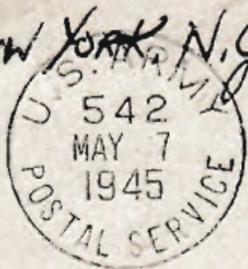


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Dear Mom,

Thank God the war is over in Italy and now it's peaceful and quiet. I know that from now on you won't have to worry so much because there is no more shooting. We really took care of those Germans and now it's all over. This is the first free Sunday I've had in quite a while and for once you can tell the difference between a Sunday and another day.

I'm feeling fine except for the hay fever which is bothering me. I can't do anything about it except have enough handkerchiefs handy. The weather is getting warmer in Italy every day and soon we'll be able to go swimming. Maybe I won't see Orchard beach this summer but I'll try and get to a few Italian ones. This will be the first summer of peace in Europe for 6 years and everybody is glad about that. No more blackouts, air raids and people can ^{live} like human beings again. Now all we have to do is finish off those Japs and it will be all over forever.

I'm sorry, Mom that I can't be home on Mother's Day so that I can give you a present and a kiss but I'll be thinking of home all the while. A boy never had a better mother and you always were my best girl. I know some times I used to be a bad boy, but I was too young to understand and appreciate you. Now that I am far from home I know how much I

miss you. Anyway on Mother's Day
I'll be thinking of you.

I received two letters yesterday.
One from Jerry and one from Rhoda.
Rhoda writes that she doesn't hear from
me so often, well that's because I've
been ~~so~~ so busy, but now that I have
more time I'll write more often.

I didn't take much souvenirs from
the war because it's not anything I want
to remember. Maybe I'll get something for
David & Paul. I knew they are all excited
about me being in Italy. I ~~didn't~~ had
a nice time last week when we
took 150 Germans. They surrendered
to us because they knew that
Hitler and his gang were Kaput. The
Italians wanted to break their necks
because the Germans burnt their houses
but we had to protect them since they
were our prisoners. That's
about what happened all over with
the Germans. They made a lot of people
unhappy and have killed many, but
they're finished and they'll all suffer.
I hope they learnt their lesson.

Well I guess that's all for now.
I'll let you know if anything turns up.
Now that it's over I don't know what
we are going to do. Maybe I can enjoy
Italy a little bit.

No more news. Regards to all
and kisses for Mother's Day.

Regards to Papa,
Your loving son, Jimmy