

a view of Lake Albano is seen  
for below & also the Castelgandolfo  
where I had dinner a few weeks  
ago. Walked for a couple of  
miles - gradual up hill. The  
road is cut on the side of the  
hill, which is all covered with  
trees & brush very much like the  
hills back of the Old Rianich home  
in Cote Madera. So that any building  
is high off the road on one side & low  
off the road on the other with roofs  
of two storied houses below the  
level of road. Had brought food  
so with tomatoes & beer at a bar had  
a fine lunch. On way back just  
missed bus so had to wait over  
an hour. Wandered around & had  
Coffee. Arrived at apt about 4 PM.  
Washed hair. If I had to live here  
in Rome - I wouldn't but in Rocca dei  
Japa. Its only  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr from P. to San  
Giovanni. Saw a small car with 2 racing  
bicycles on top seat. handle bars attached  
like skis. Saw an ~~old~~ elderly man leave  
his car & drive & walk down the road  
his car following desperately behind.

lower down on the hill - less steep,  
are fields of grape vines. Frascati  
is just below, famous for wine of this  
name - Going to the country & even  
with car & other people - but this outing  
in the country makes it possible for me to  
stand the city.

Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>

Was waiting on corner for "D" bus when  
I was hailed by the Mangonellis in car so  
was given a lift then we stopped the via  
"della croce" to buy bread that is baked in  
"wood burning" stoves - very special & then  
a coffee & then off. Signora Minna  
& prof. Longo just arriving. So back at  
the old regime. A shrunken & crumpled piece  
of parchment that had been softened  
in an steam cabinet & then pressed  
smooth. Walked to Sport Stadium where  
a new building by Nervi & B. round  
fluted at edges like a pie crust. Only  
saw from outside. Think I have spotted  
Nervi's office. Letters from Mira, Alicia,  
(with ear lock) Evelyn. Many of the young  
girls & men who have been working at the  
"Institute" were called to go work at the  
National ~~garden~~ Library. So its rather

quiet. Had reply from Ruth Lowenstein  
friend in Paris so I'm all set  
for three 120 day plus electricity  
for cooking. Very friendly.

Tuesday 7/5/60

Worked on repairing a page of  
small parchment book. Signoria

Menna then started getting all  
my sample ready - a very generous  
supply & also a small parchment  
skin. Finished getting bibliographic  
from "Enciclopedia Paleografica" of the  
Istituto. It had clouded up & tried  
very hard to rain but it all blew  
away & it was nice & cool later.

After pricing & checking what afuros  
could be seen & heard at Caracalla  
decided I didn't want to go. So

looked for shop of old prints & books  
on Via della Mercuria near the

Pantheon. Bought an old book for  
2000. Also saw a charming

shop & some material I liked  
but did not buy. I had better

wait till I get to Milano. Had  
dinner at a small restaurant.

Walked home. Mrs Martinelli



Called me today to ask if I had news from Hannah. She said she'd written to her mother to see if the mother had any news of Dolita's girls. But the mother had answered that she had written to the school sometime back to find out how the girls were & had been told that they had been taken out of school at Christmas time & not returned to school. This I did not tell Hannah as she has just moved into their new home & I didn't want to spoil that pleasure by an unpleasant news.

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>

To-day last day at Institute! Good bye to everyone - loaded with simple good wishes - Hope to return in October. Left early as I wanted to go to station to see about tickets - No buses - Strike! So after waiting for half hour - it was to be over at 12 o'clock, decided to walk - slowly - Then found out I need not have gone at all. Buses running - Arrive home Beat! Started packing.

Prof. Longo accompanied me to gate at street & there kissed my hand - this time actually! Prof. Mazzucchioli was most gracious - asked me to be sure & tell of the work being done at the d.P.L. when I am in London & Paris

Friday

Mailed package to boy - books, postage etc. Am. Ex. press wanted \$11.50 to send so decided to mail in spite of all the red tape & it only cost 500. But two hrs from the time I left the house. Then saw cards of Nervi's Sport Palace. Bought & sent one to Patrizio & Vernon. Letters from Lois, Wilma & Hannah. Fans for Tito & Dilda, a beauty of sandal wood for me. Couldn't sleep at May Sienta was so excited. Wilma has won 1st prize for mosaic table! Mamma come & brought a package she wishes me to deliver to a relative in N.Y. Then took last ride on circonvallazione. Soldiers - armed are in evidence. There has been trouble

Nerone, Emilio Baggiu (killed) in Rome,  
threats of striking, buses stopped for  
2 hrs. Evidently the strike is against fascist  
elements in Government. It was not very  
well organized as far as I could see. <sup>clock</sup>  
Handbills calling a strike from 13 to 24.  
But buses did not run between 10-12 o'clock.  
Then the next day, fare collectors on street  
car struck but not motormen so that  
one could ride free until the first civilian  
strike breakers. Twice I had to get off  
ES with other passengers. Could not make  
out if it was end of run or because of strike.  
There was a great deal of protest the first  
times but none the second order to get out  
at all large piazza there are from 4 to 6  
big trucks full of soldiers!

