



UNITED STATES ARMY

OCT-2-1944

- MON -

FRANCE

Dearest Mom & Dad,

I'm starting another letter - it's a new week and so starts a new letter with the happenings of the day as the week rolls by. It was cold last night, my feet were so darn cold I couldn't sleep - as soon as it got light outside I got up with the rest of the crew got a fire burning to get warmed up - the fire sure did feel good. At seven o'clock I eat chow - pretty good too - hot pancakes, coffee, jelly & etc. after chow we started to work on our tent - after the inspection yesterday all of our pup tents have to be dug in - I don't care because it's much warmer dug in. Our tent is all done so here I am writing you a letter. I'll let you know tomorrow night if I sleep any warmer tonight - my bunkmate and I dug a hole about four ft deep and about six ft long - we got our shelter halves over us for a roof. I believe it will work out o.k. - we'll see -

It took us some time to fix our little dugout to suit us but we're done now and it looks swell. Our little girl was here and she had her sister with her - we talked and joked, swell girls - may go to her home tomorrow night - doubt it though - it's dark now and it's only 10:00 <sup>P.M.</sup> - I go on gun guard at 8:00 P.M. - so I better close

for now - I'll be back tomorrow  
Buono Natta & sleep tight - Love -

OCT 3 - 1944 - TUES -

It was a pretty nice day, all day long  
for a change. I washed some clothes,  
finished that in time to have my  
teeth inspected - for now the doc said  
they were allright. We had a air raid  
by two German airplanes - didn't get a  
chance to fire at them - one of these  
times we'll knock their tails off.

Our gun crew played another game  
of ball, and wooo - we played the  
machine guns - the score was 7-4.

I was suppose to see a show  
tonight, but luck wasn't with us. The  
first show was full, the other was  
15 miles away - well we started out,  
first our truck tried to go through a  
alley or street that was just a little too  
small with houses on both sides, well  
we got jammed, a half hour or more it  
took to back all the way out, we  
finally got on the road again and  
headed ~~for~~ for the show - you guessed  
it Mom, we took the wrong road. ~~11/11/44~~

We started for a show at 6:30 P.M.,  
from 6:30 to 8:30 we rode around, we  
finally got back to the city but didn't  
see a show - some luck - their  
will be other days to see a show  
and I might get to go again - you  
see we pick cards - the highest card  
wins - I had my chance even if I  
didn't see a show - I'll just have  
to pick the winning card again,  
wish me luck - sweetheart

Our little dugout is getting along  
sweet - we have all kinds of roach



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it's darn nice now - I sleep pretty warm, have room to sit up, plenty of room to write letters - it's really nice, just like having a home of our own - four

foot deep and six foot long - just right. This dugout isn't as deep as the one I had at Anzio, I could just about stand up in it, for a roof I had logs, sand bags, dirt & what not - regular old fort.

Mom send me some tooth paste, "Colgate" heavy stockings, heavy sweater, a good warm pair of gloves - and of course you can send me something to eat anytime - peanuts - cake, candy or any old thing you feel like sending.

We didn't get any mail yet and don't know when we will - soon I hope - expect to get payed this month, don't need any money because there's no place to spend it, we'll spend my money when I get home, save it for that rainy day - speaking of rain it rains here all the time, one minute the sun's out the next it's raining - good old duck weather. Well

Mom that's enough for tonight I'll be back tomorrow night, till then love & kisses by the bushels - Buona Notte.  
Oct. 4 - 1944 - WED -

It started raining at 1:15 A.M. this morning and stopped at 6:30 A.M., after that it rained off and on all day long - couldn't do much except stay in our tents and play cards or write letters - it turned out pretty good towards night - we sat around the fire frying potatoes - darn

good they were too - I just got through  
frying and eating some a few minutes  
ago. I'm on H.P. tomorrow I hope they  
have something good to eat and  
pretty of it - since I'm on H.P. I'll be able  
to eat all I want - maybe. No mail again  
tonight, wish it would come in soon.  
My tent leaked a little this morning  
but not enough to bother me - my  
jacket got wet, I had it over my feet  
to keep them warm - lucky I did other-  
wise my blankets would of got all wet.

