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An Incident At Velletri: On the Road To Rome - 1944 -

In this quarterly, Frederic Elwert writes a letter back home to his Father-in-Law, "Daddy," telling him about his first experiences in combat with the Germans. The letter was written on July 1, 1944, in the midst of World War II. Frederic was a second lieutenant in charge of a platoon of three mortars and two machine guns. When this took place, he was on a mission as a mortar observer. This letter details his "baptism by fire" in a light-hearted manner, while keeping the facts as clear as possible. Included in the quarterly are two small maps of the area. There are also numerous pictures taken with his camera during the war.