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Dearest Mom & Dad "Southern France" Aug-26-1944

Well sweet how's everything at home - I hope just fine and dandy, I guess the garden is just about done now - Did you sell very much this year? or did you just grow enough for yourself? I hope you didn't grow so much to make too much work for you & Pa - I know how you two are always working and I know it's nice to be busy, but I don't want you to work your heads off just to be busy. There's nothing new to tell you today everything is the same. I'm feeling fine and in the best of health, so please Mom don't worry just because I'm in France - there's really nothing to worry about, we're not doing much of anything right now you might as well say we're getting a rest, of course we won't rest forever someday we might get back in action - as for me and a lot of others we don't care if we ever see action again. I'm no more afraid than the next man, and when we have to fight I'll fight, but I'm not going out to look for action - I've seen action at Anzio and I lost some swell friends there - so I do know what action is and all it is is just plain hell. I'll write again soon. Take good care of yourselves

V...-MAIL

Love & kisses  
xxx Julie-xxx



Aug - 27 - 1944  
Southern  
France



UNITED STATES ARMY

August  
27  
1944

Dearest Mom & Dad,

Today is 'Sunday' and a very beautiful day it was, it's not as hot as some days we have but it's as nice a day anyone would want. I didn't do much today so there will be very little to say about what I did on Sunday. I'm not going to mail this letter till the end of the week which means that I'm going to write a little every day and by the end of the week I should have a fairly nice letter to send to you. I know you would rather have a nice long letter than a couple of short V-mail. I will say though Mom that the letter won't be very interesting because nothing much ever happens around here during the day - but we'll try this idea of mine a while and see how it turns out. I'll now tell you what I did today and

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you can judge for yourself what  
kind of life we lead away from  
home. I got up at 5:00 this morning to  
pull my guard on our gun - each man  
pulls one hour ~~apiece~~ day & night - at 7:30  
we had chow - eggs (not fresh eggs either) cereal,  
coffee, after chow at 8:30 we went to church,  
it was a French church in town and a  
very nice church it was too - it was  
crowded too. When we got back to the  
~~city~~ ~~city~~ at 10:20 we had nothing to  
do except wait for chow at 11:30, after  
chow I took ~~my~~ all my clothes off except  
my shorts and layed in the hot sun  
trying to get a suntan - I layed there  
till 4:30 eat chow again and now  
I'm pulling my hour of guard on the  
gun. There's going to be a show tonight  
I'm going to try to get to go, it's not  
dark yet but when it does get dark we  
go to bed. Well Mom that's how I spent my  
second Sunday in Southern France. It  
sure was a beautiful Sunday to be  
home, but then there will be ather's  
just as beautiful as this Sunday when  
this war is over and we're all home.  
I'd like to write some more but I can't  
think of a thing to say that would be  
interesting it's a boring life we lead  
over here - at times - Well sweetheart I'll  
say goodnight now, tomorrow night  
I'll write some more and tell you all.





UNITED STATES ARMY

- August 28-1944 -

Well Mom it's another day and nothing new happen. We got up the same time eat the same food at the same time and at the same place, but at 9:00 a few boys and myself had to dig a garbage pit for the kitchen the rest of the btry had to do combat training, after that it was the same old thing, except at 6:00 we had a ball game and won 4-2, and so ended another day & night. Tomorrow we're going to have an inspection. I'll let you know tomorrow how everything turn's out. Oh say Mom our mail came in and I got ten letter's and two packages, one package was from Clara & the other from you. Clara's package was full of books - I sure enjoyed them. Mom have alone send me some good book's, we have very little to read over here, so

send all the books you can - any  
old kind - we don't have <sup>very</sup> much to do  
during the day but read and the  
only thing wrong with that is we  
don't have anything to read - so send  
some good reading books. I got your  
gun and life-saver and ear muffs  
and the roll of film - thank's a million  
sweetheart I'm going to answer some  
of these letters today but I don't know  
what I'm going to say - if they're good  
enough to write to me I can be good  
enough to answer their letters if  
only say hello and good by. Well Mom  
I hope everyone at home is feeling fine  
and that the day is as beautiful as  
this one over here is. I can't tell  
you anything new about France but  
will as soon as I see something  
that is new. Goodnight all  
— August - 29 - 1944 —

Well it's just another day and a  
very beautiful day it was - we had  
our inspection and we passed it  
very well - we may have another  
one tomorrow. Nothing new happened  
today so what can I write, nothing.  
we got another ballgame tonight.  
See if you know who won tomorrow.  
I answered some of my letters but  
still have four or five to answer yet.





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We haven't had mail call yet so I don't know if I have more letters to answer yet or not, so far I got letters from Angie M. Rosalie, Maryetta, Dorothy Lyons, Reno, Abene, Cliff. & a birthday card from our Angie & Elaine, so you can see Mom I have plenty of writing to do. Well sweet & till tomorrow night I'll be saying goodnight Mom & Dad.

— August 30 - 1944 —

It was another swell day but even with such a swell day nothing out of place happen. The only different thing I did was take a bath. just got a bucket full of cold water stepped outside of my dog house and took a good bath. cold water & plenty of fresh air. We had another ball game and won 12-5- we have one more try to play and that's "C" they are beat all the rest of them.

