

Wednesday  
Evening

April 11, 1945

Dear Mom and Pop,

We had a full day of training today. In the morning, we went on a short hike and then had an out door class.

In the afternoon, we climbed way up to the mountain (junior size) near our camp. We had classes up there. Boy, the scenery is very pretty up there. We can see for miles around us.

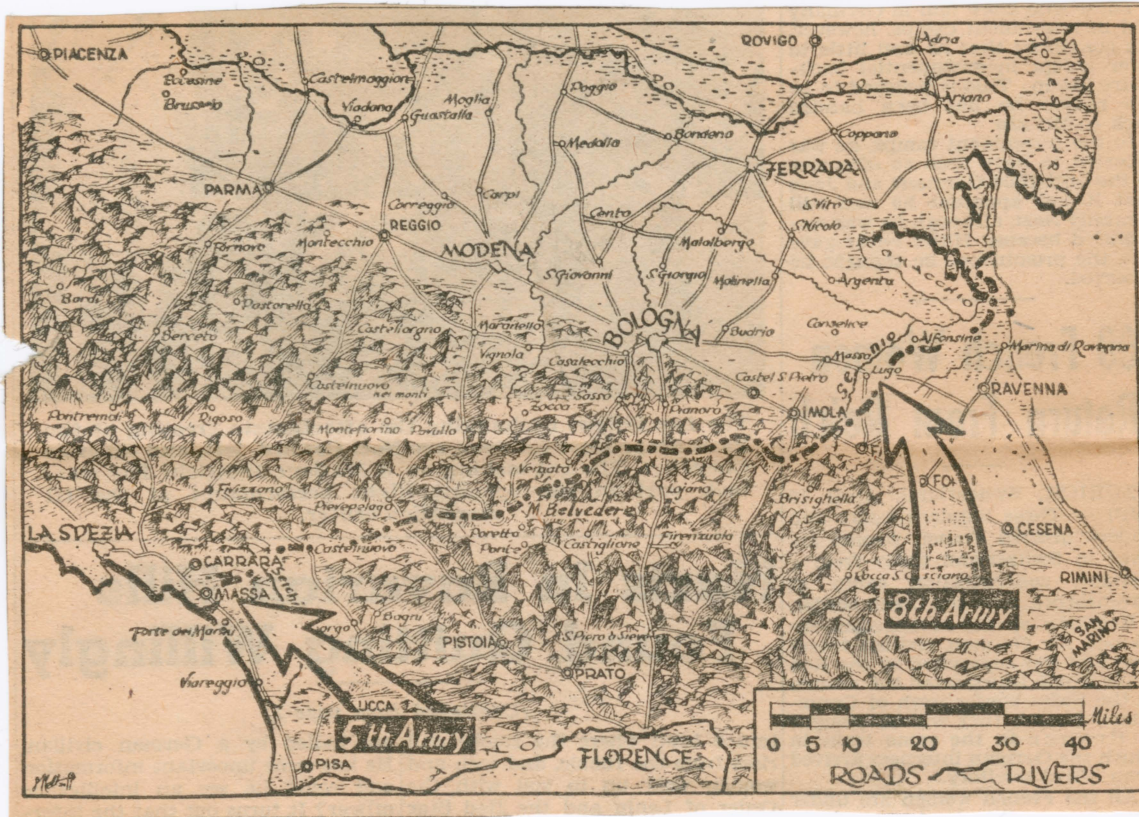
There's lots of pine trees and shrubs growing on the hills so it looks nice and smells nice too. The country around looks very pretty and clean but I can't say the same thing for the people here. I found that the French seems to try to keep clean more than the people here.

I have a clipping here and at the end it mentions about the 442nd. I thought you might be interested when they're fighting.

Well, more tomorrow

Jack

By the way, the clipping is from today's Stars and Stripes



## Elements Of 5th Fighting In Massa's Outskirts Below La Spezia

WITH THE 15TH ARMY GROUP, April 10—Following a tremendous air bombardment by more than 1,000 planes, troops of the 8th Army late yesterday pushed out across the Senio River on a wide front in the vicinity of Lugo, about 20 miles inland from the Adriatic coast.

The brief announcement from 15th Army Group headquarters said that troops of the 8th Army had forced a crossing across the Senio, which had been successfully defended by the Germans for the past three months. There was no official report on the extent of the crossing, but, according to some observers, it was evident that the Allies already had overrun German outpost positions on the east bank of the river. Other observers, who had participated in the preceding air bombardment, reported that the approaches to Lugo were crowded with Allied troops.

Lugo, where the new push reportedly is taking place, lies one mile west of the Senio River, along the Ravenna - Bologna highway and north of the Ravenna-Bologna railway. It is the focal point of enemy resistance on the Adriatic coast, guarding not only the westward approaches to Bologna but also a second highway running north and linking with the Ferrara road.

The entire Italy front appeared to be flaring up as reports came in that the 473rd Infantry, operating with the 92nd Division on the 5th Army's coastal sector, today is fighting on the southern outskirts of Massa, one of the last important German positions guarding the approaches to La Spezia, 16 miles away.

About a mile and a half to the northeast, Nisei troops of the 5th Army continued their encircling movement of Massa by capturing, yesterday, the village of Aitagnana and threatening the neighboring hamlet of Pariana.

Further gains along the Ligurian coast were reported west of Route 1 where other units of the 92nd Division moved to within several hundred yards of the Frigido River. More than 350 PWs have been taken in the fighting so far. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy, while Allied casualties have been relatively light.

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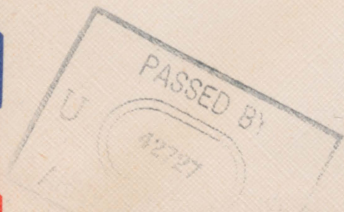
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