

-I- March 19, 1945
-Mon-

"France"

Dearest Mom, Dad and Family,

This is really Tues- night that I'm writing but I'll start from Mon and tell you what has been happening up to date, Mon - I was suppose to be on duty all day but we were not on duty more than a couple of hours when they called up and gave us march order - just that fast it was, we didn't even hear a rumor about it - well we started tearing everything up - out came the gun, down came the dugout, over went the tent - our bags & beds were tied up on the gun & truck - by noon we were ready to go - what stuff that we were leaving behind a truck ~~was~~ is going to come back after. We had C-ration for dinner, at 1:00 P.M. we were on our way - we moved a good piece - the roads were bad - the towns we went through are all busted up - shelled & bombed - too bad but that's what they asked for and got. 3: P.M. we were in our new position - the gun pits were half way done - they belonged to another outfit that moved some time ago, we dug down about a foot, got the pit in shape then put the gun in - we had no trouble so by 5: P.M. we were in action - our tent didn't come in so we made our beds and went to sleep with the stars for a roof - god it didn't rain - he, he - So ends Mon happenings - Buona Notte tutti - God bless all of you - Love & Hisses -

11 March - 20 - 1945
- TUES -

I slept damn good - I went to bed about 9: P.M. last night and didn't wake up till 7: A.M. this morning - the air was fresh and a little cold but I had plenty of blankets and slept warm - I got up at 7: A.M. and headed for the kitchen - I was on H.P. - so all I did today was wash pots and pans, peel potatoes and eat till I was ready to bust - the only time we really get all we want to eat is when we're on H.P. - I got off H.P. at 6: P.M. and washed, shaved, brushed my teeth - then read my letters - I got lots of letters tonight - Alene, Jugie, Beno, Nancy, Marion, Beve, Elaine - We got plenty of writing to do now - by their letters everyone is feeling fine and in the best of health - I'm always glad to hear news like that. I'm on the gun writing to you. I came down because I wasn't sure if I was on or off duty tonight - I'm off, so as soon as I finish writing I'm going to bed - a full night's sleep - O Boyo by by. The gun is all set up - the tents are up, in fact, we're all settled and ready to move again which I'm sure won't be long from now - I may not be able to write to you every night but we'll do like I'm doing tonight - go back a day or so and write - This position isn't as good as our last one was - we are in the field again - miles away from everyone & place - which is alright with me, less trouble this way - give a man a town when he can buy stuff to

drink and get drunk and your bound to
 have trouble - a good thing never
 last. All the boys are writing tonight,
 we're all pretty happy about getting some
 mail; it's been some time since we
 had mail. it came in Amelia's tonight.
 The weather has been swell except for
 today, it got cloudy and windy and we
 looked like it was going to rain - it
 didn't and I'm sure glad of it. I don't
 know what else to write about but
 some how or the other I'll think of
 enough to finish this page. I don't
 have any idea how many more holes
 we'll have to dig before this lousy
 war is over - I sure hope it's not many
 more - this mess will be over one of
 these days - and I hope it's real soon. I'm
 not going to answer any other tonight but
 I will tomorrow - if we don't move -
 Mom - send me some colored Polo shirts
 these wool shirts make me jump around
 when I wear them next to my skin - send
 some colored one or whatever you can -
 I don't know what size polo shirt I wear, but
 my regular shirts are 15-33 - don't send
 them too big now, don't let it worry you
 if you can't send them but I can do with
 out if I have to. Oh! say, Alene said you were
 sending me a colami - good for you Mom -
 your a peach, Sweet - I'll love for now
 so Buona Natta tutti - God Bless
 & watch over all of you always -
 - Love & Kisses -

March - 21 - 1945

- Weds -

A nice day of Spring and a swell day it was too - a little cool but swell in every other way - it got warmer in the afternoon and was pretty sunny. I was on duty all day, in the morning we cleaned the gun - and I mean cleaned it - we cut a little wood but had to stop long enough to work on the gun - we worked all morning on it so the time went by pretty fast. In the afternoon I cleaned my rifle - took my time on it and did a good job, it was dirty and hadn't been cleaned in some time, finishing that I started reading a book, it was soon time to be relieved by the other crew, when they got here we all went to eat, then the 1st aft wanted to see us, after that I went to the tent where I washed up, when I finished I went to the other tent to talk to some of the boys so the time would pass - at 7:30^{PM} I went back to the tent and to bed, I didn't get any mail tonight but glad I didn't because I don't feel like writing tonight, I get tired of writing every so often and this is one of the times - I've got four other letters to write but the way I feel about writing it will be some time before I do it. I'll love you now & always because I can't think of any thing else to write about, so at tomorrow night I'll be saying, Buona Notte tutti and God bless and watch over all of you always.