I just about got all my letters answered - its a job writing letters when there's nothing to say

Their's nothing more to say about today- we lead the same life day in and day out- we have plenty of time to read and write but their's nothing to read and not a darn thing to write about.

Well Mom maybe tomorrow I'll have more to say, so till then say hello to everyone - Buona notte and I'll be back tomorrow night.

- August - 31 - 1944 -

Well sweetheart this is the last day of August- tomorrow will start off Sept. the month all the kids start back to school. This was another quiet day- nothing at all very interesting happen. I got up at the same time- eat chow after chow I played catch with a hard ball and glove till it was time for chow again, after chow I layed in the sun from 12:30 to 4:30 trying to get a suntan, little by little I am getting a tan.

I just got back from chow- it was lousy- boy sweetheart do I miss your cooking- never again will I ever say anything about the food at home- no one can guess the kind





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of food we had to eat overseas - best  
fed soldier's in the world - HAH -  
We're all use to the food now  
so it don't bother us anymore - I  
never did lose any weight - so I  
should kick - I'll have all kinds of  
stories to tell you & Dad when I  
get home - Pop was right when he said  
the training would do me good,  
it has in one way - one thing I'm  
sure of and that's this, being away  
from home like this I have to do  
my own thinking - no one does it  
for me - and I have plenty of time  
to think - and what does a guy  
think about the most - well he  
thinks about the time he made  
his mother cry - and how mad he  
made his Dad and how he fought  
with his brother's & sister's - those  
are the things he always thinks  
about now - all he wants to do is  
come home and make up for  
all that - he was a young kid  
when he left home but in two  
years a kid grows up to be a  
pretty big man - course he still has



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about. it's the same day in & day out, so when I say I haven't anything to write - about you'll know why when I get home I don't believe I'll ever write another letter - I never did so much writing as I have here in the army. Mom get Alene to send some books - any old kind just as long as we can read them. I've got a letter here to answer yet so I better get it good night Mom & Dad & sis till tomorrow night - Love & Kisses

- Sept 2 - 1944 - SAT -

Mom I don't believe I ever told you that Beno is a cpl. now I got a letter from him the other day with a big cp. Beno on it. he sure is a lot of fun - I wish I could get to see him - but no such luck. I didn't do very much today, we were suppose to have an inspection but we didn't - we were ready for him - the General.

I read a book all morning and afternoon till chow time - 5:00 - after chow I played catch for awhile



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after that I was helping March & Paul  
fix thier radio - I wasn't much  
help but it is working now. Boys  
did it ever rain - I thought sure our  
little pup tent would blow away, but  
somehow it held together - I guess  
sun, will be a swell day by the  
looks of the moon - it's a full one  
and very beautiful - just as light as  
day out right now - I got two more  
V-mail from Alene - I'll answer them  
soon - Be back sun night - Buona Notte  
- Sept. 3 - 1944 - Sunday -

Another Sunday is over with and  
it was just as quiet as ever. I went  
to church today in town - very nice  
church it was too. I got some more  
letters today - one was a V-mail from  
Alene and in it she said Lonie & Mildred  
were divorced - is that guy nuts? he  
sure must be the way he is acting -  
the dumb sap - what becomes of the  
kids now - boy was I ever surprised  
at that news - I'm going to answer  
Alene's letter tonight - boy that brother  
of mine must be nuts to do  
a thing like that with a mess  
of kids he's got. Say Mom & Dad I hope  
this letter didn't bore you but now you  
can see what I do with myself during the  
week - I'm going to write more letters like  
this to you - these letters will tell you  
everything I do through the week





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Alene said you got the money  
I'm glad of that. We didn't get  
payed for the month of August  
so at the end of Sept we'll get  
payed for two months. I'll be  
sending home another hundred  
dollars then - I'll let you know  
when it's on the way with a  
card. We had our inspection today  
by the general - I'm pretty sure  
we passed it off - he only had  
one star. We had a heck of a  
storm last night - almost blew  
our tent away - after the storm  
we really did fix our tent to  
stay put and it did. It's a fairly  
nice day today - all day long it's  
been very windy - just like fall  
weather starting in. How do you  
like the news that you hear  
at home - to us it sounds darn  
good - sounds like this war  
will end someday this year. I  
hope.



Well Sweet heart this is the last sheet of paper for this letter - I hope you enjoyed it - I know you'd like to know more about what we do - so each day I wrote every little thing I did during the day and at the end of the week I'll send the letter to you - if you like these kind of letters say so and I'll keep on writing them - you may get just one letter a week, like this one but maybe once in awhile I'll send a v-mail but so little happens during the week that it don't even make interesting reading, but then I'll write the letters and you can be the judge to ~~what~~ weather their boring or not - say hello to all - Tell Pop to take it easy at work, and the three of you take good care of yourselves always - God watch and bless over all of you always -

Millions of kisses & hugs  
to each of you  
I love - your big baby  
you all Boy (and) Julie -  
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