

Nice, July 10th, 1945

My dearest Billy,

Already 8 days since you left, so I hope to soon have one of your letters. This morning, I went swimming with Mr. and Mrs. Lodin. Now, I swim by all by myself and I've started going a little farther into the open waters, and I am becoming very tan. Billy darling, I hope that now the sadness has passed, you also see that I have not forgotten you, given that I have not stopped writing you since the day you left. Billy darling, with all my heart, I wish to see you again very soon. This evening, I will go see the fireworks with mother and Mr. and Mrs. Lodin and I greatly regret that we cannot have you among us.<sup>16</sup> Uncle Lodin is still sewing, at this moment he is making a skirt for Aunty. I hope that soon we will have the pleasure of seeing some new impressions, which you do so well.<sup>17</sup> Billy darling, I leave you for today. Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lodin with Lolo send you their best wishes and their deepest regards. Give my best wishes to Bob and for you dearest Billy, all my love as well as a thousand kisses.

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<sup>16</sup>The only thing I can seem to find that happened in France that day was that the Louvre reopened. However, across the globe, the US Navy Task Force, infantry 38, began their raids on Japan. This was a coordinated attack with B-29s which are heavy bomber boeings. These were designed and flown primarily by the United States during World War II. This attack resulted in a 1000 aircraft strike in the airfields near Tokyo. It begs the question however as to why the French would have been celebrating. It could have been because of the numerous American soldiers stationed there. This strike would be a demonstration of American power and may have been cause to celebrate.

<sup>17</sup>Throughout the letters, there are many mentions of Billy's impressions. The reason Billy had so many various impressions was because he spent a lot of time looking and talking to different people. Billy was assigned to the post of clerk in the heavy weapons outfit which meant that he would often take care of the service records of his infantry and would have to review the number of lost or dead soldiers. He saw countless soldiers both in the office and on the front lines and had ample time to observe them. Another reason for Billy's impressions could have been to provide comedic relief to either his fellow soldiers or his family/friends at home and in Nice.