

Dearest Mom, Dad & Family I July 16, 1945 Mon.
It looked like rain all day, it did rain
a little but not too hard nor too long,
we didn't play ball today because of
the weather. we had a game with
the 143 inf it started to rain so we
called the game off till a better day. I
guess you know we can fraternize
now - I don't fool with these people
mostly because I can't talk to them
or understand what they are saying
some day I may run into some who
talk a little English - it won't be so
bad then. I went to the show today
and saw a fair picture - it was
kinda funny part of the time. They
have a stage show on tonight but I
didn't go see it - probably go tomorrow
some time. There was no mail
tonight I wasn't expecting any so
I don't really care - I can just about
tell when my mail will be coming.
lot of times I'm wrong though. I have
hope it clears up tomorrow so we
won't have to stay inside any longer
then we want to, this country has
some very lousy weather - it
was pretty cool today too, I know
well folks time to close again
for a night. Buona notte tutti and
God bless all of you always. Love & Kiss
X X X

Not too much to say again today. I'm
on guard today but it didn't get in
my way to play ball - we had a
hard ball game tonight and we won
again 5-3, it was a really sweet
game - we tied the score in the
last inning, then in the next inning
we got the two winning runs - I didn't
play but boy I sure did yell - I can
hardly talk from yelling so much - it
was a peach of a game - beat the
same team twice - they are supposed
to be good because they won 11
straight games - we sure beat them
though. I got a big kick out of the game,
I got a letter and a V-mail today
the letter from Rosalie, the V-mail
from Joan. I won't be able to
answer them tonight because the
lights go out in a half hour - 11:15 PM -
Our B.C. got mad at us last night
so we have to go to bed like good
babys now ha, ha. I may have more to
tell you tomorrow but don't count
on it. It was a cloudy morning but
by noon it was really hot - this
weather changes so much over here that
tomorrow it will probably snow. Well
kiddie I'll close for the second night this week.
God bless all of you. Buona Notte tutti.

July 18, 1945 Wed

It was another swell day but like all the others there was nothing to do, we either do the same thing day in and out or we don't do a damn thing. We had ball practice again this morning and we had a game this evening, we lost 8-4 - it was another good game - the score the last two innings then they started to hit we couldn't hold them so they won.

There was no mail again today but then that's nothing new to us. I didn't go to ~~the~~ the show this afternoon because I wasn't shaved or cleaned up - which we had to be to be able to leave the city. We had some more ice cream with supper tonight, and two bottles of Coca Cola - sure was surprised when we got the pop - the first time in many months - I didn't really miss the pop but it ^{did} taste good. Well folks, I'll close for now and get dressed up. God bless all of you always
Byona Nettie Tutti - Gone & Kisses xxx

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July 19, 1845 - 11

It's been another swell day and I
pretty hot again. I was going to go
swimming but I ended up by going to
town to get a good hair cut and to
see a good picture at the show. I
practiced ball all morning, as usual.
We are going to move again. I'd
say about Sunday we will be on our
way, to where I don't know for sure
yet. I guess they finally found us a
job - it's most likely who knows.
I suppose we'll move into tents
this time. I don't mind that so much
because it's hot now, besides tents
have been our home for a long
time. Our Colonel is leaving for
home tomorrow. I wish I was going
with him. I got Alene's letter today
and I'm sure glad she is feeling fine
and every thing is going along swell
with her. It's going to be tough getting
back into harness again. We have
been having it mighty soft here,
all good things usually come to a
end fast anyway. Buona Notte tutti and
God bless all of you - Love & Affection xxx

July 20, 1945 - Fri.

