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Dear Mom:

Still in this area fighting what they call the "Champagne Campaign" although it isn't really what it sounds like. Men get wounded and die here just the same. Just held funeral services for two of our men in this shalled village among the broken down frames of what used to be dwellings. One of the men I knew pretty well as I was just talking to him on his position a few days back when I visited his group. Thus goes war - one never knows just who is next.

Yes I did get the bars sent over by Lt. Albert - if you can get a few more, please send them over as I am running out of bars - have given a few away to other officers who were promoted and needed them much more than I did. I don't like to send over to Hank for them as they cost too much in civilian stores.

I am rather worried about the housing situation there - are you planning to move? Where will you go? Hope you won't have to move until I come home - I wrote to Shigeo Yoshida about it and asked him to do his best for you. Shigeo and I have been corresponding for quite a while - and know that he will do his best for you.

Yes, I did receive a lot of Christmas parcels - all of them had soap in it and a few towels and toilet articles. I am stocked up with enough soap to last me for the duration - guess, that is about all a person can send for a Christmas present overseas.

Peter's letter was quite well written. I keep trying to picture Peter as he is now. No doubt he is much more mature than he used to be and he won't be sitting around his dad like he used to - guess, I will miss that quite a bit but maybe Jane will make up for those lost years. My birthday will be rolling around in the next few weeks - I will be 38 years old and the oldest officer in the battalion including the commander.

I sent you the three brands of perfume the other day - Hope you like it. I don't remember you using any although come to think of it - you used to dash a drop or two behind your ears. The Habanita is supposed to be pretty good and rates with Chanel 5 around here. They told me at the factory that it took a ton of roses to make an ounce of perfume bases - so you can guess what the process is.



Its warmer today that it has ever been for the last few weeks - and I have been running around today without a jacket although with a sweater and winter underwear. I hope it does mean that warm weather is coming around - however, with warmer weather they will probably send us to the big fight again. Being Hawaiians - they realize we can't take the cold. against

Your new allotment will be this month - Just save what you can every month so we can travel sometime in the future. I want to take you through Italy and France to visit every village we went through - every barn I slept in and every ditch I crouched in. It would be fun -

So Jane will be over a year by now. She ought to be walking and once she starts doing that - your troubles will begin. When you take her out for a car ride - be very careful about the car door. Now that you won't have me around to hold her or drive the car.

Every body writes and tells me how cute Jane is - I would like to see her.

My ankle is behaving better and better although I haven't tested her out on a long hike as yet. Tomorrow I am going out to one of the outposts on a mountain crag - and we'll see how my legs behave.

Friday I go out to visit the boys in the hospital and also to Grasse to buy some perfume for some of the officers - and perhaps a bottle for Mrs. Husted - I know she will appreciate them.

Hope Peter got the helmet I sent him - the French and the Italian ones - and also the Jerry cap.

Take good care of yourself - don't worry about me -

love

Dad