Some fellows got to go to show  
tonight, I picked the lowest card and  
lost - darn it - oh well they will be  
other days. Our little girl Luep was here  
with us again today - very pretty little  
kid & quiet - has a nice older sister too.

I'm not on guard guard tonight so I  
should get a full night sleep - I hope  
it's not raining again tomorrow  
because I'm on H.P. and I hate to do  
H.P. in the rain - fussy with that.

I'm going to bed now good night and  
sleep tight - God bless all of you

Oct-5-1944 - Thyrs -

Hi! - what a day - I've been on H.P.  
all day today and ~~had~~ been busy all the  
time. I got up at 7:00 A.M. eat chow, worked  
on H.P. till dark, 7:30 P.M. We had mail call  
today and I got 11 letters - now I have  
all kinds of writing to do, I'm in no  
rush to answer them - I get so tired of  
answering letters that I would just stop  
writing. I read all my mail and it  
was very interesting. I guess I'll be able  
to answer them all right - just got to  
try that's all - I'll close for now. Write  
back later - I'm tired and going to bed -  
Buono notte and sleep tight - Love

OCT-6-1944-



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-FRANCE-

Good evening Mom and Dad, alone, I just  
got back from the show. The army has  
taken over a couple of shows in town  
for the soldiers. Went to one show at 6:30,  
saw Benny Goodman in Sweet Louisiana,  
pretty good picture - the picture ended  
at 7:30, just in time for us to walk a  
few blocks to another show and see  
another picture, it wasn't very good so  
went to it won't ever see a good  
picture till I get home. The second show  
was out at 10:00 P.M., we waited for our  
truck till 10:30 P.M. and finally had to  
walk back to the strip - lucky it wasn't  
far, it's 11:00 P.M. now and as soon as  
I finish writing I'm going to bed. I  
didn't do much today - got up the same  
time - had pancakes for show - fresh  
meat for dinner - chris time we  
had fresh meat since we in France,  
may get more someday - I hope so.  
I took a good bath today in a nice  
warm tent - feel pretty good. Some of the  
guys took a bath out the gun - two  
of them were taking a bath when two  
girls walked to the gun pit and saw  
the two fellows in natching but their  
birthday suit, one of the girls ran away,  
the other just laughed her head off, we  
laughed too because we didn't know  
the boys - poor girls - HAH - I answered  
two letters today and still have 9 to go,  
I got 11 letters - and all from different people,  
how I'm going to answer them all  
when I haven't anything to say is  
beyond me - do my best I guess.

I've got to get <sup>up</sup> pretty early this morning to go out on the gun, so I better get some sleep which I'm going to need. It didn't rain today, why I don't know - it usually rains every day around here, and it wasn't as cold as it has been - wish it was summer again - wouldn't mind winter so much if I was home where I had a good warm house to get warm whenever I was cold, here if you get cold you stay cold and that's that. Our little girl Lucy, was here again today, she comes often and regular, she just sits and watch's us - we give her candy and stuff to eat - swell little girl - we all like her - she is Sam<sup>#3</sup>'s little girlfriend. Well Mom I better close for now and get some sleep, so till tomorrow night sleep tight with Dad watching over all of you always - Love & Tiskie's everybody -  
OCT-7-1944 - SAT

I was up most of the night last night doing a little shelling, was four o'clock by the time I got to bed. Our show was one hour late this morning, because the guard forgot to wake up the cooks, we didn't care because we got just that much more sleep, which I'm sure we all needed. After show we cleaned our guns and got everything ready for a inspection we didn't get a miss.

It sure was a beautiful day - sun was out all day which made everything nice and warm - sure was a swell day - wish the weather would stay like today for a few more months, I'm sure if it did this war would soon be over - I hate to think of those poor front line soldier's fighting in cold weather - I hear it really does get cold around here - Brrrrrrr -

Just got back from the show - in fact two shows - Both of the pictures were swell and I enjoyed them very much. The day is Sunday and of course I started it out by going to church, a different church this time in a small town about nine miles from the city - very nice place, probably will go to Mass there every Sunday. We were suppose to have a big inspection today but for some reason no one showed up, we sure didn't miss them - a few General's - boys

