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Dear Mom:

This is part of the stationery Lad sent me on my request. Oftentimes when I need things in a hurry, I usually write Lad for it as I know it would get me fastest. He said that Bobby received Peter's letter. He said that he had to look in the dictionary for some of the words that Peter used.

Got your letter yesterday written in long hand. Now that the war is over, Honolulu should have a long headache from the celebration - and peace must seem wonderful. As the war has ended, I am getting more and more homesick everyday - and my thoughts daily turns towards you and the children. It will be a grand day when we all come home.

Haven't been doing much lately but work and work - since Ch Yamada isn't here, I have been traveling to Florence one or twice a week some seventy five miles away. Our regiment is so spread apart - it will take me two weeks to visit all of them - so have rather busy. Today I plan to go to the Regiment to see the Colonel and ask his permission to go to Palestine on Sat. - on the regular chaplains trips. I plan to be in Palestine for a week or so - it would be a grand chance for me to see the Holy Land although I thought I was through with traveling since the Athens jaunt.

Just when we are to come home I don't know. I have 92 points now with that additional five points that is mine with the medal I received or am going to receive when the ceremony is on. However, Chaplains are on the essential list it seems and I really want to go home. The rumor was at first that we were slated to go home in February - then another came along that we are slated to go home in October - then March - then November. Thus you can see how much we know about it. I am hoping that the WD will send us home before the relocation camps close in asmuch as that will effect a lot of our boys. Its tough for them and I would like to see them have a chance to go home.

My work is harder now as most of the boys here are very new and have not seen combat - Combat sobers a man down quite a bit while these newcomers - are hard to keep in line. At least that is my impression.

The Malenottis are here in Via Reggia not very far from our camp so I get to see them quite often. Its more or less a summer resort and the Malenottis have a summer home up there - thus I get a place to visit on my off hours which isn't very often. The little child Franco is the cutest little feller and I spend most of the time carrying him around wishing that he was Jane. Don't say this to Peter - he won't like it I guess having me carry some other child around.



speaking of Peter - he must be a pretty big boy by now. He must be happy too to have the war over with - and perhaps with the end of the war, theywon't press for that Pearl City house as they used to. Soon normalcy will return I hope.

Take good care of yourself mom - and I will be home soon - let us hope before Christmas.

Love to the kids -

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Dad