



MONDAY EVE

DEAR JANE,

I GUESS YOU KNOW BY NOW THAT JOHNNY WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON THE 2ND OF AUG. I RECEIVED THE TELEGRAM FROM DAD LAST NIGHT AFTER DINNER AS WE HAD BEEN WORKING ALL DAY. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE SHOCK WAS TERRIFIC. I THOUGHT THAT AS A GI., I WAS HARDENED AND MY CRYING DAYS WERE OVER, BUT I FOUND MYSELF IN MY ROOM, BAWLING LIKE A BABY. I WENT TO CHURCH AND THE MINISTER SAID A FEW WORDS OF PRAYER AND MADE ME FEEL MUCH BETTER, WITH HIS WORDS OF COMFORT. THE ONLY THING THAT REALLY WORRIES ME, IS HOW MOM IS TAKING IT. I ONLY HOPE SHE CAN STAND IT. IF I CAN GET ANY TIME OFF BEFORE REPORTING BACK TO SHELBY, I'LL TRY TO GO TO AMAHE TO SEE MOM AND DAD.

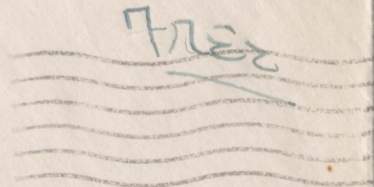
REMEMBER JANE, JOHNNY KNEW WHAT HE WAS FIGHTING FOR AND WAS WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE HE PAID. IN SHORT, JOHNNY GAVE HIS LIFE SO THAT WE, AND THE COMING GENERATIONS, WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE, UNMOLESTED BY RACISTS, AND OTHER HATE-MONGERS. AND IF YOU WEAR A GOLD-STAR, BE PROUD OF IT, AS ONE OF THE FINEST MEN IN THE WORLD IS REPRESENTED BY THAT BIT OF GOLD. FOR THOUGH JOHNNY MAY HAVE SEEMED AN ADOLESCENT BY HIS SLANG, THE THOUGHT BEHIND HIS REASONS FOR FIGHTING WAS THAT OF A MAN!

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. ANY LONGER. ALL I WANT, IS TO GO OVERSEAS AND CARRY ON, WHERE JOHNNY LEFT OFF. SO DON'T GRIEVE AND CRY TOO MUCH, AS THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS HE DIDN'T WANT. HE SAID THERE IS ENOUGH GRIEF IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT ANY MORE CRYING AND CARRYING ON. — KEEP YOUR CHIN UP —

LOVE

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