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O early Beloved sweetheart,

Here I am at the American Red Cross in town. There is so much to tell you that I don't know where to begin. Instead of writing you a short letter, as you can understand I want to see as much of the city as I can during my short visit here. I'm going to wait until tomorrow when I'll have plenty of time and I'll be able to give you full explanations.

So, darling as another Saturday comes to a close and my lips pressed against yours I whisper in your lovely ear that I deeply LOVE YOU as always.

GOOD NIGHT DARLING Ben

Sunday

Good morning dearest,

Now to stay on my letter about my visit in the city yesterday.

Left camp at 2:PM - Army trucks takes us to and from city. At my first sight of the city I saw large building and modern in design. We had a different time finding our way about the strange city.

We were looking for a bicycle store, where we could rent out a bike for the day. We had a terrible time looking around for two hours always landing up at the same place as we started! The people spoke French and we couldn't make

head or take from the directions they would
tell us. I then ask a young French boy and
luckily he spoke a passible English.
We offered to pay him if he be our
guide but he refused. He told us
how to get there and as we walk he
said he would take us to the store as
he was going to the movies. When we
finally got to the Weycle store we
found out that we needed a 15 dollars
deposit so - bicycling riding was
out. It was to late for this
young boy who's name is Hank to
go to the shows so he started
guiding us about town. He took
us to a place where we had good
American ice cream French pastry that
was delicious and the best French
restaurant in town for 60¢ a meal.

I had soup -

Fish spaghetti,
Large bottle of wine and nuts & figs.

We even took a picture which

I'm enclosing. It cost 5 pictures same
kind for one dollar. That's why I didn't
take other poses.

Hank was a young of 12 years
and he was a Jew. His father is a
doctor in the French Army, who earns
about the same in pay as we ^{in the} ~~smaller~~
American army received.



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He told us every thing about the city, high cost of living and the way the Germans reacted when occupying this city. Hank mentioned that it he was very lucky that the Americans landed here when they did because the Germans were going to kill all jews the following day. He never left his house while the Germans were here. at first he didn't want to tell me he was a jew because it seems that even in France jews are resented. someone called him a jew as we were talking to the natives chand asked him if that was true. He denied it chand told him I didnt care in fact I'm jewish. then he admitted that he was one also his last name is Rosenberg. Hank acted more mature than what he is, He was a educated fellow speaking five languages French Latin, English, ~~alabic~~ Italian. I got his address so if I get a chance to go into town again I'll look him up.

while at the Red Cross we were able to buy for 10 cents 3 items consisting of sandwich cake and coffee.

The Red Cross building was nice had a library room, game room, writing room, snack bar. it's a large building!

As you notice I'm writing small
as I want to use as few sheets of
paper as possible. Can you understand
my handwriting?

The picture that I'm enclosing was
taken on the main street boulevard in town.
The trees in the back ground ~~and~~ ~~which~~
makes the avenue look ~~beautif~~ beautiful.
The fellow on my left is my buddy who
went into town with me and Hank
is in the center.

At the close of our day when we
said good bye to Hank I wanted
to give him some money but he
refused.

Today being a nasty day I believe
I'll write a few letters since I'm
here I only write to my mother, one
letter to my brother and you dear.

I was looking around for a
gift to send you but the only thing
that could be gotten was a ~~hand~~
pocket book which you wouldn't like
what I wanted to get you I couldn't
find any where. Hope my next
trip will be more successful.

Did you send me the picture
we took at the studio? I sure would
like to see how the picture came
out.

Was over to see the fellows from
my old class but either they are
busy doing some detail or I'm
busy so I haven't been with them much.