

1 March 1945

Dear Korn:

Thanks a lot for you letter. Yesterday I went up to the front to pay the men off and this morning I'm back and I saw your letter on top of my desk.

This morning it is a beautiful morning. Yes there is no place like Southern France and wished you could see all this. Down here you can't imagine there is a war on, and all the time I was up the front I didn't even here a shot. What a day I had yesterday, rode on a jeep all day to different places to pay the men off and what a tiresome trip but it was swell ~~the~~ to see the boys again after a long period.

Korn I know how you fell about not coming into the Army, especially when most of your close pals are in or coming in. You haven't been over seas and don't know the War in its terrible stages, yes there is Heros and all the glory, but we sure wished we were civilians. Korn you are married and I know Chie is the worrying type and don't stick you neck out for something you don't have to go into. But I admire your guts for your efforts for joining the Merchant Marines, I hope you pass the physical, I think it a pretty good deal and hope you are able to get in. It is a pretty good deal.

I just received a letter from my mother and she is now in Winnetka, Illinois, I don't know where it is but I think it is near Chicago someplace. Imagine, my mother told me that my father and her are making \$300.00 a month for taking care of a house and she is happy now to be able to live normal again. Golly, I'm really happy about them. My father is cooking now and my mother just takes care of the house, they even have a swimming pool in the back yard and so the people they work for must be quite well to do. As for my sister I still haven't heard from her, but I guess she is ok.

The other nite my brother and I went to the photographers and took a picture together to send to my folks. Eddie is in the best of health and looking moreso better. He has a pretty soft life now and since he likes to play the piano, his friends in his company went to a vacated house and brought my brother Eddie a piano. Touching isn't it.

Well Korn, I'll have to close now and forgive me for the short letter, meant to write more but later on I'll write a little longer letter, I wished I could be back there in Chicago with you again and stay over your place on a furlough but I guess that will be a long time from now so I'll take off now and give my regards to Chiyeko. So I'll be seeing you,

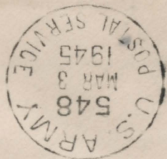
Sincerely:

Bennie

J.S. Eddie just made P.F.C today.

AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

*Col. Thomas J. ...
Personnel Section ...
APO 758 9th A.F. N.Y. N.Y.*



VIA AIR MAIL

PASSED BY
U 50868 S
ARMY EXAMINER
[Signature]

*Mr George Londa
4719 - South Kenwood Ave
Chicago Ill. Illinois
15*