Saturday July 14

Went to Am. Express for last time  
letter from Ruth & paper from Flo, then  
to LPh to get letter. I did not ask for  
W- that they had offered to give me stating  
that I had worked there. Shipping &  
home. Packed this morning. Am.  
Express tour to Catacombs which I  
have not seen yet, this afternoon.

My back has been bothering, hope nothing will  
happen.



July 10

Last night in Rome. All packed.

This morning went to see Domus Aurea Nero's "house of Gold". It's really big. Not much of art left - fairly lit. But outside a small chapel, a priest saying mass for Santa Felicitate, the floor was strewn with lavender - nice smell. It is being re-established after being forgotten for hundreds of years. Then to Nemus - for last time, had lunch, again strawberries & lemon. Then took bus down to the lake & thru the Museum where before the war had been housed the remains of two barges that had belonged to the time of Emperor Caligula. After these barges had been found in the lake & after several tries to lift them up the lake had been drained & then they were lifted up & a museum built to protect them & all the other treasures found. After the end of the last war, a detachment of German soldiers set fire to the barges before leaving! - just a mean dirty trick.

I'm not sorry nor am I glad to leave Rome & Perhaps because I feel I'm coming back?

from street car riding to am. ex press from  
Station in Milano saw off! wish I could have  
gotten to window + shouted. He has 2 am!

watched the sailor lower the flag  
for the last time at the Minister of  
Main Court.

July 11

Train 8:50 from Rome to Milano  
Long train ride. 2nd class.

Talkative business man, 2 pr  
of honeymooners. Arrive in  
Milano 5:45 - Whole trip through  
beautiful country. Had packed lunch  
bought beer. Went to Pensione Oswald

17 Piazza de Duomo. Had shower  
then started out ~~after~~ walking  
+ went right to Teresa's house  
but she was not there - away on  
vacation then to Adonis. Great  
rejoicing - braci - I had to eat.  
then talk - talk. Giovanni accom-  
panied me back to Pension.

July 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 - 20

At Adonis. Dina working like a  
dog making buttonholes in rain coats  
9 to a coat - 100 Lira - about  
Pierino's pension is less than 1000 L a day.  
Rent is 17000 L a month plus light +  
gas. Pierino only earns enough for  
his expenses. They were so ~~so~~ for



so insistent that I stay with them.  
The food so rich that on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
I became ill + threw up all night +  
next morning so could not take  
train to Lucern as I had planned.  
My stomach still feels queasy but  
hope to - Moros will see me off.

Did nothing <sup>in Milano</sup> but buy pills for a  
silly start making it, buy a  
micrometer 17300 Lira, + help Diana  
by chopping things up for soup - washing  
dishes so that she could keep right  
on making button holes. Last week  
she made 5100 L.

It is the 20<sup>th</sup> + am leaving Milano.  
Did ~~not~~ leave for Lucern but got on  
wrong train + landed in Lausanne.

But it was a nice mistake as it  
is a beautiful city. I was able to get  
a nice clean room thru a tourist agent  
at station. Had dinner, bath + a good  
night's sleep on a hard mattress, just  
what I like. It is hilly + many terraces  
with old buildings. This is a place I  
would like. Mostly French spoken, some  
German, a great deal of Italian + a little  
English. Had to buy a ticket to Lucern.

lake trip to Vitznau - had a car stop - wonderful  
around edge of lake - a summer resort - hotels, bathing,  
+ lounging in sun.

because of mistake of train. But it  
was worth it. Wore my new rain coat.

7/21 - 22

Left Luzerna at 10:36 + arrived  
Lucern 1 PM. Checked luggage +  
took lake trip. Much larger than  
Como + more rugged, small clusters  
of houses forming towns but not  
strung along the shore as at Lake Como.  
Was told that it is a dangerous lake + when  
a storm is forecast, yellow flags are  
hoisted + all craft must make for  
shore under penalty of lake police + a  
fine. Beautiful banks of clouds keep  
moving + changing forms. Went to  
Giblen to try + get a watch like Trudis but  
they were all out of stock. After trip on  
lake + stop for watch found a restaurant  
+ had dinner then wandered around the town  
University in old building. All very neat  
+ austere. Windows shining. <sup>W</sup>inter  
Took street bus to Trudi's family. I asked  
the conductor to let me off at this no. but  
he did not know just where it was so asked  
a man passenger. The passenger in turn  
asked two women who had just gotten off  
as they all decided I should get off too.