

Nice, July 3rd, 1945

Dearest Billy,

Today you are already in Italy and, I'm afraid, truly very sad. Also taking advantage of the fact that Jany is writing you, I am writing you a couple lines. I hope that you found a car that drove you to Alassio and that the trip wasn't too tiring.<sup>77</sup> Today, the house seems very empty without you. We had so quickly gotten used to your presence that already you are a part of the family. Also, it is not without hearty sentiments that we saw you leave and that we think about you. This morning we went, me, Jany and Gaby to swim. The sea was less agitated than the last days and we had a good swim. Afterwards, Jany and Gaby stayed at the house while I worked. Because I have to tell you something. During your stay, I neglected my work a lot and well now have make an extra effort to make up for my lateness. It will soon be done. But I leave you for tonight my dear Bill because I want to go to bed early because I have to get up early tomorrow. Write us quickly and tell us that you are in good spirits and especially think about the next leave that I hope will come soon. Very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Gilbert

I am giving you a big kiss to chase your blues away

Gaby

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<sup>77</sup>Alassio is a town located in Northern Italy which gained its popularity after the war.