

Nice, September 13th, 1945

My darling Billy,

I have received your sweet letter from September 4th. It had been 7 days that I was without any news from you and I was very sad darling. I hope your friend Tom had a good trip and that he has given you my message. I am very glad that you don't have to go away to the Pacific, Billy darling. I hope your infantry will return to Livorno and that you will soon have leave because I wish to see you again. It has already been 3 months since you have been away and time feels very long and endless to me. Come back quickly Billy darling. My aunt has given me a small photo album where I shall put your pictures. Please, Billy darling, send me some photos to fill it. Tonight, I shall have my costume photos and I shall send one of them to you. I hope that they will be good and that they will please you. Tomorrow I shall send you another picture which we took at the castle. Are you invited to the wedding of your friend Tom to Andrée? I am proud to know you because your regiment has been honored. This is appropriate because during the war, it was your regiment which did everything.<sup>57</sup> This year, I didn't give your white fabric to the dressmaker because we will soon be in winter and I would prefer to have it used next summer with a newer pattern. I finish my letter here because I must go take my pictures. My mother sends you her regards, also my aunt, my uncle and Charley. With all my love and a million kisses.

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P.S. Please darling, write me quickly.

I just came from the photographer's but alas, my photos are not ready yet. So I will not be able to send them to you until tomorrow. This photographer is not really as rushed as I am. Again, a million kisses.

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<sup>57</sup>The motto of the unit was "Go For Broke," which is exactly what the Niseis of the 442nd Regiment did. Not only did they successfully liberate countless French cities from Nazi occupation, they were also actively fighting against prejudice, racism and a lack of trust from fellow Americans. What is most interesting about the 442nd is that they are "remembered as the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the US military. The unit, totaling about 18,000 men, over 4,000 Purple Hearts (awarded by the President to those wounded or killed in service), 21 Medals of Honor (the highest and most prestigious military decoration), 29 Distinguished Service Crosses (highest military decoration awarded for extraordinary heroism in combat), 560 Silver Stars (military decoration of valor awarded to members of the US Armed Forces for gallantry), over 4,000 Bronze stars (awarded for heroic achievement within the combat zone) and 7 Presidential Unit Citations (awarded by the President for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy). The 442nd was not only distinguished because of its commitment to serving but also because the Nisei soldiers were actively proving themselves and their honor. They even were sometimes the only volunteers for rescue missions.