

AIR MAIL

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Dear Mom:

Am back into camp again after a ten day trip into France and the old battlefields. The Col sent me to visit all the graves of our men buried there in the cemeteries. Started out Monday morning on the 1st as I wrote to you from Brescia here just a few miles away from Milan. Passed through Milan, through Genoa then swung west towards Nice. The whole Riviera coast was so beautiful although probably the gaiety and the people that used to go there were conspicuous by their absence. Nevertheless it was a beautiful drive. We ate at restaurants on the way - some good some bad - mostly bad although the prices were atrocious. We stopped that night at Nice - slept overnight and left next day for Epinal via Aix, and Grenoble. Grenoble is a beautiful little French town, very modern and very clean - in fact France as a whole is very clean. The trees were in bloom and everything seemed so calm - then from Grenoble we went through Voiron, Chirens, Les Abresches Bourg where we slept for the night. Then next day went on to Epinal. I visited the doctor family I knew there and had dinner with them - and after dinner drove through all the old battlefields. Drove to Epinal through the towns of Bourg, Poligny, Besancon, Vesoul, Luxeuil, Plombieres. I spent a day visiting the graves and remembering just who were buried there so that in case I do go home, I can answer the many questions that the families will probably ask me. Then on the way back I took a different route as I heard that Capt. Sullivan was around in Dijon - I saw him there happily situated taking care of a MP post. He is still a Captain - and the men like him a lot. We had a nice time talking of Hawaii and of the many interesting experiences we had. Then from there we drove south to Lyons, Valence and to Aix. Spent the night in a little town east of Aix - then stayed over in Nice for a couple of days. Nice is certainly beautiful in summer time - it is now used for a GI rest center and is very popular with the men. We left Nice yesterday morning, spent the night in Milano and back again to the grind feeling so much better for the trip.

Had about six of your letters waiting for me - thanks mom for writing so regularly. I can hardly wait to come home now that the war is over but guess the army has other plans for the time being but fully expect to come home soon. I have enough points mom, having some 87 or more points but then that doesn't mean anything for an officer.



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While in Nice I bought a microscope for Peter but at the present time am wondering how I will be able to send it to him as it has to have a special box. It is not a professional one but the kind used in colleges and Peter can get a lot of fun out of it. It cost only forty dollars and know that in the mainland they would charge three times for it - also bought you a little trinket which you will like I know and some perfume Schiaparelli's perfume - so that by this time you ought to get all decked out - perfume and all. Reminds me of the article I read in "Mail Call" about buying daikon which is very true indeed. One of the boys got hold of it and hung it on the CP bulletin board so the boys all tease me about it.

So you are having a lot of trouble with fears of having to move. I hope not and wish they would wait at least until I get home to help you - whatever happens. Maybe we will go to the mainland to study soon anyway or perhaps take a longer trip.

The Naka boy spent the last hour sitting here in my tent - he is quite alright so when you see his parents please tell them so. Guess Peter is a big feller by now - and all this war coming to an end ought to be a big thing for him. Tell him I have a few surprises for him when I come back. I don't know whether I will be seeing the Malenotti's or not but hope to before I go back to the islands. They are certainly grand people to know.

Have been taking a few pictures and when they come out I will send them to you. Take good care of yourself and as you say every day makes it so much nearer to my homecoming. Aloha to everybody and love to the kids

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