

May 14, 1945

Riccione, Italy

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Well, I suppose that's all for now except that it's been some time since I last heard from you.

Hymie

(For more information on the devastating German raid on Alesani see the War Diary for the 340<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group HQ squadron here:

[http://57thbombwing.com/340th\\_History/340th\\_Diary/17\\_May1944.pdf](http://57thbombwing.com/340th_History/340th_Diary/17_May1944.pdf)

A view of the raid from the point of view of the German fliers who carried out the raid see:

[http://www.dansetzer.us/taghon/Korsika\\_index.htm](http://www.dansetzer.us/taghon/Korsika_index.htm)

Below are photos Hymie took of some of the damage the day of the raid.)



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