x Love & kisses x

March 22, 1945

-Thurs-

It's 20 to 7 P.M. - and I'm on duty till 12 P.M., I was on the midnight shift last night, I didn't sleep because I stayed awake to keep the fire burning and to write some letters - I have two more letters to answer yet and I'm going to do it tonight - maybe at 6:30 A.M. I wake the other crew then we went to chow, after chow I cleaned the latrine up - I was latrine order today - it only took about five minutes - I went right to bed when I got to the tent and didn't get up till noon. In the afternoon I washed and shaved, then all of our crew went down to a big german pill box and took some pictures - Hilbard had a roll of film so we used them up - I hope they turn out alright - don't expect any but if they turn out alright I'll send you some. I didn't get any mail tonight but I don't care because I have plenty of writing yet to do. It was a little cool this morning but in the afternoon it turned out swell - I sure hope this weather stays this way till this lousy mess is over with - which I hope and pray is soon. I'm sweating out another march order - as long as the front moves ahead we'll be moving more often - but as long as we move we know we're getting closer to the end of this war - Pacific. Here we come. It's close for now sweet ♡ - Buona Notte tutti God bless all of you always -

x Love & Hisses x

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March 23, 1945

- Fri -

It sure was a fine day and all day long, a little cool in the morning but it always warms up in the afternoon. I was on duty all day, in the morning we cleaned up the gun and dugout, after that we played catch with gloves & a hard ball, getting tired of that I came inside of the dugout and read a book till chow time - in the afternoon I played more catch, then wrote three U-mail for Hallie, finishing that I read more of my book - about 3: P.M. Long, he on the other crew, brought down a gasoline stove for the dugout - we put it right in and it works swell - no fire to build, no wood to cut or axes to carry out - and the best part of it is that it burns swell - we can all sleep now & not freeze to death. I got four letters this afternoon - Angie, Clara, Dot Lane and Nancy - I'm going to answer a couple of them tonight. Right after I finish writing to you, I'm on the midnight shift and I just came on duty a few minutes ago - time should go by fast with all the writing he got to do - but he probably fell asleep before I answer one of my letters. I thought sure we were moving soon but now it looks like we plan on staying a while - don't care what we do as long as this lousy war ends soon. Well say Buona Notte for now - God bless & watch over all of you always -

Love & kisses

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March 24, 1945

- Sat -

I'm on duty again as you probably have guessed - it's 8: P.M. and I'm on duty till midnight - I went right to bed this morning and didn't get up till noon - before I ^{go} went to bed in the morning I always wind my watch - well at noon when I got up my watch had stopped running, I tried winding it but no go - I guess the spring is busted - it was running when I went to bed but stopped at 8: A.M. I guess in my sleep I layed on it - well anyway it stopped so I'm sending it right home - it's on its way now - have it fixed and sent right back. I sent the two watches home this afternoon - 1st class and registered - it should get there safe and sound and fairly fast - send it back the same way, registered 1st class mail. There was no mail again tonight, the Post office moved. It was another swell day - sure hope it's always as nice. I should write another letter tonight but damned if I feel like it - I guess I'll save it for tomorrow some time. Our gas stove is working fine - it's still kinda cool in the night so we have to have a fire going - it's getting warmer every day so it won't be long before we'll be getting rid of turti and stoves, blankets, our coat - underwear and etc. I'll leave for now Halli, say hello to all. Be good - Buona notte turti and God watch and bless over all of you.

XXX Love & Kisses XXX

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- March - 25 - 1945

- Sun -

- well talkie, another day, letter and week
has come to a end - I'm not on the gun
right now I'm in our tent - I just ~~finish~~
finished washing - I'm writing to you
now because I won't have time to
later on - I'm going to be mighty busy
for the next few days - I can't tell
you what just yet but maybe in
my next letter I can tell you. I've
been on the gun all day and I didn't
do anything but read and play
catch with a hard baseball. There was
no mail for me tonight but
tomorrow is another day so maybe
I'll get some letter's then. It was a
swell day up to this evening, it
got cloudy and I'm afraid it's going
to rain - gals I sure hope not -
boy what I don't want now is rain.
I'm all caught up on my writing
just one letter to a bye which I'll
answer real soon. I hope everyone
and thing is alright at home - write
and tell me all that has happened
lately at home. I'm feeling fine and
in swell health, so please everyone
don't worry about me - For this
week I'll be saying Buono Notten
tuti and God bless and watch
over all of you always - take
real good care of yourselves
always - I'll write again soon
and you at home do the same.
Love & a million kisses xx Julie xxx
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1945
"GERMANY"
- Mon -

