

June 20, 1943

Dear Mom

How's my best girl, just swell I bet. I sure hope you not worrying about me because everything is swell and I never felt better, I'm in good health and getting plenty of everything so please don't worry about me. I've been getting your letters and Alene & Elaine we have mail call everyday and I always get a letter from someone, yesterday I got a letter from Ben, I'm sure he knows I'm in Africa, I would write to him but I don't know what to say, so I think it's enough if I write to you, Alene & Elaine, because there's not much to write about so there's no sense in writing too many letters, tell Tena when she writes to Ben to say hello for me and that I'll come and see him after the war, we'll have a lot to talk about. I don't know what she to say right now so let's talk about Elaine, she said that one of these days she was going to come over to the house and see you, she said she would like very much to meet you and I wish she would, I'd like to have you two know each other, she's a swell girl, Mom and I like her a lot, maybe it won't turn out into any thing but I still think she's swell and I like her a lot. I've been getting a letter from her everyday and I think it's been swell of her to keep on writing like that, I've been in the army almost seven months and I've been getting a letter from Elaine almost

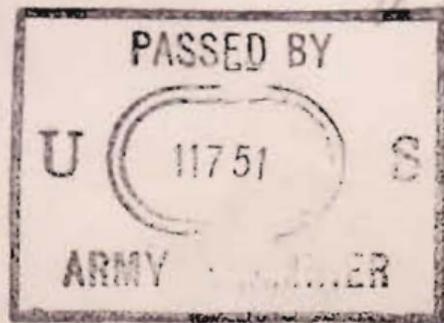
everyday and now that I'm in Africa she writes
to me more often some days I get two or three
letters all written the same day so I guess she's not
tired is yet of writing, I hope she don't stop
writing because I sure would miss her letters, I
get a lot of letters from Ethel, that's Elaine's sister
he's coming over to the home with Elaine, so I guess
you'll meet the both of them, I'm sure you'll like
them too, they're both swell girls. Well Mom so
much for girls. How's Pa getting along I hope he's
not working too hard, tell him to take it easy &
you too, you both have worked enough in your lives
so take it easy for once. Tell Pa not to worry about me
because I'm alright and this life is doing me a lot of
good, it's making a man out of me and I guess it's
about time, but no matter how much of a man
I'm getting to be I'm still the baby of the family
Well Mom tell my sisters & brothers they can write
if they want to but not to expect a letter from me
because there's not a darn thing to say. Say hello to
everyone and Mom for Pete's sake don't you & Pop
worry about me because I'm alright and I'm not
kidding so forget about me and take care of
yourselves. Keep on writing and tell Gene to keep on writing
and I'll write as often as I can. Well Mom tell Pop
to give you a big kiss and you give him one for
me. Love & lots of hugs & kisses from
see you soon xxxxx Prot. Vecelli or Julie 4/14

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