

Dear Dad - Mum,

I was so

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18 Feb; '45.

pleased to receive mail on my return to Adv. Base last evening. There were two letters each from you & Dad, dated 21st. + 28th. Jan.; three from Edna, one from Mrs. Bartholomew & one from my friend Desmond Mc Govern (of Te Awamutu.) He will be calling on you & Edna in the near future - a really fine chap. My goodness, what a miserable sort of Xmas. & New Year you both have had. We heard of the railways taking over the B.B.C. one night & every one here was terribly annoyed about it. What if we all went on strike for an increase in pay! Never mind, a good time's coming, be it ever so far away; that's what I say to myself, say I, jolly good day, hurrah! as the song says. Well, I wrote you two hurried letters while in Rome, but I'll be writing a long surface one telling of my experiences. We left Rome on the Friday morning - a glorious sunny day & went bawling along route 67 which took us through the Pontine marshes & so to Naples which we reached in mid-afternoon. Then we went round the harbour to Pompeii to see the famous ruins. You can imagine how I took every-thing in. The marks of the chariot-wheels are there on the cobble-stones of the streets. Even the lead pipes for the water can be seen. I bought a good book with photographs, a glass-tube containing ash from the big eruption of last year & also an original water-colour of part of a frieze on the wall of one of the houses 2000 years old. The artist was there at work.

21 We went back to Naples for dinner in the Officers Club  
& then proceeded to Caserta, to 29. W. where we  
spent the night & I of an slept in my old bed.  
There was a dance on, for the staff, in a big hall  
with a marble floor in the 1st & 2nd block, so after  
a shower & change of bath-dress, we put in an  
appearance for a couple of hours. Next day was also  
beautifully fine & we had a good run back to  
Camp, halting for lunch at Foggia at the Transit  
Hotel. Congress ended a very wonderful holiday to Rome,  
Florence, Pisa & Stephon, Naples & Caserta. I'll be  
sending a whole lot of books, photos & etc. - later.  
Now Louis & I close & write to my beloved. I'm  
100% & hope you in Nelson are the same.

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Love from your son - Rewai X

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AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED  
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT  
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Received  
20/3/45



Mrs. S. W. Street,  
54 Seymour Ave,  
Nelson,  
New Zealand.

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P.S. The blue cover books I sent  
Dad from Tripoli were on sale  
in Rome for £2-5-0 each. I'm  
not sure how many I sent y  
Dad. Could you let me know  
some time, the names of the  
volumes you have? There shou  
be two on Rome. If you hav  
only one, I may get the other  
ditto for Florence.

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