Being Sunday, and the people having nothing to do during this day, it seemed like the whole town was in our battery - they like to walk around and see what they can - and they sure do try to see everything - they got their nose in everything. One young girl got killed by a air plane today - now all the people have to stay away. We had a girl fall by our gun and hurt her knee, I told you about this girl - she is Lucy's sister - Lucy is the little girl that comes to see us every day - swell kid. I'm on duty guard today - my next shift is at two in the morning - two hours on and four hours off. I didn't get any mail tonight but I don't care because I have plenty of writing to do - get - I want more mail but only after I'm caught up on my writing. Well Mom & Dad this ends another week and letter - hope it was half way interesting - I am doing my best. How is everyone at home? Who took the first bath? #\*#\*. Write and tell me every thing that has happened. Say Mom send me a very warm scarf - it gets cold up around here and I'm sure I'll be needing one - send all the stuff I ask for if you can - if I need more I'll ask for it. Say hello to everyone for me - may God watch and bless over all of you always - Good night everyone, sleep tight - I'll try and send some pictures soon. I'm going to bed, it's now 10 to 11 o'clock, Be back tomorrow night - Love & Kisses - Julie's Sending home a \$100, let me know when you get it. x x x

Oct 15 - 1944 - 000  
Just got back from the show - in fact two shows - Both of the pictures were swell and I enjoyed them very much. The day is Sunday and of course I started it out by going to church, a different church this time in a small town about nine miles from the Stuy - very nice place, probably will go to Mass there every Sunday. We were suppose to have a big inspection today but for some reason no one showed up, we sure didn't miss them - a few Generals - boys.  
Being Sunday, and the people having nothing to do during this damp, it seemed like the whole town was in our battery - they like to walk around and see what they can - and they sure do try to see everything - they got their nose in everything. One young girl got killed by a air plane today - now all the people have to stay away. We had a girl fall by our gun and hurt her knee. I told you about this girl - she is Lucy's sister - Lucy is the little girl that comes to see us every day - swell kid. I'm on Stuy guard today - my next shift is at two in the morning - two hours on and four hours off. I didn't get any mail tonight but I don't care because I have plenty of writing to do yet - I want more mail but only after I'm caught up on my writing. Well Mom & Dad this ends another week and letter - hope it was half way interesting - I am doing my best. How is everyone at home? Who took the first bath? H.A.H.A. Write and tell me everything that has happened. Say Mom send me a very warm scarf - it gets cold up around here and I'm sure I'll be needing one - send all the stuff I ask for if you can - if I need more I'll ask for it. Say hello to everyone for me - may God watch and bless over all of you always - Good night everyone, sleep tight - I'll try and send some pictures soon. I'm going to bed, it's now 10 to 11 o'clock. Be back tomorrow night - Love & Kisses - Julie  
Sending home a \$100, let me know when you get it. H.A.H.A.



I Oct-16-1944  
"Somebody"  
in  
"France"  
-mom-



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Dearest ~~Mom~~ & Dad-sis,

Boy- what a day and night this is, it's been raining all day- it's 8:30 P.M. now and raining cats & dogs, my pup tent is leaking all over the place, Boy what a night this is going to be- there's no sign of the rain stopping, I'm afraid it's going to pour all night long. It rained last night and all day today and most likely will rain all tonight- my little old tent is full of water and my roof is leaking, I want my Mama & Daddy- HAAA- let it rain, as if I could stop it. I've never known it to rain this much at home, maybe it was because I lived in a house and didn't notice it- my tent has been doing O.K., but the darn thing can't keep the rain out forever- maybe it will stop raining and start snowing, rather have snow than this rain- if you ask me I'd rather be home in our swell, beautiful, wonderful house- HAAA- the life of a soldier overseas, foxy. I didn't get to sleep last night till 4 o'clock, once I got to sleep I didn't get up till noon, in time for chow- swell chow too, we had fried chicken- Boy, o' Boy. In the afternoon I wrote a couple of letters, by the time I finished writing it was time for chow. I hope you like the pictures I sent home Mom, their not very good so as soon as I can take better ones I'll send them to you. I didn't get any mail tonight, I'm not worried because I'm sure to get some soon. - mail has a time

getting here - I may have some waiting  
for me in the morning - I hope so.  
I answered Mary's letter, it's been a long  
time since I heard from her. she was  
afraid I would laugh at her writing - heck,  
who does she think I am - I don't care  
how she writes or spells, I just like to  
hear from her & the rest of the family - I'm  
not such a good writer that I can laugh  
at other people's writing - I do the best I can  
and if they don't like it I'll just stop writing,  
I don't think I'm any better than the next guy,  
and I sure don't try and act it. I wish it  
would stop raining before I float away.

