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Dear Bob:

Another Saturday nite & goodness knows
 there's so much happened I'm almost afraid to
 think I've followed the news so very closely all week
 long - the 5th Army - 10th mt. Division & all today news
 sounds very good & its possible its nearing an end - but
 I only wish I could be with you - if only for a few
 minutes - I know you are O.K. some how I feel I know
 you are & I hope my intuition of this is rite - Dean
 Barker was one of the boys that was liberated last
 week by the Americans somewhere in Germany his
 name was listed in a N.Y. paper - & everyone has been
 calling "Wag" & everyone is certainly happy for them - I
 certainly hope our news from here on are all good -
 We received your letter of the 12th of April - & I was
 sure glad you enjoyed your trip to Rome only wish
 it could have been for a longer time - & I do hope
 you get to go to Rome & take the two weeks of B.B.
 Football track - as I know you love this so - & you
 know I'm happy when I know you & the rest of
 the family are happy - N.Y. is all packed & leaves on
 the midnite to nite for Springfield Mo. to go to a school -
 to learn to be an operator - I really didn't want her too
 but guess there isn't much else to do as it seems the work
 at Steps Andy's is too hard for her of course she had
 two wonderful bosses there - Step & Jim Thomas -
 & N.Y. this is shell like this as she's going to try it at least
 the clipping you sent of Step Williams was in the County
 News either last week or week before but I didn't notice it
 so was glad you sent it - & it seems everyone liked Step.

also the article on the ~~English~~ was ite also a broadcast
direct from Italy & Jim not and what they call them but
they ~~can~~ fly the planes out & get the enemy position so
to speak anyway this Pilot had been grounded due to
weather conditions & he spent a week with the boys on the
ground - the Inf. he told what a fine bunch of fellows
they were & how hard they worked - he said the boys
of the air corp do their job in a few short hours - but
the boys of the Inf. spent twenty-four hours a day &
that he felt the foot soldiers were due a lot more glory
& he hoped in time to come they would receive their just
dues - We talked to Gloria last Sat. eve & she mentioned
Larry Ray was cutting his stomach & eye teeth & wasn't
feeling too good - but Jimmie told me ~~he~~ Daddy just came
home - ~~Wanna~~ Beck & her Baby are here to see N. before she
leaves & Bessie & Jimmie are here - Jimmie got N. this
chance to go to school - they brought her ~~for~~ ~~for~~ ~~for~~
will write & tell you all about it - she's really excited about
going as I guess she'll get along alright - I only wish I knew
you were going back to school & think I'd be really happy
anyway but just hope she's not as far away & I'm really
glad you & Finney are with as you are so you'll
have time to start your life as you'd wanted too even after
this is over - so try to be there in that & be happy as you
can be where ever you are & the next time you think you
going to Rome let us know a little in advance or borrow
some money & I'll send it - don't get along without money
when you need it - I was sorry you were short while
you were in Rome - so lets try & get something worked
out before you go in time to do some good - Well Bob.
I'd better bring this to a close try & get lined out for that
one fifteen train. I'll try writing a letter tomorrow & think
of some more news - So I hope you are well & receive
this letter soon - glad you received some of those boxes
& letters - write when you've time - Trusting God will take care
of you & see you home soon - Goodnite & Good
Love Mom