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Darling,

Thanks for your letter
I have received in the
past few weeks. I
have no excuse for not
writing caused I did
have a little spare
time. I myself haven't
been feeling the way I
should from the heat
and your one certain
letter did kinda ^{upset} ~~upset~~
me in a way and
some how I just couldn't
write. Now all you have
said in that letter
is true and I had
no business writing
you that or rather
those letters that upset
you. Please forgive me
my dear.

Well how we are no longer near Rome any more. We thought for a short while that we may be home soon but that all went haywire too. We are now in the 8th depot. between Pisa and Florence. We were told that we will leave here by Sept. 1st. but we don't know where we will go from here. We are all hoping that it will be the States but one never can tell. If this outfit should go to the States I imagine all of us fellas with just a short time overseas would be shipped out but that is just

²/my own opinion. Well
anyhow we all are
hoping for the best.

We are again, in
tent and a place
just as bad as the
other place I used to
write to you about.
No light, hot, plenty
of mosquitos, and
dust.

Darling I did have
high hopes, at one time,
that I'd be coming
home just about for
little after Aileen's
birthday but things
just didn't turn out
that way. Sure hope
that I'll be home
by Christmas - my
dear.

The trip up to here
was terrific. Left
Rome about 6:00 P.M.
yesterday and got
here about 11:30 this
morning. It really
was tough riding
and sleeping in them
hard riding box cars.
The ~~scenery~~ coming out
here was rather nice.
Most of the towns were
blown to kingdom come
and the same goes
for every bridge and
railroad stations. I
know that Pisa is
blown up cause I was
near there when the
Jerries were shelling
the place last year.
We were close enough

3/ to have the shells
explode in that town.
We were there only
a few days and
then caught another
boat for Naples and
that was how I first
got into the 1st Repl.
Depot. 6th. Bn.

Harling, our new add-
ress is 595 Repl. Co.
113th Bn. APO 532. We
are no longer with
the 6th Bn. The APO
has also changed.

I am happy to
know that your kidney
trouble is okay. It
really did have me
worried for awhile.

Now we can make
phone calls to the U.S.

now and it cost
about 12 - 15 dollars
for three minutes.
It really is worth
that much and more
to hear your voice
and Yvri's but I
guess I'll wait awhile
and find out just
what is going to happen
by Sept. 1st.

Harling am going
to ~~close~~ close for a while
but will write you
soon again. Please
take the best care of
yourself and Aileen.
Love you ever the most.
Good night.

Always Faithful always Yours,
To You Mrs. Alvin E. Halby Alvin.
Love
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