It rained last night, pretty hard but
 not very long, the ground was wet
 this morning, but not wet enough
 to keep us from practicing baseball,
 we had baseball practice till noon,
 then I back to the city, I went to
 the show in the afternoon - but I
 didn't care a bit for the picture.
 I got two letters today - Dolores & Irene,
 I was going to answer their letters
 tonight but I decided not to because
 I don't feel much like writing and
 I haven't a thing to write about -
 no kidding, I haven't heard a thing
 in a while about moving, but I am sure
 we will move soon - I still don't
 know where, how far or what we
 will do - I don't really care because
 I couldn't do a thing about it if I
 liked it or not, I wish I was home
 now, I really am homesick for you &
 Dad and the rest of the family - I'll
 just have to keep my chin up and
 hope and pray that I will be home
 soon - Buona notte tutti and
 God bless all of you always
 Love & kisses xxx

I've got at least six letters to answer now and have five going to do it. I'm not sure, I haven't very much to write about just have to do my best to guess. I got a letter from a Clara and told me about the house she was buying - it's about time they got a house they can call their own. I'd probably buy a house, I'd buy it first might as well - you only have to pay rent money for the same house you can buy. I did more baseball practice this morning and I'm getting a little better everyday. We were supposed to have a game this afternoon but the game was called off because we were going to move very soon. It's about 120 miles to our new position - we will probably move during the night and probably beyond midnight rather move during the day so I can see the sights and country. I better get started on these letters so they will be answered, so Bruno, Hattie, Lute and Ed bless all of you always.

xxx Love & Hisses xxx

July 22, 1945 - Sun

I've been writing letters for a couple of hours now and I'm tired mostly because I can't think of anything to write - if I had a lot to say writing would be a easy job, but this way it's pretty hard and tiresome. We had no ball practice this morning nor any ballgame this afternoon, so I went to the show, the picture was good and I enjoyed it a lot. We were suppose to move yesterday but something turned up to stop us. I'm sure we will move in a short time - probably tomorrow sometime. They are looking for a place now for us to live in. I sure hope they get one with hot showers, that's about the main thing right now. We will at least be able to keep clean. I thought for sure that once this war was over we would stop moving so much. but so far we have never stayed in one place longer than a month except Anzio - we were there four months - we wanted to move there but we couldn't. ha, ha, I got two letters today - that took only five

day's to get here - pretty fast wasn't it.
 I wrote a letter to all my friends
 before they think I'm mad - and
 something, this will be my last
 letter for tonight - I'm tired of writing.
 How's everything at home? swell I hope.
 I'm feeling fine folks and couldn't be
 in better health, so don't worry
 your pretty heads about me abit.
 I got a letter from Clara but I'm
 waiting for her letter before I answer
 her - she said she would be writing
 a letter soon, and she will I'm
 sure. How's Abene? is she home yet?
 I hope she is and feeling super.
 How's everything at home and
 around home? How's the crops
 coming along? How much land did
 you plow up? Write about any of
 those things, they are all interesting
 to me. Well Mom & Dad I'm going
 to close for now, say hello to all
 for me. Take the best of care of
 yourselves - God bless &
 watch over all of you always - I
 love ya - always & always. I'll be
 writing again soon.
 Love & kisses
 Buaho Nette tuti. x x Julie x x

July 23, 1945 - Mon.
"Germany"

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Dearest Mom, Dad & Family,
we ^{we} moved this morning at 8:30 AM
and got to our new position at 4:00 PM
it was about 120 miles - pretty nice
ride - we are living in another
german school but this time we have
the place all to ourselves - we have
a lot more room here than we
did in the other school - I don't have
any idea how long we will be
here, but by the looks we will
be here for a long time - I doubt it
very much though - well we'll see.

