

Nice, July 3rd, 1945

My dearest Billy,

The day of your departure is here and I am very sad. I was so eager to see you again and here these days came, five days passed by very quickly. All day, we talked about you, everyone sorely misses you, and I realized that I was more attached to you than I had previously thought. But, dear Billy, better days will come again, you'll come back amongst us and later to your family. Billy darling, how I was sad this morning on the beach, lying on the stones, I was thinking about the days when you were lying next to me, I was so happy. The little bracelet that you gave me, engraved with your name will never leave me. Each time I have some photos taken, dear Billy, I will send them to you but don't forget that you promised me yours from Chadel.¹¹ This morning, I received your letter dated June 25th. Last night, the return of Mr. Lodin was very sad and we only opened our mouths to talk about you and your kindness. Billy dear, now I will never be able to forget you. Oh, how sad your little room must have seemed yesterday night, much like your departure this morning. But, Billy darling, don't be hurt, think only that my thoughts are near you and with you. Also, think that one day you will have the great happiness of returning to your dear family. Dear Billy, I don't know what to write you, I am truly anxious. At this moment, I am at Mr. and Mrs. Lodin's and I have your photo under my eyes, your photo with your beautiful smile. Everything here reminds me of your presence. Billy, darling, did you arrive safely to your destination? Did you have a good trip? Mother was saddened that she hadn't accompanied you but last night when you told her goodbye, she was sleepy and didn't realize. For today, darling Billy, I leave you hoping to soon receive a long letter from you. Mother sends her best regards. Give my best sympathies to Bob and for you, my dearest Billy, all my love and a thousand kisses.

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P.S. Don't forget to send me your sister's address if it would please you for me to write to her.

¹¹Chadel is a hamlet located in Aosta Valley in Italy