Dearest Mom, Dad and Family,
We got march order last night about 6: P.M. - about 10: P.M. we were on our way - at 3: A.M. we started digging our new gun pit - we worked all night and today - it's 6: P.M. now & I'm on duty again - our crew has had about three hours sleep - we sure were tired - the sleep has helped out a lot - the gun pit is just about finished - it rained all morning and we all got wet, in the afternoon it cleared up and turned into a beautiful day - I'm in Germany now but where or what I'm doing I can't say - the way the army's have been pushing it won't be long before this mess is over with - I hope - we'll be doing a lot of moving now - every move counts now - we're getting that much closer to the end of this war - it took a long time to reach Germany and now that we're here we'll finish up this country and their supermen. Don't worry about me because I'm in Germany - I was bound to get here sooner or later - we got a pretty nice position - big open field. The gun pit was easy digging because most of it was sand. The digging was easy but about four A.M. I got so sleepy that

every this time I sat down to rest
 I fell asleep - I was like that till
 after I had chow - the walk to the
 kitchen and the two cups of coffee
 really wake me up - I came back
 from chow wide awake and ready
 for work - I layed sand bags for
 awhile, then four of us put our
 tents up - we were already wet
 but we wanted to get our stuff
 under cover - In all folks we've
 got another home for awhile - I don't
 believe we'll be here very long,
 I hope we move so fast we don't
 have to take our gun out of march
 order. I didn't get any mail tonight
 but tomorrow is another day -
 our gas stove really came in handy
 today - that stove sure does throw
 heat - all we want and when we
 want it - I sure would like to
 be in bed right now - I bet I
 could sleep two days and not
 move a leg while doing it. I'm
 going to try and get some sleep here
 in the dugout - I don't know how
 things will work out trying to sleep
 because there's no place to lay
 down. I'll close for now everyone
 by saying Buona Notte tutti and
 God watch and bless all of
 you always - I may have more
 to write tomorrow - who knows

- Love & Kisses -

March 27, 1945

- TUES -

I'm on duty again and this time it's the midnight shift - I just came on but I'm writing right away because I've got more letters to write and I want to write them all tonight to have out of the way. I was on duty all day and since it rained most of the day I did nothing more than sit around reading a book. In the afternoon we found some boards so we're trying to make a shack that we can carry with us whenever we move - it would save us loads of work. As soon as I got off duty I washed my face, brushed my teeth and then went right to bed - I woke up a couple of times but other than that I slept pretty good. I got two letters tonight, one from Rosalie and the other from our marion - I'm going to answer them tonight unless I get tired of writing.

The raining season has started by the looks of the last few days, it rained off and on all day today, tomorrow will probably be the same - of course it has to rain but I wish it would hold off for awhile yet. I'm still in Germany but wouldn't know it by the looks of things - don't see any people around which is O.K. with us - we don't want nothing to do with these Jerry's - Buona Notte tutti and God bless all of you always -

Love & kisses -

March 28, 1945

-Wed-
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I was off duty all day because of I was on the midnight shift - I was pretty tired when I got off this morning so I went right to bed - I got up at noon to eat chow and to relieve the other boys - In the afternoon I washed and shaved then walked around for awhile wasting a little time - about 2:30 P.M. I heated some water and took a good bath - sure felt good - it's the first bath I've had since we moved. I'm on Btry guard tonight and I go on guard about 10:30 P.M. and pull three hours - going to be kinda lonesome out there by myself. There was no mail tonight so I won't be doing any writing - I answered all my letters last night so I'm free tonight - It was a cloudy day and most of the time it looked like it was going to rain - about 5: P.M. it cleared up a little and the sun came out, didn't last long though. I'll close now because I've got to find the cpl of the guard to find out what's what. Mom, let me know when my watchies get there - I sure hope they don't get lost because I think a lot of these watchies - have them fixed up good - I'll close now by saying Buona Notte tutti and may God watch and bless over all of you always - Be back tomorrow

