September 28, 2009

Dear Silvio Passalalpi:

I received all what was said and done when Villamagna celebrated its 65 anniversary of its liberation from Germany.

After I received all that had happened at the celebration and what you had done there I wrote a letter to the quarterly News Letter of the 88th Division, the Blue Devil. In it I described how you and I met through the mail and how you had worked so hard to keep the people in Villamagna to remember the 349 th Infantry. I asked that when the next issue of The Blue Devil is mailed, to send you a copy so you can see what I wrote.

My health is impaired but I am far from being dead. In June 2009 I fractured my left shoulder (a comminuted fracture of the surgical neck of the left humerus), which at my age sometimes takes about one year to heal. This fracture has prevented me from doing any outside manual work. The degenerative arthritis of my lumbar spine gives me pain when walking and \mathcal{I} must use a cane. However I still have a healthy brain, enjoy reading an writing and betting on the horses.

Sincerely,

Mans