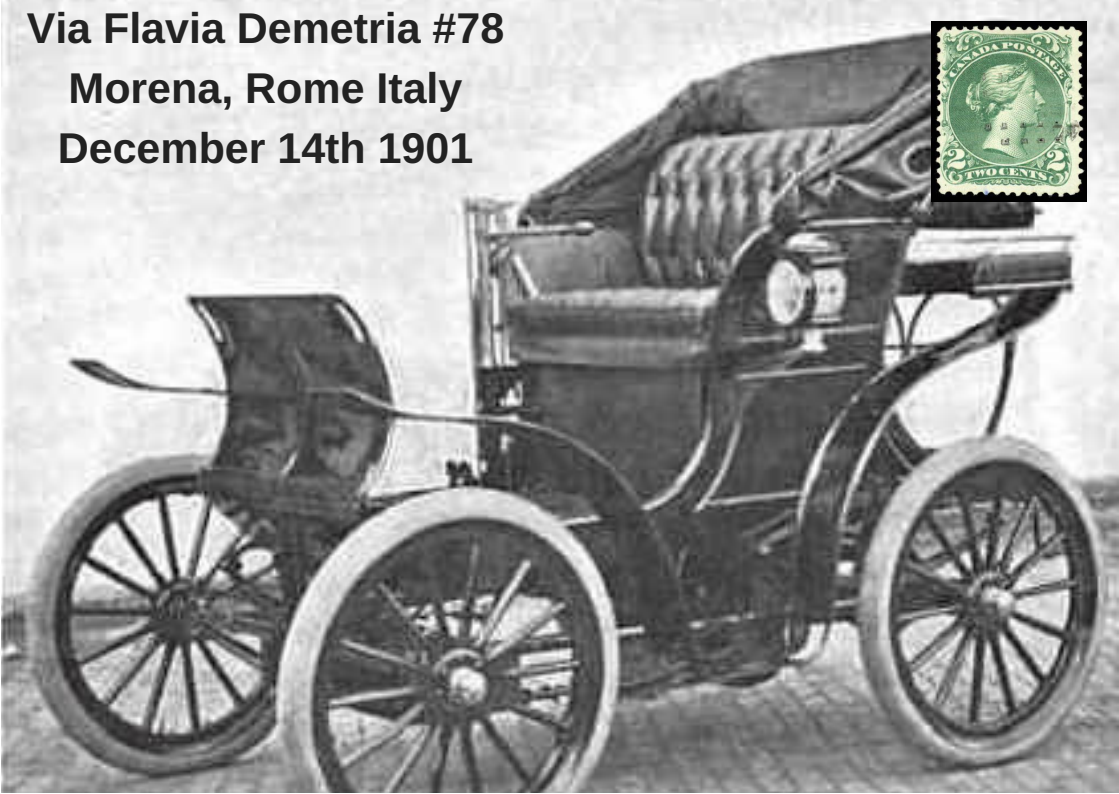


**Via Flavia Demetria #78**

**Morena, Rome Italy**

**December 14th 1901**



Hi nonna,

Its Elizabeth, as mamma said to you in her last letter I was going to be writting to you in this letter instead of her. I am now 6 years old, I am getting old nonna. I want to meet you really bad but mamma told me we have a good life here in the Red River Settlement, pappa has good job here as being apart of the North West Mounted Police and with us living in a average looking log house but I kind of disagree because I am getting mixed in with the french speaking kids slowing down the education I am getting . I hope one day I will be able to come see you. Mamma told me you are getting sick, I hope your ok. Its pretty chilly here because were in December, so I am trying to layer my clothing as much as I can. Guess what I saw today, theres always catalogues and newspappers laying around near our home so I picked one up and it was a Catalogue with the letters E-A-T-O-N-S catalogue I didnt really know what that meant but it had a picture of what looked like one of my cars on the front. I asked mamma what exactly it was and she told me cars have been invented and we would slowly be seeing them on the paths around our home. Oh well mamma is calling me now to get ready for bed since I am already passed my bedtime I love you so much and I really want to see you soon!! I hope you get better.

