

Dear Folks - I

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Got your letter today
Tom - it probably came a couple
of days ago - I just got back
from a 3 day pass to Rome -
really fun - I'm fine & hope you
are all well -

Well I seen just about
everything of importance in Rome -
Went to the Vatican City -
it's really beautiful seen where
the Pope is elected & the
Chimney where the smoke comes out -
seen the Museum in the Vatican
the whole inside is all gold
painted - it's quite amazing
Sixtus Chapel is where the
Pope is elected - it's really
nice - Michelangelo painted
it in the time of Christ

Took Jim 4 ⁸ years to do it.
He painted on the flat of his
back - he painted the creation
of the world on the ceiling -
painted the end of the world
on the walls - I don't know
much about paintings - but it
sure impressed me - To see that
it's really wonderful - a guy
just can't describe it - when he
~~was~~ paints it - it's really good
I've seen all the gifts the Pope receives
down through the ages - there
worth million of dollars - they
get them from different countries
there mostly all gold, diamonds
really interesting - there are 400
caskets in Rome - & all have a
history - you just can't see all
of them - it would take a

month - III

also seen the Pope he
does all the service men for
about 15 minutes each day -
he talks a little - of course
I'm in so good - pretty big
room - but he talked in English
Polish, Italian, French - etc.

to the different service men -
really OK - he also blessed us

Sunday I went to Saint Peter's
Church - biggest in the world -
went to High Mass - really OK
seen Saint Peter alone - also
lots of tombs & of Popes & saints
take some snap shots - some
they come out - seen the Coliseum
also - & all the old ruins
of Rome - it's quite interesting
I'll send you a bunch of photos

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an it - all of all its was a
pretty good deal - Had a pretty
good time about all for now
its getting pretty done - d'cl
and all about stuff some -

Love
Howard
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