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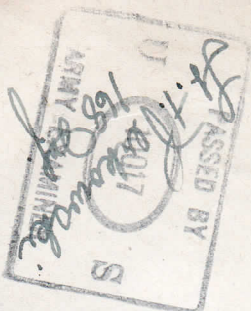
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Dear Folks,

I am well happy and safe and I hope you all are the same.

I received four of your letters and one from Aunt Mary yesterday and before I go any further I would feel a lot better if you wouldn't worry about me so much.

I haven't received any packages or letters from Mr. Morgan yet but I am still waiting patiently.

I'm glad to hear you started paying for the house, now Rosemarie can cry all night.

By the sound of Bib's letters he is doing all right for himself in the economic and social worlds, isn't he? I like to receive letters from Bib, tell him to keep writing.

Right now I am parked under an olive tree full of olives which

are not edible right now. On my left is a fig tree full of green figs. A few miles to my rear is an orange grove full of ripe oranges. A little to my right are plenty of grapes, all dried up. All in all this is a pretty nice place, not at all unlike the climate and environment of Mount Xisco.

Here come some more little Italian kids with their hands outstretched for candy and cigarettes. I swear I gave them more cigarettes since I've been here than I've smoked myself.

That's about all, folks, so I'll sign off now with
Love and Kisses to all
Ben