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dish in her hand and dropped it on the floor and broke the dish. She started kissing me and crying.

By that time the house was full of people. Then came Dad's two sisters, and Dad's godmother. She is Aunt Grace, and Aunt Lucy's sister, and they just about drop over!

Tell Joseph Falcone that his father came over (Fausto) with his wife and asked, "How was Joe and his family, and Sam Renaldo?" And I told him that I had received a letter from Joe, a few days ago. Then I went outside into the center of the street, and all the people were around me, asking about the people back home.

First I talked to Peter DelGrosso. Remember, he had the store near home? He looks just the same. Then I met some relations of Joseph Ledonne, the baker, so I told them that Joseph was dead.

Mother and Dad, tell all the Ledonne family that their relations are fine.

Then I met Dan Confalone's brother from Philadelphia, and he looks just like Dan. So, dear Dad,

write to Dan and tell him all about his brother and that he is fine.

Then I met Leonard Falcone's relations. (He is the special cop who lives by our shirt mill). So tell them the same thing. Then I met the relations of the Ruggerios, Zito, Cascioli, and also tell our neighbor, Pete Denicola, that I met his sister and she is fine and sends her best love to all the family back home.

After I went to eat over at Uncle Tony's, in came a lady and asked me do I know Nick Colablia, and I said, "Yes." She said: "Will you send him these few lines?" and so I told her, "Yes, but first it will go to the base censor."

As soon as you get this letter, give it to Nick Colablia with my regards. Dad, Uncle Tony wrote you a letter to tell you that I was there and I am sending it home for you to read and to show to everyone.

Then I met Nick Cascario's folks (the assistant chief of police). I met his people, so tell Nick everyone is fine. I also met Dan DelGrosso's friends and some relations. They asked me about Mike and about

his wife and also about Dan's family —Peter, Pat, Grace and Lucy—and I told them that Pet and Pat are Lts. (lieutenants) in the Army and that Grace is a school teacher and Lucy lived in Washington, D. C. Go over to Dan DelGrosso and tell them that these people send their best regards.

#### HOME IN BLACKOUT

I met so many people that I can't remember their names. I was over at Uncle Tony's for six hours. I had two-day pass. Most of my time was spent going over and coming back because it was far from camp and I came back to camp in a blackout.

Uncle Tony asked about Brother Domenic, and I told him Domenic was married and had a very nice wife. I also gave him some pictures of Mother, Dad, Lucy, Domenic and his wife, and a picture of Grandmom, Aunt Betty and Uncle Louis.

Well, that's all for now. I hope that this letter will get home safe. I will close with love to all.

Your loving son,

Freddie.

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