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Anzio Beachhead
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Dear Folks,

I am feeling fine, tonight, as I write this letter, and hope you are the same. I received your package a month after you sent it. The three books also. The watch is swell but runs an hour fast and it is almost impossible to have it adjusted over here. I cannot use it until I find someone to do the job. Having nothing else to write about I will put down a little poem I wrote. It concerns an infamous shell we have nicknamed "Anzio Annie"

Annie goes by my dugout door.
Each morning noon and night
To make the rounds of Anzio
And this tiny beachhead site.

Her daily meals are stone and wood;
Her drink, the salty sea.
Sometimes though, she hungers quick
And stops to eat by me.

A coat of steel is all she wears,
It runs on her daily spree
To that battered little town
So very close to me.

To meet this steely gal
Of such great renown
Just stand upon a rooftop
And flay old Annie down.

I hope you like this poem,
Folks. It was written a couple of
days after she had come over
too often.

Well, I must close now. It
is getting late and I am tired.
Mentally, not physically. Oops! I
almost forgot. I changed my
allotment so that you will receive
fourty dollars a month, commencing
June first. Okay? So long everyone.
Love & always,
Joe