I'm going to close for tonight Folke, be  
back tomorrow night with the latest dope  
till then sleep tight - Buona Notte tutti

OCT-17-1944 - TUES -

It stopped raining this morning, sure glad  
it did because if it rained some more  
I would of had a swimming pool not a pup  
tent - tent sure did leak. I got up this  
morning eat chow and as soon as we  
were through eating we put up our  
new shelter halves - sure hope they don't  
leak, I even got a stone now - make out  
of a gallon can - don't throw much heat  
but it does keep out the chill - maybe  
tomorrow I'll make a bigger stone some  
thing that will keep my butt hot & dry.  
I didn't do much of anything else - I just  
worked on my tent all day long - it's  
done now but how good it will be work  
is yet to be found. It's getting dark now  
and sure does look like rain - man  
what a place. No mail again tonight,  
I'd like to go to show tomorrow night  
it's not my turn, so I'll just go to  
bed where all good boys should be  
when it's dark I should write one more  
letter before I retire - but poeey with  
it - I'm going to bed - Buona Notte



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III OCT-18-1944  
what a day it has been,  
talk about rain, that's all it  
was doing all day long, and  
I mean from morning till  
dark, and it's still raining  
all side now - man I bet

the winter around here is lousy, I ~~think~~  
kind of think snow is better than this  
rain any way - when it rains we get  
wet & cold. I threw out my small stove,  
the damn thing just wouldn't work, I've  
got a good one now, got all wet putting  
it in the tent during the rain, it was  
worth the trouble because right now  
it's red hot and ready to drive me out  
side in the rain, it's either too hot or  
too cold - but at least the damn stove works.

I can tell in one line everything I did  
today besides fixing the stove and that was  
nothing but trying to keep dry and to get  
dried - say sweetheart know anyone who  
wants to be a soldier? H A H A. We had pork  
chops for dinner today and they sure were  
good - I would of made a pig of myself,  
but they wouldn't give me more than one  
good piece - rationed - fosey. My old tent is  
pretty warm now, hope it stays like this  
always, I sure do feel sorry for those boys  
on the front line's - we have it tough at  
times, but those poor guys really have it  
tough & how. I didn't feel much like writing  
in the afternoon so a few letters of mine  
are still waiting to be answered - think  
maybe I'll do it tonight. I was going to have  
more pictures developed, but you know  
how often we move - I sure don't want to  
lose the pictures so I better hang onto them  
till we hit a town where I'm sure of  
getting them back, I hope you like the  
pictures I sent to you, I'll try to send

better ones later on. You know its been  
sometime since he heard from Ben, wonder  
what's up, I usually hear from him pretty  
often. I was thinking about him this  
morning, the dope better write, I better  
write tomorrow and find out what's up.

Here I am wrapped up on the bed with  
my box on my lap writing this letter,  
in the corner of my writing box he got a  
undle which is ready to fall over, now  
my leg is going to sleep - gotta move,  
their, that's a lot better. How's everyone  
& thing at home? Angie said in her letter  
they were all coming down to try out  
are new bathroom - H H H A - I bet you wear  
it out before I get home. I hope Nicoletta's  
enjoyed their vacation at our house, I got a  
letter from Alene and Angie M. telling me  
about her parents visiting you & Dad, hope  
they had a good time - which they did I'm  
sure. Our Angie said our fruit trees are  
loaded down this year - can everything  
you ~~have~~ - because I'll eat it all & fast.  
Well Mom & Dad this is goodnight he back  
tomorrow night to tell the happening of the day.  
Buona Notte tutti - OCT-19-1944 - THURS -

It was still raining this morning  
but it didn't last all day this time.  
My bunkmate and I stayed in bed this  
morning til dinner time, got up for  
chow, eat and came back to the tent  
cut some wood started a fire and  
stayed in the tent til supper time its  
wasnt raining steady but even so it  
was a pretty lousy day. I got three V-mail  
tonight, two from Alene and one from  
a girl in Detroit maybe Alene knows  
her - Maryetta P. Boy my old stove sure  
worked fine today - kept the tent warm  
all the time - or rather as long as we ~~had~~