Much Love,

Your Granddaughter Elizabeth

**Via Flavia Demetria #78**

**Morena, Rome Italy**

**January 6th 1907**



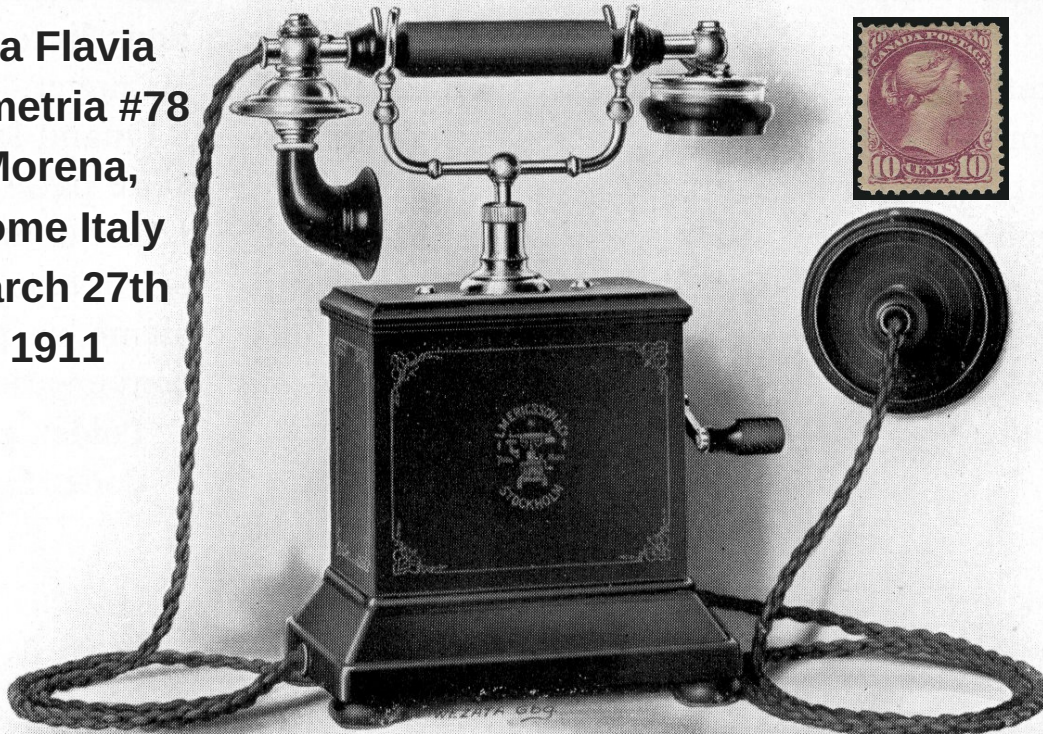
Dear Brother,

I am now writing to you with all my heart. I am filled with regret because after all the times mamma told me to come visit because she was getting sick. I always brushed that off and though it was best for us here rather than going to see her. I really wish I could've been by her side holding her beautiful hand while she took her last breath. I am so so sorry you are left alone grieving your pain by yourself, but always know you can write to me whenever you need. We will all miss mamma so much she was the best nonna to Elizabeth even though she hadn't even met her yet, her letters to Elizabeth were so beautifully written with her everlasting love. Mamma passed from pneumonia which is lung inflammation caused by viral or a bacterial infection in the lungs. At least mamma is in no more pain now and is looking over us. I would comprehend that mamma has let you read all the letters I have written since, in all the letters I have received back she said "everyone missed me" and "we all love you", so with that I believe you know what's going on in my life. Life is going alright now I am a little stressed out with the education Elizabeth is receiving because she is getting mixed in with the french kids which is slowing down her schooling. Well anyways I got to go make breakfast for Elizabeth she will be up shortly. Again if you need anything I am always here for you to write to me. I love you so much. My condolences

Much love,

Elizabeth's Mother

Via Flavia  
Demetria #78  
Morena,  
Rome Italy  
March 27th  
1911



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Brother,

How have u been doing? I havent heard from you lately. I understand if its due to the grieving of mammas passing. Elizabeth, William and I are all doing well here. We are all slowley ageing and so are you John. How old are you know? Did you know that this year, us Candians became the most extreme users of telephones in the world. More than 300,000 telephones have been in use here in Canada in 1999. The working conditions for telephone operators were very hard, most of the workers were woman, getting low pay. I guess you could say us Canadians were very hands on to the new communication technology. Since the communication techonology is getting very popular here in Canada and most of the telephone operators were woman, maybe since I am a stay at home working mamma, they will need some telephone operators here in Red River Settlement and I could be a match. I am sorry John this is such a short letter but I have been up all night not feeling to good so I am going to have to leave it at that and mail you soon. Missing you brother.

