



UNITED STATES ARMY

Oct 16, 1944

Monday 1:00PM

Dear Mom and Pop,

I just received your letter of Friday.

I hope Fuji didn't kick you too hard. How is Fuji and Hiro? When do they go back?

I'll send the rifles shells the first chance I get. I have them in my foot locker now but they're not packed yet. I'll also send a slug I picked up. The slug is the part the goes off when you fire the bullet. It's the part that hits the target. But this is for you. I want you to hold it for me for memories after the war. You'll find it wrapped in cotton when I send it.

I hope I can save my money. A little any. I'm sure you can save a little.

9:00 PM

I was just writing when the whistle blew so I'll continue from here. As I said, I'm sure I can save a little. I figure I get around \$42 a month covering the deduction on insurance and laundry. That's all the expense I have.



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I just came back from the tabor. I had the coat taken in a little in the back. It will be ready this Friday. We're not wearing winter uniforms yet but I think it will be soon.

I have good news today. I just learned that I'm going to get a rifle expert medal. Our lieutenant said that the War Department just put out a new medal for all those who qualified for rifle expert. I think we'll get it next week. It's nothing like these medals you get for extraordinary duty or heroism, but still it's a medal. Around 30 men in our company is going to get it. I haven't seen the medal yet, but our captain described it to us. Here's a rough sketch of how I think it is.



It's a iron cross with two rifles crossed and surrounded by a wreath. It has a bar hanging underneath.



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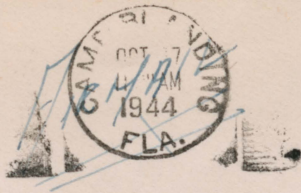
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with info printed on it.

We really had it easy today. It's going to be easy this week because we had a hard week last week. All we did today was to see movie. We saw one that was very interesting. It was called "The Battle of Russia". It showed all about the history of Russia from 1242 to 1943. It showed the invasion of the Germans too. It was interesting because it was made from American newsreels and captured German films.

Well, I have to take a shower yet so I'll say so-long till tomorrow
God

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