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Darling,

Well I guess it is about time I wrote you a few lines eh? I'm sorry that I haven't had the time to write you as often as I have because we are busy or rather have been for the past month or so.

Darling I am stationed about 6 miles out of Rome and before I came here I was near Naples. It sure was hell in the valley as we call it and that was when I first came to Italy. It sure did rain a lot in the valley and things around here in Rome is a lot different. We came out here in Rome in the first of the year. Remember? That was one of the reason why I didn't write for such a long period of time.

2/ Dearest I would like to get you and Hilson a million things but things are to darn expensive here and it isn't worth it. silk stockings that you want cost about \$12⁰⁰ a pair for fair ones and if you think its worth it than I'll get you some. To get you undertings and so forth would cost about eighty to hundred dollars. Well if I can get some time off I'll get them for you.

Yep I imagine a lot of fellas will be home soon except me. Now please don't expect me home for at ~~best~~ least another year. I would of probably had a good chance to get home ~~early~~ ^{earlier} if it wasn't for the time I spent in the R. C. I know I would of stood a good chance if we had another child like I wanted but it is to darn late now. Well everything has been all my fault now so that is that.

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3/ App Seigi is a darn good
soldier and so are all the rest.
They deserve everything and I
guess I ~~would~~ ^{should} feel sorry for
myself that his not the same
as they. Well I guess I never
have come up to your expectation
and I can't blame you for
being disappointed in me. are
you?

And I really do miss you and
dileen and love you both with
all my heart. Darling you'll
never know how much I honestly
and truly love you.

Well now I am going to bed
for tonight but will write you
soon again. Please write me
whenever you can spare your
most valuable time. THANKS.

Always
Faithful
To you Mrs. Alvin
Love,
Al

always,
Alvin.