

Dearest Tommie:

Don't kid me, I'm sure the new born will be a wonderful companion for Pinkie, - maybe a boy this time, huh? What'll you name him? Who is to be in charge of Pinkie when you leave for the hospital?

We in the M.F.O. won't go to the French Riviera in large numbers Tommie, a couple from this unit at a time only. We are sent to rest centers in Italy, the Italian Riviera and resort towns. I've been on a four day pass to one rest center, the #2nd center at San Pellegrino, live a tourist life for the time. We aren't occupational troops, so we are now bivouacking on the outskirts of Lecco, just killing time. Passes to Milan and excursion to Como are daily given out to 15%.

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Just can't for the life of me seem to remember what I said re: baby.

don't know what these initials stand for

of this company, plus the rest enter passu, as
a large number of the boys are out seeing a
tourists view of Italy. Tonight 50+ from my Co.
is in Milan to see Frank Sinatra's show. I'm
going on the excursion to Comè tomorrow, we're
having a easy time of it now. Lake Lucio is a
mile away from here, and we go swimming and
boating on it, we have free movies nitely, and
a operetta plays in town, it beats the French
Riviera (Nice), where I lived for two weeks
at the Metropole Hotel as a M.P. on detached service
from the 442, for things to do -- I did live a
better life in France, for we usually lived in
houses, but I'm not complaining now, this set-up
is a bit of all right!

It was Hashiguchi on last pm [unclear] said so. to someone in Japan.
your source of info about the boys volunteering for Pacific is not reliable, it's not true! M.C.S. is asking for 300 volunteers right now, a recruiting officer is here to sign them on, but the response is slow for most of us have had enough of combat, and don't want to see more unless we're ordered to. We may be sent to troops staying over here a year or more, we won't have any such chance because we are slated for a return to the States before a year. Can't be certain when shipping for us will be available, but it'll be within a year I'm sure! *Guess they'll be reconditioned for the Pacific theater anyway - H.H.*

I heard from Alif a week ago, just a brief note, but glad to hear from him anyway - *would be useful for invasion*

Hoping for a early return home, it's been a long time since I've seen my friends, *Japan*

Love to Pinkie and B, Ben