I let a friend use my other pen
and now it's gone - he lost it I guess
that's what I get for letting other
people use my stuff - he almost
lost it before, this time he did.
This is a good pen but it writes
too heavy. The weather is swell - good
and hot. No mail tonight but I don't
really care because I still have some
mail yet to answer. The gang is
having a wild time tonight - I don't
know yet what we are going to do
here, I'll let you know later. I'll say
good night for now folks - Buona
Notte tutti and God bless all of
you always - Love & Hisses - XXXX

July 24, 1945

Another day has come to a end and
 a very nice day at that - pretty hot.
 We walked all over this town ^{from one} end
 to the other end and ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~will~~ ^{will} be turned
 if there's any things to ~~see~~ ^{see} in the
 whole town. I don't know the names of
 this little town we're in but I can
 tell you it's only two miles from
 here to Heidelberg. We have taken
 over this town and part of Heidelberg.
 We just started tonight. We keep the
 people off the streets after 9:30 P.M. & G.I.'s
 off after 10:30 P.M. I don't know just how
 bad it will be but I'll find out
 soon what the job will be like.
 There's nothing in this town to do and
 as yet I haven't been to Heidelberg if
 I go I'll tell you about it. There was
 no mail again tonight but I still
 don't care. I haven't heard from you
 for some time now. Write as
 soon as possible. I'm feeling fine
 except a little homesome for you, Dad
 and the family. I want to see
 all of you. It's been so damn long
 I'm mad. Well someday I'll make it.
 I'm going to bed now. It's 10:30 now.
 I had rifle inspection this morning. I
 passed it - yeah. I'm surprised. Buona Notte
 tutti and God bless all of you. Always

July 25, 1975 - Wed

I just got back from Heidelberg. I had
a swell time. March, Tony and myself
flitting with all the Red Cross girls. The
town is a pretty nice place - we didn't
see the whole town because we
didn't have the time, we're going
back soon so I'll tell you more
later on. We rode the street car into
town and we sure had a lot of
laughs - people really did join into the
cars & laugh that's all I did. These two
kinds of ~~are~~ mine are just as
naughty as myself so we sure had
a time. I'm on guard from three A.M.
till six A.M. - I'm going right to bed
after I finish writing to you - it's
11:00 P.M. so I better get some sleep.

We had mail call this morning
and I got about ten V-mails from
Joan & Nancy - one from Alene & a letter
from Rosalie. I'm glad Alene is
feeling swell - get her home as
soon as you can, I know she
wouldn't like to be there. Bevo's
Nutte tati and had watch and
bless over all of you always
Love & kisses x x x x

July 26, 1945 Thurs

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I'm ready to go right to bed and I
will as soon as I finish writing
to you. I spent the day in
Heidelberg - had a good time - went
went swimming and swam till
four P.M., then we went to the
Red Cross - G.E. Richardson ran right into
his cousin so we sat around
talking for about two hours. We
must of drunk two gallons of
coffee and eat about two doz dough-
nuts. His cousin is coming to see
him in a few days. We had to
walk back to the city, or
most of the way. There was no
mail tonight, I missed a few tonight
but I don't care because I wasn't
hungry. I'm on guard tomorrow for
five hours at 7th Army Hqs - guard
and more guard. These people can
stay on the streets till 10:30 P.M. now.
There are a lot of girls around here
but as yet I haven't found the right
one yet - just give me a little more
time ka, ba, Buona Notte tuti - I'd love
all of you - I'll be writing again
soon so till then good night.
Love & kisses

July 27, 1945 - Fri

I had a full day but what all I did I can't hardly tell. I was on guard from nine o'clock ^{AM} till five o'clock ^{PM} this evening - at five I got back to the city eat chow and took right off for Heidelberg - we almost got to the Red Cross - the P.A.P.'s stoped us because we didn't wear our ties - we got ~~back~~ ^{by} 04 - had a few doughnuts & coffee we came right back to the city after that - its almost 11 P.M. now and time for bed - I hope I'm not on guard tomorrow - but I suppose I will be - well be pulling lots of guard now - they want to keep us busy I guess - and they are. I'm getting tired of this army and I'm sure hoping that I get home soon - I miss all of you very much but there's not a thing I can do about it - they'll have to turn me loose some day - I hope so any way. There was no mail tonight but I don't care because I'm too busy to answer it - as long as I write to you is all that counts. Say hello to all Bruno Nette's folks and God bless all of you always -
 Love & kisses - x x x

