

Nice, August 22nd, 1945

My darling Billy,

This morning I was a little depressed because I did not receive a letter from you and for 2 days I was without any news. I am starting to feel that time is going by slowly. But tonight, I was spoiled because the postman brought me two letters and a package from my darling Billy. All of this gave me a lot of pleasure and I thank you with all my heart. You are really too nice to me Billy darling and I give you a thousand kisses to thank you. However, even if your package gave me pleasure, you announced some news that has made me very sad. You are leaving Livorno for Naples and you are moving even farther away from me. Will you be able to come back to Nice on leave? You tell me that the leaves have been suspended.<sup>1</sup> I hope that this is only a provisional measure and that they are already re-established. Reassure me very soon Billy darling because I am very worried. But I have not talked to you about the photo that you sent me. It is really very good and you will congratulate your friend, who is a true artist, for me. Uncle is framing it for me. I am also very pleased with the fabric with which I plan on using to have a costume made for me. Again, thank you Billy darling. I am very content that the war is over in the Pacific, firstly because I am certain that you will not fight against the Japanese and then because your sister Carol's husband will certainly soon return to America.<sup>2</sup> Speaking of your sister Carol, you have still not answered me. I am still waiting for her photo and her address which you had promised me. You asked me to write her and I do it with pleasure because she seems very pleasant. Billy darling, I hope that before you return to America that you will come back to Nice to see me, this would be such a pleasure and Billy darling, I would be so happy to see you again. It is not however, without fear that I think about your departure for America. Already the days seem very long when I do not have any letters from you. What will it be like when you will be gone? But, I do not want to think about this Billy darling. I leave you because

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<sup>1</sup>Leaves were usually allocated based on a point system, meaning if a soldier had a certain number of points they would be able to request leave. However, when it was time to get the soldiers back home, the point system was abolished which would have made it harder for the military to keep track of all the leaves and paperwork. Additionally, soldiers were already starting to return to the States so the necessity of leaves wasn't as pressing.

<sup>2</sup>The Pacific consists of 25 nations and territories spanning across 25,000 islands and islets around the Pacific Ocean. Japan is also an island located on the Pacific coast of East Asia. The turning point of the war in the Pacific was the Allied victory over the island of Guadalcanal (1943). Following this victory, Allied forces made their way, island to island, slowly conquering them. This ultimately resulted in the retaking of the Philippines and the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan which marked the end of Japanese domination in the Pacific.

Uncle is leaning over my shoulder to see what I am writing. What a curious fellow! Mother, Charley, Aunty and Uncle send you their best regards and me, my love, all my love and a million kisses.

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P.S. please darling, write quick.