

Wengen, Switzerland
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My Dearest,

Hello, honey. Hope that you and Laura are well & ok this morning. I am fine. The bed I have here in the hotel is so nice that it is about like being buried in comforters. I really sleep after being out in this mountain air.

Yesterday I mailed Letter #2 to you by regular mail, but it should be twenty-five days or more getting to you. Air mail here is rather expensive and regulations quite exacting. However, I hope to send this one letter by Air Mail.

When you get whatever few letters I am able to write while on this tour you might have to read them over again in the proper order to follow my experiences and trend of thought. Undoubtedly you will receive this letter before the one I write yesterday and before any that I may write later during the tour.

Yesterday was "meat day" here. Monday, Wed. & Fri. are "meatless days," but our meals both days here so far have been excellent. We have had nice salad (tomatoes & lettuce) that really hit the spot. The potatoes are delicious. If all our meals are as good as those we had the past two days I will be very contented and will gain a pound or two.

We are to go on a conducted tour of the Jungfrau (mountain covered with glaciers/snow) this afternoon. Fortunately we can ride up on the tram & cable car. Yesterday afternoon three of us climbed "Mannlichen Mt." by foot. We thought the winding trail was too slow so we went straight up the side of the mountain. We went up grades that were from 45% to 60% grades and finally reached a point slightly
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over 2,000 feet above Wengen and our hotel. We made the 2,000 foot climb in three hours and came down by the trail in a little less than an hour and a half. We were really tired last night. We took a good hot bath (which cost us a Franc + a half or about 35¢) and went to the delicious dinner. After dinner we had one beer and I went to bed. The other fellows stayed for another beer.

Now to go back a bit to yesterday morning before we went on the hike - I got a few little souvenirs. I got a cute little hand carved bear in a shop that specialized in wood carving of all sizes and shapes. I could have spent a small fortune right there, but had to limit myself. Then at another place, I bought you a bracelet carved out of bone - rather it is made of little flowers carved out of bone & sewed together. At still another shop I bought each of you, Mother, Mother C., Reva, & Rosemary a souvenir handkerchief. I will buy other things later on the tour but am hesitating to spend too much in this little village. We spend three nights here and then go on to see more of Switzerland and its cities. We will spend a night in two fairly large cities yet. So, even though I am tempted to buy a watch here, I believe it best to wait until I arrive in one of the large cities later.

As yet I do not know whether to buy a watch for you or for me. One watch that would really be a masterpiece would take all my money. I might get two good watches for the money I have left and get us each a watch - and that is what I may do. We'll see about that later after I get to a city and see how my money is going to hold out. I want to have some of the things we never get such as bananas, milk, etc.

Well, darling, I must say goodbye now. I love you,
Shirley.

Cliff

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