

May 20/44

Dear Mother,

S/L A. W. C.

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This letter is addressed to Keswick as I neglected to bring your new address with me on a short trip to the place where I got my glasses made last year. I'm extending my trip by a day as I intend to see if there are any RCAF chaps on the Gripsholm prisoner-exchange ship which is putting in here today. The newspapers say that so it is apparently not a breach of censorship regulations.

This is first time I have been away from "home" for more than a month.

You said you had read in the papers that W/C Geo. Cull was interned in Spanish territory. Yes I know him very well. Have seen him since he was released - heard many interesting adventures. He has now left this theatre and I have succeeded him ~~as~~ - temporarily, at least. Geo. was a very well known & popular figure in this theatre. He always reminded me of Bob Hill - same build & energy - with a bit less emphasis on athletics and a bit more on "social polish". He was a very good C.O., and all of the officers & men were sorry to see him leave.

This is quite an interesting city. I would not want to live here however. There are all sorts of people here - every nationality & most colors. The emphasis is on french & arabs. Some streets are clean & modern some are dirty & modern some are not modern and some are barely



wide enough for two people to pass.  
There are interesting mosques & a few  
rather attractive public bldgs & apartments.  
I am staying at a 2nd rate hotel.  
You cannot choose your accommodation in  
a town as you have to go to the Town Major  
who allots you space that may be available  
- in accordance with the demand & supply  
factor - & your rank.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

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If anything is enclosed in this  
letter it will be sent by ordinary  
mail.

AIR MAIL

ARMED FORCES  
AIR LETTER

TO:

Mrs. S. H. Amallem

~~The Major~~  
~~Post~~

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Well the war news seems to be picking  
up at the moment. Cassino finally  
surrendered yesterday according to the papers.  
Let's hope Rome will be soon now. Think  
the psychological effect will be worthwhile.  
Am just about to start downtown for  
lunch. It is not too warm yet. Started wearing  
shorts about ten days ago. Our gardens "athens"  
are overrun with thousands of red, pink, yellow & white roses.  
Love to you, Sebe, Betty & Joan. Alan.