



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Dear Mother -

After a hectic week of work immediately after landing I now have a few minutes to spend in the Red Cross and write a letter. It is permissible to say that I am in Southern Italy and actually the location wouldn't mean much.

We had a very enjoyable trip and the boat ride was a pleasant vacation. However ever since we have landed I have been very busy making all sorts of arrangements and otherwise getting organized.

So far I haven't had much of a chance to see the country or learn the language. The town I am in is rather dull and

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uninteresting. It is rather dirty
but not so bad as N. Africa.

I have a room in a family
along with another office. Our men
are quartered in a building
and we get a good share of
Army rations so things aren't
too bad.

This part of Italy is rather
flat and not so nice as the
rolling country around Algiers.

It is starting to get cold and
soon it will rain but so far
the weather has been very nice.

The Italians are rather apathetic
about us. So far I haven't been
able to figure out if they really
want our being here. Food is
scarce though and I understand
the whole country is undernourished.



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Capt. Umberg worked with me for quite a while and I knew him quite well. He hasn't been over seas as long as myself but was wounded in action and for other reasons was sent home.

There is a lot of opera here in Italy and to night I am going to see *Lovallo di Brindana* (?) & the other one they give with it. I remember seeing the same two when I was very small.

The other day I received 2 packages, one from the church the other from Nottingham.

I don't think I will have to
open them before Christmas but
I am trying hard to be moved
to another more interesting city
and work. Major Lawrence
(the one who called you) is here
to-day and I feel that he will
make me stay here, at least for
a while as there is a lot of work.

Well, know that I am in
good health - excellent as a
matter of fact - and remarkably
happy. Hope the same for
you.

Love.

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Thanks for the prints of the people
in Oran. I hope I can send
them to them.

P.S. Note new address -