

My 38th Birthday.

(It must be, as $07+38=45$.)

Dear Mother,

Many happy returns of my birthday to you! I really had to stop & figure it out yesterday — whether I was 36 or 37 at the time. That is a bad sign when I start to forget my age. Well, if it is any consolation I feel better — & younger — than I did this time last year — & certainly better than the year before.

Maybe my 5 months stay in Rome did me some good. Am sure it did. Am now quite unhappy, bored etc. at being back in the old place. What a difference. Was told it was only temporary — to give one of the other officers a "break" & that I'd just be away a month or so. However almost anything might happen in the meantime so will not figure on getting back until I actually walk into my apt. & close the door behind me. However have managed to get up there the last two weekends! It is the next thing to going home for I have one or two good friends there. Don't be too surprised if I come home with a European wife. Nothing very serious yet but who knows "at my age"? I say "European" because my friends are all mixtures. e.g. Russian, Austrian, or Yugoslav & Corsican, or French & etc.

Cannot do much writing now as I am back at a desk & the old eye problem arises again.

Had a letter from Don Woodside - also Helen
the other day. From both - & from your last
letter I gather that the lengthy separation is
pretty tough on Don & Vera. He says that King
has joined the 'Y' already!

I have been hearing bad reports of your weather
this winter. Hope it has let up now.
It is pretty miserable here for the birds in the north

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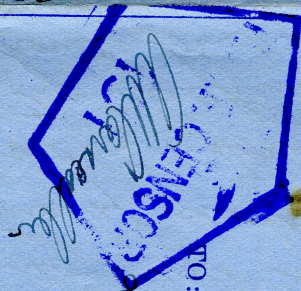
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in or near the mts. The last 2 days have been beautiful
here however. Warm & not a cloud in the sky. Today at noon
we sun-bathed on the verandah for an hour for the
first time since November. Things stay green here all
winter so there is not much of a transition once the sun
gets warm. Hope you & Peter & Nicky are all
well. What does the little codger look like now?
Bye bye for now Mother dear. Love Alan.