July 28, 1945. Sat

I didn't do much today - went into
 Heidelberg for about two hours - we
 had to walk most of the way back
 to the city, I'm all tired out now
 and in an hour I go on guard at
 midnight till three in the morning.
 I'm going to be a trial man by
 the time I get released. It rained
 a little today and most of the
 day it was kinda cool. I was going
 to go swimming but the weather
 changed my mind. There was no
 mail tonight but they say we will
 some tomorrow some time. I hope
 to see Howie's things at home? I hope
 that Aline is home and well.
 I returned my name in again
 for a pass to Italy - maybe this
 time I'll get done. I want to see
 where you and Pop were born.
 We got a bunch of new men today
 and yesterday - 21 altogether - we
 will get more later on but how
 many I don't know. I guess some
 of our boys will be leaving us
 soon - that's tough for them. Brown
 Hottelute & God bless all of you.
 always - Love & kisses x x x

VII July 29, 1945 - Sun

I went to town this afternoon and here's what I did. We went to the show, Preitz & I, & saw "Salome, where she danced," it was a good picture and I enjoyed it very much - we got out of the show about 4:30 P.M. and went to the Red Cross - we had doughnuts and coffee, read the Star & Stripes, fooled around for awhile then left to go for a walk - we weren't going any where special, just walking - while walking we seen signs that said, "This way to Jack Benny's show" well we followed the signs thinking that it was just around the corner, after a half hour of walking we decided we better

take a ride - we got a ride
and glad of it because the
show ~~was~~ was on top of a
mountain - sure glad we
didn't walk - we got there
about 6:30 P.M. and the show
didn't start till 8:30 P.M. - it
was a swell show - Benny
is just like he looks in
his pictures - Ingrid Bergman
is beautiful - she looks like
a big bashful girl - she is
tall but beautiful - I wanted
to see if she was as
beautiful off the screen as
she is on - she is, It was
a good show and I know
every one liked it a lot -
if they didn't it's their
own fault - we got back
to the city about 11: P.M.
lucky we ran into a
"B" city truck otherwise we
would of never got back
to the city before morning,
Joe Preilly & I really enjoyed the
show - Jack Benny's show
is the first movie star's

I've seen since he's been in
the army - they look like
they do in the show - Jack
Benning can keep you laughing
all day long. Martha Tilton
sang some good songs - she
has a wonderful voice &
figure - I forgot my camera
so I didn't get one picture,
boy I was mad - they
were posing for pictures
too - darnit. Well I can say
I did see them anyway.
Well so much for the
show. I'm sure glad a
pal of mine saved my
chow for me - because I
was pretty hungry when
I got back to the stay,
it was a good supper,
chicken and all that goes
with it. It was a swell
day all day long and I'm
glad of it - if it would of
rained the show would
of been called off till later.

How is every thing at home,
Folk's? I hope every thing
is fine and going along
swell. I'm feeling fine and
having a good time, so
don't worry about me. We
got 15 more new men -
altogether we ~~have~~ 31 new
men - we got about 180
men now. I didn't go to
church today because I was
on guard till 3: A.M. so I
slept till 11:30 A.M. when I
finally got in bed, I you
a bad boy, Ma ma - ha, ha,
I glad you got most of
my packages - I haven't sent
any thing else home yet
so you don't have to expect
a thing. I won't be sending
any money home for
awhile - I'll let you know
when I do - I'm spending it
on a good time Mom so
don't worry. Say Hello to
everyone, write soon -
God Bless all of you always.
Take real good care of yourselves
Love & Kisses - Julie x x x x

F July 30, 1945. Mon.
"Germany"

