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Dear Editor,

I'm afraid of, "Dear Sally", But, "Loving", might do; so I've put, Miss and Mrs and hope it goes through.

Yes, I have just received your paper and can truthfully say that I enjoyed it very much. Over here where I'm at, we receive very little news from home and you, "Post Script" was just the thing I needed.

I have been overseas almost eight months, during which time I've been all along the northern coast of Africa and am now in Italy fighting the Germans. I'm in a tank outfit as you know and am a member of the First Armored Regiment. We've been in Italy [censored texts] of the [censored], however we didn't make the [censored texts]

Italy is a very beautiful country, but the weather is terrible. Rain, snow, ice, and mud are just a few of our many hardships. Also the Germans make life pretty miserable. However, I have an excellent Platoon of men under my command and am proud to be able to lead them into battle. They are a real bunch of fighters; the outstanding characteristic of all American soldiers is such.

Other than sight seeing, I've had a swell time. I have been bombed, shot at, strabbed, and shelled. Please don't take those last two sentences serious as they should be visa-versa.

I was sure glad to hear that W-L beat G.W., only wish that I could have been there to see it.

You asked if I was still writing poetry. I'm afraid not as my last poem was that for the Annual. I've even been too busy for writing letters.

I'm sorry to rush off, but duty is calling else-where. Please write, and also be sure to send me the next issue of "Post Script"

Ma Malott's a worry wart,

Jimmy Mahon

P.S. Enclosed are several pieces of Italian money. Also, please excuse the writing and such, as condition are far from being suitable: - Jimmy