

Nice, August 25th, 1945

My darling Billy,

This morning I was spoiled, I received two letters and the photo of your sister. I was very happy to have the photo of your sister, she is very cute and seems so pleasant and so nice. What a pity it is that America is so far away because I would have been so happy to meet her. In one of your letters, you told me that you could go to Switzerland.<sup>44</sup> I do not know this country but I have heard a lot about it, it is a very beautiful country. Additionally, in the same letter, you hoped to come to Nice very soon on leave. Billy darling, if you only you know how this news fills me with joy, already I want this very anticipated day to arrive! I am rejoicing in advance about the good times that we will be able to spend together my darling Billy! Do you remember how your last leave went? Just think of how happy the two of us were, my love. Yesterday, Uncle framed the portrait that was done by your friend and I have to let you know that I find the portrait superb. This is also the opinion of everyone else to whom I have shown it. At this moment, I am at Aunt's like every day but today Uncle is unbearable and is incessantly teasing Aunt. This is not good, is it not? Billy darling, you asked me if I prefer a typed letter or a handwritten letter. I have to tell you that I prefer those written by your hand, they bring me closer to you, my little Billy. I will end my letter here but not before recommending that you come on leave very soon. Aunt, Mother, Uncle, and Charley send you all of their best regards. As for me, I am sending you a million kisses and all my love.

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Jany

P.S. I forgot to tell you that yesterday afternoon I went to the cinema with Charley to see "The Enchantress" with Robert Taylor, Joan Crawford and Melvyn Douglas.<sup>45</sup> This film pleased me a lot. Again more kisses. Write me soon my darling Billy.

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<sup>44</sup>Throughout history, Switzerland has been known for remaining neutral though the Swiss population was very strongly opposed to Nazism beginning in the 1930s. Interestingly, Germany was always Switzerland's most vital trade partner meaning that they were economically dependent on Germany despite ideological differences. Switzerland was one of the few countries spared by Hitler because he viewed it as "insignificant." Switzerland believed that in order to keep themselves safe from both Allied or Axis powers, they needed to use a strategy called "armed neutrality" which meant training soldiers whose sole responsibility would be keeping enemy forces away from the frontier.

<sup>45</sup>The movie Jany is referring to is called "The Gorgeous Hussy" starring Joan Crawford, Robert Taylor and Melvyn Douglas. The film was released in 1938 by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer productions. The film follows

Learn more impressions to make us laugh a lot. Tuesday, I am going to be photographed in costume and as soon as I get the photos my first task will be to send you one.

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Peggy O'Neal, played by Crawford, as she becomes President Andrew Jackson's political advisor. She has to navigate political life but also mounting rumors and insults that put her friendship with Jackson at risk.