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Dear Mum & Dad,

I was very pleased to receive mail from you some days ago: dated 24th June. Yesterday I had a letter from Edna, dated 26 June. She has the idea that I am on my way by now, but you will see by the address that I am still in Italy. In the army, you never know exactly when you will leave. We've been standing by here for 2 weeks now. First it is to be a certain date: then it is put off a couple of days & so on.

However, I'm pleased to say that unless the boiler bursts (as it did on about we were to go on some time ago) or the propeller shaft breaks (as it did on another boat we were to go on) we will be leaving here tomorrow. I've got all my gear packed up as we shall be up early. We don't know how long we shall be in Egypt, not whether we shall dock in

Wellington or Lyttelton.
Some say one thing, some
another, & nobody knows
the real thing.

It is doubtful if I
shall be home for 22 Aug.
If we don't waste time
in Egypt we may make
it.

I'm O.K. & looking
forward to seeing M. again
although at the moment
I'm not a bit excited.
We've been waiting about 400
days for that: the thought
of going home has worn
off. So I will say
cheerio from Sunny Italy
my dears. Trusting you
are all O.K. in Nelson.
Love from Lewai X

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