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

In 1944, during the Second World War, the young Second Lieutenant Frederic P. Elwert, later the first president of the Historical Society, wrote a letter of his first combat experience to his father in law. It is reproduced here as “An Incident at Velletri”.

Written in a light hearted manner, in spite of the dangers of machine gun and mortar fire during a mission, it captures a young man’s war time experience in combat.

To illustrate his journey, the article includes many photographs of his postings overseas and during combat operations. There are two maps, one illustrating his progression through Italy, and a hand drawn map of the combat area.

A well written account of war and courage.