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My dearest Billy,

Today I did not go swimming because at the Cap d'Ail, I got sunburned.<sup>12</sup> But now I will be very tan. And you, Billy darling, have you started swimming again? I hope that your sadness will have passed thanks to your friends. As soon as I have some photos, I will send them to you, and I hope that you will do the same. Billy, darling, what do you do during your free days? Do you go to the cinema?<sup>13</sup> Dearest Billy, I cannot wait for you to come back to Nice and I hope, with all my heart, that it will be soon. Every night, I look at our dear little star and I think that maybe you too are looking at it at the same time. Billy, darling, I leave you for today. Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lodin and Lolo send their deepest regards. Give my best wishes to Bob, and for you Billy, darling, receive my love with a cargo of kisses.

Jany

P.S. Write me quickly

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<sup>12</sup>Cap d'Ail is a commune along the southern French seaside in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. Today, the Cap d'Ail is known for its lively shopping districts and its quiet but very fashionable residential areas. About 30 minutes from Nice, the Cap d'Ail became known as a tourist attraction following its renaming in 1908. Many people were known to vacation there in both the summer and winter. Throughout the years, it has hosted French citizens but also foreign political players like Winston Churchill. The Cap d'Ail is characteristically a beautiful location for swimming and leisure. With a consistent mild to moderate temperature, pristine beaches, and charming coastlines, the quality of bathing is sublime as Jany describes.

<sup>13</sup>During the war, the entertainment industry adapted to either help the war effort or provide distractions/hope for the soldiers. Hollywood played a big part in these efforts in both keeping the public informed while also using entertainment media to allow the soldiers to have some contact with the outside world. The film industry was also an important source of communication for people on both sides of the war. Films would be used not only to distribute propaganda but also provide insight into the war. Additionally, the film industry played a major role in maintaining and boosting morale often depicting patriotism, group effort and individual sacrifices made in favor of the war. Additionally, many wartime movies featured women heavily to connect soldiers with women because of the lack of women in the soldiers' lives.