

Dear Tommie:

June 5

We're with the 5<sup>th</sup> Army, the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp, and now attached to a A.A. (anti-aircraft) Brigade.

All U.S. forces in Italy come under the 5<sup>th</sup> Army. This area we now occupy, is a 5<sup>th</sup> Army Concentration Camp for Kraut prisoners. Our Reg't. guard the perimeter of the Jerry campment, the ack-ack boys furnish the lights that sweep across the fields at night. The prisoners are leaving this concentration camp now, for other camps or labor centers, and a portion of our Reg't. is used to escort any movement of prisoners from here. Don't know how long this job will take, but I expect a move elsewhere sometime in the near future. Not very definite, am I?, but that's the Army for you! My chances for a return home under the point system are nil yet, and men overseas aren't

Dear Thomas:

As I will be at 25 Camp, the 25th, and  
now attached to a C.A. (anti-aircraft) Regiment.  
All U.S. forces in Italy were under the 25th Army.  
This area was very busy, as a 25th Army  
tactical camp for front positions. Our Regt.  
occupied the perimeter of the front camp,  
the rest of the Regt. furnished the light  
and were across the fields at night. The  
we leaving this concentration camp was for  
other camps or labor centers, and a portion  
of our Regt. was used to escort any movement  
of personnel from here. Don't know how long this  
job will take, but I expect a more elaborate  
arrangement in the near future. Not very definite  
on 25, but that's the thing for you. My  
chance for a return home under the present  
system are not yet, and more serious work

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given parlor to the States, so I've resigned myself to a longer stay in Europe than I had been expecting.

This country is a poor one, I think the people backwards in political education. We aren't welcome here, but sometimes have come across isolated villages that gave us a hearty welcome. Fascist training and sympathies are evident, and socialism with the communist running a close race, is the trend of popular political support. These peoples are not ready for democratic procedure in government, internal power politics is in need of a firm staying hand, with armed force to back orders. I've no respect for the Italians, don't like this country, and in favor of occupying it for as long as we occupy Germany.

I spoke to Tyler, (Mrs. Shriaki's) the other  
day, discussing the return of the misai and  
Brother  
issai to their old neighborhoods in the  
bay-region. We thought it a mistake to  
try to re-establish a concentrated area of  
Japs., lil' Yagor shouldn't come back for  
it'll retard assimilation, make our enter-  
ing into participation of community affairs  
a segregated racial bloc, and a target for  
exploitation by all sorts of opportunists  
ouging the "yellow peril" scare. We don't care  
to live in such a environment, I don't even  
expect to! Reading of the terrorism against  
those now in California is sickening, some body  
has failed in preparing the Coast for the return  
of evacuees.

It's hot here, as hot as Yopag I imagine!  
This field has no shade except under tents,  
so we don't lead a very active life. Seeking

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day again. We thought it a mistake to  
move to their old neighborhood in the  
day, changing the return of the mass and  
I repeat to Tyler, (Mrs. Zwick's) the other

relief from the sun is our daily chore. You know the sticky feeling, wet palms, and the effort it takes to force yourself to do any little thing, the days here are making us a bunch of no-good kums!

I guess it won't be long before your second child will be born, are you and Henri hoping for a boy? (I am, and I bet Pinkie is too!) Pinkie's vocabulary must be increasing at a fast pace, wish I could see her, and talk to her, I've never seen her in the flesh, much to my regret! She'll probably have changed so much since the last picture of her you sent me, that I'd hardly know Pinkie now. Still a lady? You'll be the tomboy her mother used to be? How are you getting along by yourself, are you managing to take care of Pinkie and yourself adequately? Give Pinkie my love,  
Ben