

Southern France  
4 February 1945.

Dear Lou & Ski:

This is a lousy way to start to ask forgiveness for my part or not writing to you for such a long time. I hope everything in the Army city is ok. but heard it is quite cold in fact below 0. Here I am in Southern France, where you couldn't imagine a person and the weather quite similar to that of good old Turkey.

Things have been quiet so we've gotten so that we have a little more time to ourselves. So I've resolved to write as many letters as I can in my free moments.

Each day the Russians are inching their way to the gates of Berlin. I know we all hope & wonder when & how soon the fall of the Reich will be. In all seriousness I hope by the time this letter reaches you there will be peace. Lou - some people think there is a lot of glory to war - but there isn't. Perhaps at the moment, while it is at its stage people will see it that way but there is no glory - what about the dead & wounded they are the heroes and thousands who have survived <sup>as the</sup> fortunate ones.

I'm thankful I'm in Southern France and not in Northern France when the Japs made their attack. I wish you could see Southern France. I'm not being biased but it's more beautiful than California. I've now made good acquaintances and even had a couple of dates with Mademoiselles. These French women are beautiful and very charming. Last Saturday night went to a dance in [redacted] and I met a cute girl her name was Nicole and she was around 18 and she came with her Mother. Spent all evening dancing with.

her. Lora - she was a Brunette around 5'11". Just rite! I can't talk French well but was able to kindle a conversation. She was from Paris and she came down South to ~~vacation~~ vacation due to being so cold in Paris. She was telling me that in Paris they didn't have any dances or movies. See we had the sweetest time. Hope to get a date with her.

Say Lora - are you coming into the Army soon? Stay a civilian <sup>seeing</sup> were all overseas and we need fellows like you to get things for us to keep us get out for past our plans. I know Lora you want to come in the Army badly but you can do a lot more for us on the Home front. Sometimes we have discussions with the bunch and we all wonder what we will be when we get demobilized and what our connections to get started to live as a normal civilian. That's our worry.

My mother wrote me and told me Carol was married on Christmas eve. Carol has it written to me about getting married. But I expect a letter from her shortly. Is she planning to move to Minnesota with her husband or is she to keep on working in Chicago. Geez I'm waiting so anxiously for all this news I hope she will write.

My younger brother David will be inducted shortly golly, there sure is a lot of young fellows getting inducted. Heard Leo Saito's younger brother Heddie is in the Army, Tom Yamashita & Red Oso are in Florida taking basic.

Well Lora get to be going on guard duty so I'll have to close here and Lora will you do me a favor? I need a roll of Scotch Tape for my work - if it is possible could you send me a roll - let me know the cost of it. Well I'll be seeing you and hope to hear from you  
Sincerely  
Bill.

After 5 days, return to

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