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SOUTHERN FRANCE

Dearest Mom & Dad,

I'm in France now, I came in on D-day - we didn't have any trouble getting on the beach - it didn't seem like an invasion at all. we came in set up our guns and were ready for the worse but nothing happen - I did hear some of the soldiers had a rough time getting on the beach on D-day - we were very lucky - very few got hurt and not many of us got wet. I never did tell you I was at the Anzio Beachhead did I Mom - I was there during all the fighting - I was there about five or six months - that place was no good, I lost some very good friends there - I believe everyone did. I never did tell you this because I knew you & the rest would worry and there was no sense to it. I did tell Jerry about it, but I told him to tell no one where I was. We left Anzio and went through Rome toward Leghorn, we didn't get there because we were

called back - when we were called
back we just about knew where
we were going, and sure enough
we were on the invasion of Southern
France, it's nothing like Anzio,
we did have a few raids, none
of them were very serious. if
they come back again, which
they will, they'll find themselves
in a lot of trouble - I'm talking
about German airplanes Mon.

I did see Rome and a lot of
other places in Italy, but we never
did get to see the best part of
Italy - the Northern part. I was
in Naples again and I tried
to find Beno but I had to give
up - guess I'll have to wait
till I get home to see Beno.

I havin't seen very much of
France yet but I'm sure we
will before we leave here. I
can't say very much about this
place till I see more of it.

What little I have seen
looks pretty nice - plenty of trees
& green grass - havin't seen very
many people, but heard they
were pretty hungry - right now
were just as hungry as they

are. The people in Italy were
hungry too, also Sicily & N. Africa -
now they're hungry in France
so I heard - but what few
people I've seen don't look very
hungry to me - you have to
expect things like that, some
one somewhere is going to be
hungry always during a war.
I'm hoping and praying this
war will end soon - so everyone
can be home again and back
on their feet once more - this
war has to end sometime &
I for one will pray that it is
soon. I'm feeling fine now so
please don't you or Dad do any
worrying about me, I'm in the
best of health - I may be in
Southern France, but one would
never know it, it's so peaceful
here one wouldn't think there's a
war on - I'm sure glad it's nothing
like Anzio. I haven't very much
more to write about now, so
don't expect a very long letter.
Boy I have an awful place here
to write - I haven't even got a box

so excuse the waiting Mom.
How's the weather at home, fine
I bet - it's really swell here -
everything is green - the sun is
hot - in all everything is just
swell. I havn't received any letters
yet because of my moving and
the invasion & etc - we should
get mail soon now - at least a
week or two after the invasion
we should get mail - it will
be swell to get some letters,
I'll let you know about that
in my next letter.

Say hello to everyone for
me - and remember now I
don't want you or Dad to do
any worrying - I'm fine and
everything is going along
just swell. Take care of
everything - this war can't
last much longer and when
it's over I'll be home to
take up where I left off
at - God watch & bless over
all of you always -
Love & kisses Your Loving
Buona Notte XXX - Julie - XXX