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Greetings from Sunny Sicily,

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 20. I haven't learned the contents of that clipping reporting me "safe" as yet so don't know how much of my adventure you know about. To make a long story short I was held prisoner on an island by 7 Germans for 3 weeks. They treated me very good and shared their meager food supply with me. They left me on the island when they left and I was picked up later by a British motor launch. During my captivity I got a very badly infected right foot which kept me in the hospital for 2 weeks. I'm back with my unit now and my foot is coming

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along fine. I have my medical orderly dress it daily and it should be back to normal in a few weeks.

Before leaving Africa I stopped in at a finance office and met Tony Dalavico. His brother Gene and I were classmates at Bryant and he and my brother Walt were too. Gene received his Commission in the Signal Corps and last Tony heard from him he was at a port of embarkation. So you see it's a small world after all.

I was surprised to learn that Betty Teilan brought in the clipping. Guess I'm getting old! It just seems a few months ago when she and another "kid" used to watch

we play softball.

Glad to hear that Miss "one, two, three, space" Kupa is now Mrs Costa and a proud mama. I often thought that she and Mrs. Messer would make good drill sergeants in the Waacs. I know Mrs Messer has the patience of Job as she tried to teach me typing. To teach a bunch of girls to drill will require about the same amount I figure.

Thanks just the same but there isn't anything I need as Uncle Sam provides us with about everything.

Well, so long and keep grinning

Mrs Crawley