Dearest Mom, Dad & Family,

It's been a swell day
and so I spent most of it
swimming, the water was
swell, a little cool but
swell just the same. G. E.
Richardson and I got back
to chow just in time, I
didn't eat too much though
because I wasn't very
hungry - tonight about 10 P.M.
I'll be good and hungry,
but I'm expecting to so I
soured a sandwich. It's
only 20 to 7 P.M. but I thought
I'd write to you now
because it will be late
by the time I get back in
again - when I do get back
I'm going right to bed - I
go on guard at 7 A.M. till
5: P.M. so I have a long
day ahead of me. We are
not N.P.'s, I thought that
we would be but the
plans were changed - we

are in charge of a small
town and we pull guard
in Heidelberg - that's all
we do which is enough. I
got about five letters tonight,
Alene, Beno, Dorothy Leone. Ed & Ned,
I won't be answering them
right away because I won't
have the time - they will
be answered though - I hope.
Beno is feeling swell - he's
in South America now - it
was a surprise to me
too - but I am glad it's
not the Pacific - I was
wondering why he wasn't
writing - I'm sure glad to
hear from the bum, Alene
said she is feeling fine
and will be able to stay
at home for a day or so -
I'm sure happy to hear
that - I know she'll be
home for good soon.
Well folks, that's all for
tonight - I'm going out and
have a beer - just one too.
Don't work too hard Pop -
How's Mase getting along -
stick around Mase I want
to see you when I get home. Buona
Nite

177 July 31, 1945 - mes

I was on guard all day long - 8 AM till 5 P.M. - it wasn't what I call guard because all I was doing was guarding a door and a hole in a fence - eight hours of that - silly is all it was. One of our other boys is taking that place over now which suits me just fine - we'll have other guard to do, and probably be a lot more. I didn't do much tonight but I sure had my fun last night - you wouldn't believe what I could tell you - when I get home I'll tell you all about it - I won't ever forget it - ha, ha - nothing wrong - it's just about a good time I had. I went over to Maria's house last night and stayed there

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till 10: P.M. - Maria is just
a ten year old girl with
a bunch of young sisters,
she is a very pretty girl,
her whole family is nice
cooking people - I'll take
a picture of her and send
it to you - the pictures I
took of my little girls in
Sicily & Italy never did turn
out - they were very pretty
little girls. I can't speak
German very good so you
can guess how we talk
to each other - our hands
really come in use over
here - ha, ha - gotta use them
to talk with ha, ha. I get
along OK though. I still got
three letters to answer
but I'm so busy that I
can't write - I'll find time
to write soon though. I hope.

There was no mail tonight
and I'm glad of it. The weather
is still very good. I'll close
for now. Talk's so Buona
Natte tutti and God bless all
of you always - Zou & Hissie's xx

August 1, 1945 - Wake

It's a swell day and has
been all day long. I went
to the show this afternoon
and saw a good picture,
for a while I thought
I seen the picture but
I didn't - it was a good
picture. I just got through
eating chow so now that
I have time I thought I
better write to you - I'll be
going out in a short time
and I won't be back till
late, so I'll write now. We
are having mail call now
~~but~~ and I got three letters,
Angie, Mary & Rosalie, I didn't
read them but I will soon,
now I've got four letters to
answer. I just read the
Star & Stripes and it said
that the scare would be
lower in the next two
or three days - I sure hope

it is. The ^{NY} paper also said
that a million more boys
would be home by the end
of the year - if they lower
the score, which I'm sure
they will, I might be
lucky enough to come home.
I miss all of you and
I'm sure hoping that I get
home soon. I was talking
to a Red Cross girl today
that has been overseas about
3 weeks - I just ask her
how the states was - "the
same old way," she said, she
a cute little babe - I'll
talk to her again when I
go to town - maybe. I guess
I'll close for now and
go for a walk - I may
ride into town tonight if
things don't look alive here
in Appleheim. I'm not on
guard tonight so I can
stay out late tonight. Say
hello to all. Buona Notte
tutti & God bless all of you
Love & Hisses - x x x