out of bed) By the time I get
out of this Army I should have

enough for that business enterprise.
Which by the way ~~had~~ you
never and go into any details
about it. How about a glimpse of
the 'big picture' Dad?

Now you said in your last
V-mail (Feb. 16th) that you hadn't
had a letter from me in two
months, I can't understand it. But
in the future please do not excuse
about me. I've lasted this long and
I think I'll just hang around and
finish the job. If I did get hurt
you would hear from me right
away, that is if I was in a
writing condition. But anyway
stop worrying.

Tell the kids in song about
the front helmets, the last time I
was on line I had so much stuff
to carry I couldn't carry a couple
of extra helmets too. I'll get them
some sooner or later though.

Nothing much new to report, I'm still in the hospital with this Hepatitis but the yellow jaundice seems to have gone away. I'll be here for about another month. It sure is a good rest. I've gained some weight since I've been here, I hope to get good and fat before I get out. The war may even be over by then.

I still have hopes of seeing Virginia, when I get out of the hospital I'll have two or three weeks at a reconditioning center. If I can 'snare someone under' there I might swing a ten day haul. The rest is easy.

Well folks that all for now, take good care of yourselves.

Love
John

P.S. Dad when is someone going to ~~shoot~~ shoot John L. Lewis?
Note new APO
Saul and ought too.