

May 3, 1945 Rimini, Italy

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Hymie

The war in Europe was over, but everyone knew that there was still a war to be won in the Pacific.

All of the GI's fully expected to be re-deployed to help the war effort against Japan.

However, until then the 340th Bombardment Group could enjoy the accommodations in the Italian resort town of Rimini on the Adriatic coast.



Hymie and two unidentified buddies on the beachfront at Rimini



Group HQ in nearby Riccione



Life was more comfortable and more interesting here than on Corsica

Print the complete address in plain black letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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