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Ted-----

While trying to clear my citations files today I came across one of your letters with your address on it. I had despaired of finding any. But of all things, it was in the portion marked "disapproved", whether it means anything or not. Course it's unintentional unless you want to look into the sub-conscious angle. If this address is incorrect I imagine the letter should reach you eventually. Incidentally have you been commissioned....sir?

A letter came from your sister Margaret the other day--She invited me to your home--I may take advantage of that sooner than she thinks, particularly if I request a discharge in the States. (I'm having trouble with this Jerrz typewriter--the Z's and Y's are inverted in their order). With the revision in scores, I almost but not quite made it. I'm among the Benevolent Society of the 79'ers. Some of the guys had the foresight to set aside their scruples and apply for Purple Hearts after the war ended--You should have seen the applications for past campaigns, even the first. Gads what I could do without scruples! I'll be noble and sweat it out till spring though it will be a little late no doubt. I have intentions however of going to the Spring Session if I can make it. Possibly there may be time for short holiday in which event I'll do some travelling and visit your family--would be swell if you could be there.

I have hardly anything to do until I attend the GI University in Florence next week. My citations are finally cleared up except for the files. This citations business has been the most messed up affair you could imagine. I didn't believe so much pigeonholing could be possible. I'm CO this morning while the rest of the Bn is in Leghorn for a parade to receive the distinguished unit citation. We had despaired of ever getting this for the Lost Bn deal--A few days ago when began consolidating the facts for this and Appenines deal, we finally received that it came through. However we're still going through with another on this last campaign. We've had pictures taken, sketches drawn, and water colors made. All that's missing now are comic strips to give a chronological order of what happened. All I did on this was to proofread the narrative for grammar--the rest was the unit historian's job. I guess you know that Bob Funabashi is the Unit Historian for the hundredth.

Well Ted, any idea where you'll be sent? Possibly the 442 if we're to be occupation troops in the Orient. The regiment is depleted as far as officers are concerned--lost 21 just recently--of the bn, we lost the Bn CO, S-3, S-4, Commo officer not to include at least one form each of the line companies.

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