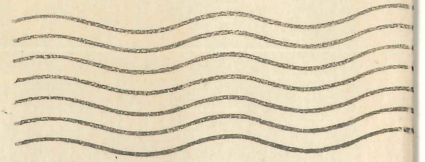
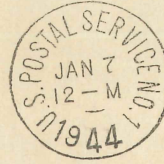


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Hello folks,

Another day - the shortest day in fact - and here I am again. - Still haven't written you a regular letter, so thought I'd harass you with another of these things. Should have written I know, but have been working on my "bread & butter" letters - and a fellow can't write but so much in one day. Besides, there's nothing new to really write about.

I took a ride to a neighboring town yesterday and had a good time watching the people and the sights. Think I must have been the first American officer to have seen up close. Had to fall back on my Spanish again as my Italian is too limited - besides the natives here speak a dialect of their own anyway! The people are all friendly and the little kids still give the fascist salute when they see ~~me~~ <sup>us</sup>. Some are learning ours tho and seem to be proud of their accomplishment. He always return their salutes with a grin and it seems to take them to death to have been noticed by us! Will write soon.

Lots of Love  
Frank



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