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Hello Maurice,

Sure glad to hear from you and how is the health are you getting plenty tough already cause they say to be a Marine you have to be just that. How are things at home since you left, I guess the wife felt pretty bad about you leaving but chin up the end can't be to far fetched we hope. Do you still rate the job as mail man when you get back or will you be one of the jobless also. In a way I'm glad I became a farmer when I did cause a fellow can always raise enough from the ground to get by on. Had a letter from my Dad a while back and he asked for you, now I will have to write and tell him you are in too.

There is one good thing, when its all over we can all gather on the ranch and have a big celebration with old Santo as master of

the spaghetti pot and wine jug.
How about it, is that a date?

I'm a sargeant now Maurice and
maybe you don't think I'm proud
of it, I wish you lots of luck to.

Well I'll close now so till I
hear from you take care of yourself.

As ever,
Fred.