Much Love,

Your sister Michela

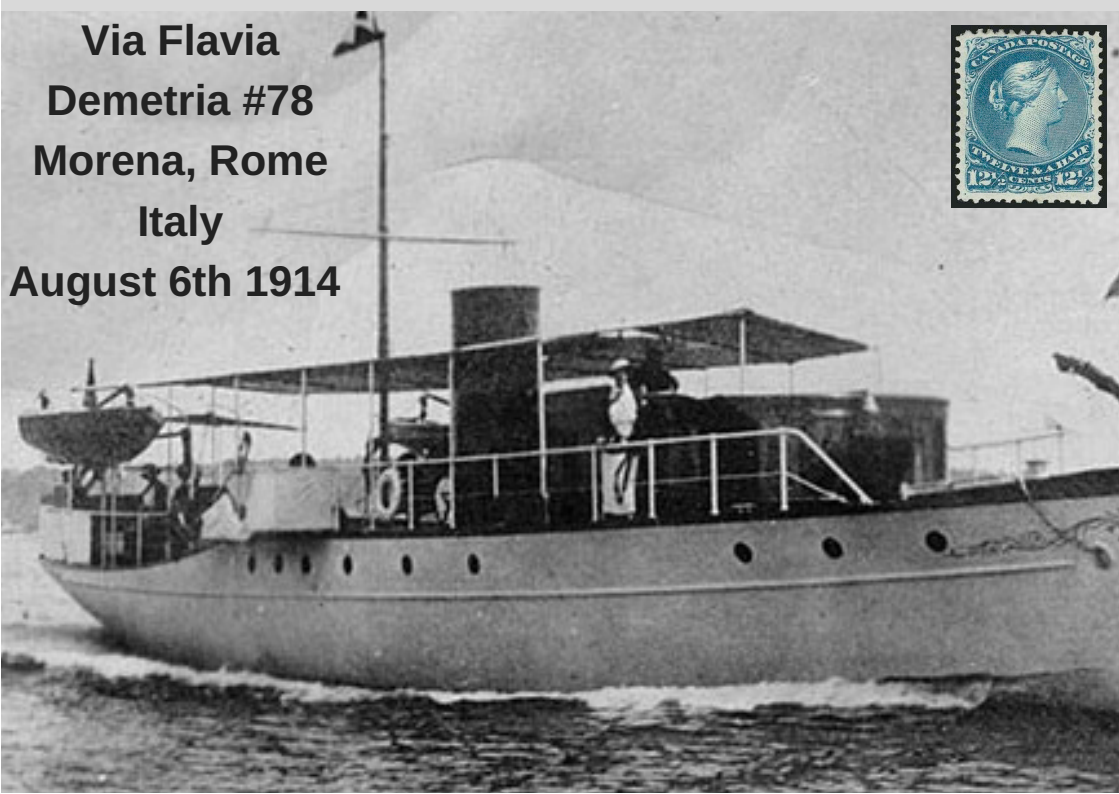
**Via Flavia**

**Demetria #78**

**Morena, Rome**

**Italy**

**August 6th 1914**



Dearest Brother,

Its now been a few years since Mamma's passing. I hope you are doing alright it's not an easy situation to get over. There's something I would share with you, there groups of people that are trying to come into Canada specifically the sounthern Asians and the Japanese it's not just the Chinese that were trying to enter now. Awhile back the federal government passed a new law that was called the continuous passage act. If you don't know what that is, it is a law that required all immigrants that were trying to come into Canada to enter Canada by a non-stop route. By the way that was almost impossible for most residents. Recently in March this year this policy was questioned. It was challenged because a Sikh business man, Gurdit Singh, led a boat called the "Komagata Maru". It took 354 Sikh immigrants from Hong Kong all the way to Vancouver, but shortly the steamer was put into quarantine, making it so that they could not land. The Komagata Maru was escorted out of Vancouver Harbour by the Royal Navy cruiser, shortly after most of the passengers starved to death. I hope for you to write to me soon on what's new in your life. I am thinking of moving from here with Robert and Elizabeth to come see you soon. I would really like Elizabeth to meet you since she's already 19 and has found the love of her life and will soon be getting married. I would love to do it near you so that you could come watch that special moment in her life. Talk soon, please mail me... Miss you



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