

Somewhere in Germany
Mar. 3, 1945

Dear Mother + Dad:

I received a pleasant surprise last night. I was awarded the "Combat Infantry Badge," for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy." That is what it said on the orders. Translated, it simply means that I didn't run. What really is important about it is that it means \$50 extra per month. That will come in real handy. I was given a copy of the orders and I am sending them along with this letter for you to save for me.

I was payed yesterday, I sent the whole thing home. It amounted to something like \$100. Now here is what I want you to do. That hundred dollars plus the bonds that I have should be enough to get a house, and that is what I want done immediately. I want you to get out of that damn apartment, get the furniture out of storage and set up shop again. I want to have something besides an apartment to come home to. I hope that I receive word from you soon that this has been done. If there is any money left over put it in the bank for me. I will need it for my education.

Well, that takes care of it for now.
Your Loving Son
Bob