XXX Love & Hisses XXX

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- There -

I was on duty guard last night so all day today I was off from duty - I didn't get up till 11:30 A.M. so I didn't have any sleep - in the afternoon I wrote a letter to Alene other than that I did nothing else. It's been raining off and on all day - it's raining right now - not hard just a slow steady rain - the kind that lasts for days. I got through washing and I feel pretty good. It's been kinda cool all day, we don't have a stove in our tent so I stayed in the other tent most of the day - they have a gas stove. I stayed in bed so long today I got up with a headache - I had it till chow time ~~time~~. There was no mail tonight so I won't have any letters to answer tonight - am I glad - at times I get good and sick of writing letters - there's never very much to say - if I didn't write a day by day letter to you I don't if you would hear from me once a month back, I'd probably write every day - I don't want my Mom and Dad worrying about me - he, he, he. Tomorrow is Good Friday - I'm not sure of going to church but I'll tell you about that tomorrow - I'll love you far now Mom so till tomorrow night I'll say Buona Notte tuti and God bless all of you always -

XX Love & Hisses XXX

We got march order this morning but we didn't leave till dark - we put our gun in march order, tore up our dugout, rolled up our beds - got all ready to move by 2: P.M. - it was about 7: P.M. by the time we really took off.

This is really Sat but I'm writing but I didn't have time yesterday to write so I'm making up for it now. We rode most of the night and when we got to our new position it was early in the morning, we set the guns up and went right to bed - I'm sure glad it didn't rain because we all slept out in the open - it's nice sleeping like that if it's not raining. I didn't go to church today because of march order - I don't believe I'll be going to church very often now, first because we're in Germany and second because we'll probably be moving so much we won't get to the time to go - this war will have to end soon and when it does we'll have plenty of time to go to church - who knows we may go before it's over. I got about four letters today but don't ask me when I'm going to answer any of them - well when I'll close this night's happening and go on the next page and tell you about Sat - Be good and take good care of yourselves - God bless all of you.

Love & kisses

It was about 3:15 A.M. when we went to bed last night and it was 6:15 A.M. when we got up for chow - we were tired but had to get up and start to work on the gun pit - we started to work right after chow - we worked pretty hard because we had a good deep hole and the gun in it by dinner, after dinner we put the finishing touches on the dugout and gun pit - four of us put up our tents - the tents are all busted up and the wind was really blowing but we got the suckers up - one that fell down but we just had to put it back up again - we were all finished by supper with the largest part of our work and were we glad - we were all filthy - I haven't shaved in four days - look kinda rough & tough but don't let that fool you because I'm really a good little fagg, we washed as soon as we got off the gun and then went right to bed - we got up at midnight to come on duty - I'm on the midnight shift tonight - I found four more letters and your package waiting for me - that's a million Mom - the fruit cake we went fast because we're all hungry - the rest will be used tomorrow night - I got a box of sanders from Almie day before yesterday thank's a million for every thing - I sure needed the paper - I've got pretty now - well Mom I'll see you tomorrow till then Buona Notte and God bless all of you

X X Love & Kisses X X X

April 1, 1945

- Sun -

Easter Sunday - I was on the midnight shift last night and about 3:30 A.M. I fell asleep - about 6: A.M. we had a red alert so I had to get up - 6:30 A.M. we had chow then I was off duty - I was going to go to bed but didn't because I wanted to go to church - well I stayed up all morning and took a bath, shaved washed some clothes - 12:30 P.M. we got payed in marks - at 1:30 P.M. we took off to church - it was about 2:30 by the time we found the church but the chaplain had moved on - the next Mass would be at 5: P.M. - we got back to the Bty. 15 to 3 P.M. and at 3: P.M. I was sound asleep - at 4: P.M. I got up to go to chow - now I'm on duty till midnight - he got plenty to do tonight - plenty of letters to answer and guard to pull - we have a armed guard walking around the guns during the night - we don't trust these Germans. There was no mail tonight but that's all right with me. I hope you liked my flower's Mom, wish I could do more for you - I will when I get home. It was a nice day today, a little cool and windy but otherwise O.K. This letter ends another week and also a month - I'll be starting a new letter with the same old stuff. Say hello to everyone for me - take good care of yourself and tell Pap to do the same - don't work too hard ever - send me those pictures as soon as you can Mom, I try and have some pictures taken to send to you but don't count on it - I'll close for now - Talk's - Buona Notte tutti and God bless all of you always -
I love's ya Love & Hisses XXX Julie XXX
Mommy & Daddy XXX