

THESE IMAGES ARE TAKEN FLYING IN THE DC3 "GOONY-BIRD"



This aircraft, the DC3 nicknamed the "Gunny Bird", is the one Pete flew in



Northern coast of Africa and the Mediterranean Sea



Algerie airport where they first landed on their way to Italy





Flying over the Mediteranean in rough weather



The mainland of Italy



Flying over the Island of Sardinia

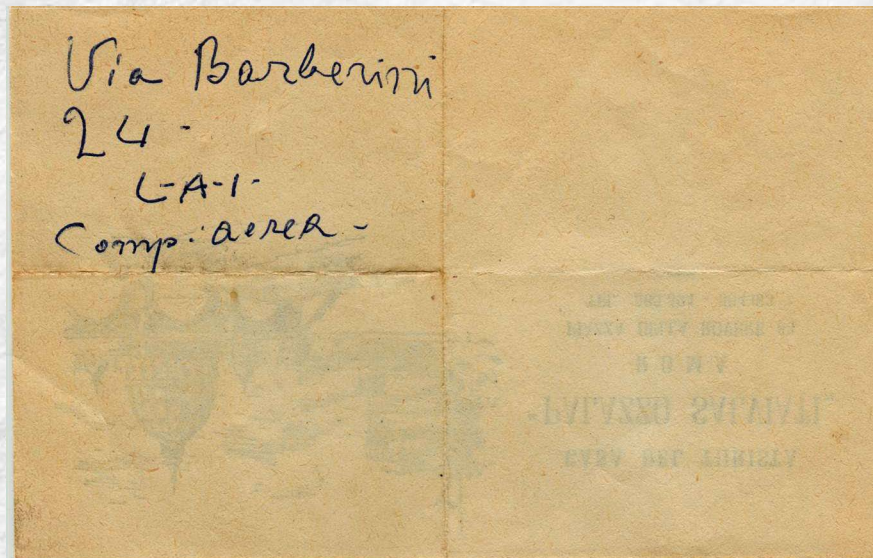


FLYing over Rome

PALAZZO SALVIATI HOTEL IN ROME



Hotel Palazzo Salviati from Google Earth 2020



Hotel stationery front and back. On the back someone wrote the address Via Barberini 24. Rome - image to right is Via Barberini 24



Saturday, September 22nd

The next day was a beautiful sunny Saturday. This was the day I was supposed to leave for Sicily. I went to the airlines office to buy my ticket but there were no flights available for Sicily that day. There was one leaving early the next morning however. I made my reservations and headed out to explore more of Rome.

My buddies and I decided to hire a guide, one with a car. Our time was limited and there was much to be seen. The guide brought us to the most important places in Rome, for a price of course. I bought several rolls of film to capture as much of this beautiful place as possible. Our guide spoke very good English, and told us much about the history of Rome. We were taken to see the Colosseum, which is also known as the Flavian Amphitheater, and was built by Emperor Vespasian starting in 70AD. His son Titus officially opened the Colosseum in 80AD. This place is as old as time. Next we were taken to the Catacombs which use a very long underground gallery with excavations in its sides for tombs. We then went to the Forum, which is another great Roman historic structure. Our guide continued the tour of Rome, missing no details. We went to the Unknown Soldiers Monument. Our last stop was the worlds most beautiful church, St. Peters Cathedral. There are no words that can express my joy and awe at seeing this incredible work of art.

My buddies and I were getting quite hungry at this point so we returned to the hotel, had dinner and went to our room. It felt good to lie down after such a complete day of sight seeing. I retired early that evening because I wanted as much rest as possible before the early flight the next morning.



Approaching the Colosseum



The Roman Colosseum



Entrance into the Roman Colosseum



The Roman Colosseum



Peter in the Roman Colosseum