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Dear Miss Henry,

I received the package containing the books that you and Mrs. Dudley sent. No sooner was the package opened than one of the Negro Digests became “missing in action.” One of the fellows is deeply engaged in the contents of each of the books, so without a doubt I will be forced to await my turn to read them. Please accept my thanks for the books. Regardless of what is happening, there is always a lull in fighting in which time literature offers a means of relaxation.

I would like to repay your kindness and thoughtfulness. Conditions here in Italy are terrible, but still they are much better than my wildest dream. There are many historic and interesting places in Italy, the foremost of which is Rome. Here’s hoping that you will have an opportunity to visit Italy—but after this war has ended.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Hobbs
4 May 45

Dear Miss Henry,

I received the books last week. I and the rest of the boys are truly grateful for what you and Mrs. Dudley are doing to boost our morale and keep us abreast of current events. Please excuse this late reply to the receipt of the books. I myself hate excuses, but at the time the books arrived, my outfit was constantly moving because we had the Germans retreating rapidly. We have caused all of the German armies in Italy to surrender, not because of the lack of food, ammunition or men, but rather because we out-fought them. When the Germans surrendered, it resembled a Roman holiday. They had plenty of horses, covered wagons, bicycles and all kinds of cars, including the American Fords and Army Jeeps. Now that we have finished here we are waiting for a new assignment – guard duty here in Italy, return to America, or go to the So. Pacific. We all hope it is not the latter. So, with good luck, we may see the next “White Christmas” in the U.S.A.

Perhaps we can repay you and Mrs. Dudley in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus H. Dobbs