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ced it wood. we sure will have to cut more in the morning if we want a fire - if this kind of weather keeps up we'll sure want

a fire. we were playing cards for awhile, while we were playing up papa's a red alert, we had three of them, on the third alert we fired at the house and chased the bum home where he belong, or did belong. It's 11:00 P.M. now, just got off the alert and started a fire to warm my feet, two other guys are doing the same thing - kind of cold round here with so much water around. I believe if it was this cold at home it would snow. One of my candles has just burned itself out, I have other's so one candle won't stop me from writing. I answered Angie's letter last night but forgot to mail it, I'll have it on it's way tomorrow.

Alene said in her letter that you like my day by day letter, I'm glad to hear it. It's pretty hard to think of something to write, but doing it by the day makes it a lot easier. I'm ready to go to bed now - I ~~covered~~ covered about everything that has happened today - yesterday for dinner we had pork chops, potatoes and tons of rain - today we had homburg, potatoes, coffee and no rain - It really does love to rain, and when it rains we get all wet - just like duck's well Folks time to say goodnight I'm tired and wanta go to sleep Buona notte tuti - Love & kisses.

Hi! Folks, it sure was a swell day today- the sun came out in the morning and stayed out all day long. It was too nice a day to stay in the strip so I got a pass and went to town, but I'll get to that later on.

I was up almost all night last night, wasn't doing much, got to bed about 3:00 AM and didn't get up till chow time at 12: noon, had a fairly good chew. I took my blankets outside to air out in the afternoon, couldn't let old Mr sun go to waste, I washed up, shaved, got dressed and went to town.

Sat to town about 3:30 P.M., bought some good sweet pears and eat them as we looked around. I got a haircut, which looks and smells alright, he put some junk on my hair that made the fellows in the show put their fingers to their nose. I sure did need a haircut, guys were telling me to find a tree to live in, my buddies always joking- the fellows are H.

After the haircut and stinks we took off for the show first we bought some big red apples, which we eat on the way to the show. My pal and I got to the show a 5:30 P.M. and waited till 6:00 P.M. for the place to open up, once inside we saw a pretty good picture "Secret Command" the picture ended at 7:30 P.M., and since there wasn't anything else to do we started the walk back to camp- man, it sure seemed a long way to the strip even if it did take only a half hour to get there. We sure were hungry when we got back to camp, we didn't have any supper outside of a few pears and apples, so we eat up everything we had, some jam, beer, meat, nothing but plain old H. ration- good only when your hungry- We eat this little supper



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in my buddies tent when we  
where through eating I went to  
my tent built a fire and  
started this letter. I found four  
letters on my bed when I came  
in, one from you, Clara, Nancy  
and Carmen. Mom I love your letters, I can  
read them easy so don't worry about that,  
I really do like your letters sweetheart, you  
really are doing swell, just keep up the  
great work. Boy Mom how's my Pop doing  
with his hunting, I bet he didn't get a thing,  
just wait till I get home, you'll get all the  
rabbits you want & more. I should go to  
bed now but I ate so much I don't think  
I could sleep. Mom, I don't expect to be home  
this year, a lot of people think we will  
be but they are pretty wrong - don't have  
any idea when we'll get home, we sure do  
hope it's soon, man o' mine I want to see  
my family some time - it's two years now  
for petes sake - well the darn thing has  
got to end some day. Well everyone I am  
closing now for the night, be back again  
soon - I loves ya all very much - me too)

OCT-21-1944 - Sat

Right after I stoped writing last night it  
started to rain, it rained all night long  
and stoped in the morning about 8:00 AM.  
I got up for chow this morning, guess I  
was hungry, huh Ma? when your hungry  
you'll eat anything or anytime. Remember  
what Pa would say when I wouldn't eat  
everything he did "what's good enough for  
me is good enough for you"; he also  
use to say if I ever got hungry enough I  
would eat anything I could find and  
be thankful I got it - how right Pop  
was - from now on your the cook  
Mom, and what's good enough for Pop