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Image 1:

Somewhere in Italy
Feb. 14, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad, and Grandpa,

I was hoping that I would hear from you today. However, I'll probably receive a stack of letters at one time just as I received the Dayton papers today. The Jan. "Reader's Digest" and Jan. 8 "Time" came 2 days ago. Dad, you write that you mailed the Jan. 8 issues on the same day, yet "Life" came to me on Jan. 29, I believe.

Thanks so very much for the Valentine greetings. I was indeed happy to get them, but also sorry I was unable to send you my best wishes for the day. However, my thoughts are always with you.

Image 2:

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Yesterday, I had the good fortune of seeing the stage production of "[Panama Hattie](#)" which is touring Italy. The show was arraigned by Special Service. Several members of the cast were ill, so they could not present the entire production, but they whipped up a lively revue with numerous excerpts from the show. [Diane Del Rio](#) played the role of "Panama Hattie." Wish I could tell you more—where I saw it, etc.

No packages have arrived as yet. Please send some food whenever you would like to do so.

I am really surprised to hear about Joyce. That was really fast work! I saw Rochelle Sokol's engagement announcement in the paper.

All the boys in my crowd are in the service, while all the girls are getting married, it seems.

Image 3:

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I'm enclosing an ad for magazine subscriptions I found in the "Army Times."

I can't think of anything else to write about that wouldn't be censored. I've seen many interesting places.

The war looks good, but as we here all see it, it's far from being over. There are plenty of rough times ahead on all fronts. It's all well and good ~~th~~ to read the newspaper accounts which speak in ^{glowing} terms of armies and generals, but the real drama lies in the day-by-day tasks of the individual G.I. Joe, his squad or platoon or company – something which is rarely described in the press dispatches.

Be sure to write all the news. Love to all of you.

Lovingly,
Jerome, Jr.