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Dear Mom:

Sent a letter yesterday with our insignias in it - hope it reached you ok. Those insignias are not really regulations as it was made for the boys as a favor by Mr. Finch - however it is a replica of our official 442nd insignia. The notice in the Pacific citizen that they claim "Go for Broke" as a Japanese American slang term although it is really a purely Hawaiian term. It is really appropriate for these boys as they really do go for broke on whatever they attempt.

I also mailed you this afternoon a copy of the Album. Please give this copy to the Church as my gift to them. I am sure that the members of the church would like to look through it during their leisure hours.

Its rather quiet around here of late. Not many boys dropping in with problems - guess their morale is high. I am enclosing a picture taken of Hank and I - I mailed you a batch of them last time but wonder if you got them as I sent them through express. Did you receive Peter's gift as yet. Hope it got to you ok - I am sure that if he needs extra chemicals for his set or any parts - you can order them to the Lionel Co. directly or wherever the company is that makes these sets. Know he will have loads of fun with it. Don't leave them where Jane can get at it -

I have been thinking last night of the many years we've been married and of Peter and Jane. I don't want you to worry over me at all as I promise you one thing. I will come back. There are a few things I would like to write to you about -

Peter first. I would like to have him grow up with pride in self and family. To be kind, and understanding of other people's problems and to learn to sympathize with those in trouble or need. I should like to have him be a good Christian - to realize God as a living father and all men as his brothers I should like to have him be courteous and simple in his ways but not too feminine. To be honest in his dealings and unafraid of any situation that he meets.

As for Jane, I only want her to be like her mother and know that you can bring her up right.

As I said, do not worry about me - I know that if I were to do this all over again - I would have volunteered. You wouldn't have it any other way - knowing my responsibility as a minister for the many boys that are in the army with me now. Propaganda of any kind does not effect me - you know that. That what I am do



Thwouldn't have been ashamed of myself for the rest of my life if I did not come into the army with them - and feel that it is not only a duty but a privelege to serve these boys wherever they may go and through whatever dangers they may face. I miss you and the children so much, but I always thought of the boys too as part of my Church family and I would not have slept with that thought in my mind. That they needed me and I did not come through.

I hope I am not being over dramatic - but know that you will feel better knowing how I feel. Let us pray that this war will be over with very soon.

If anything does happen to me  
Have my things all packed to be sent out. I will send it to Lads as I had written ealier because it would not be a burden on him and it will be on your family.

Tell Peter that Bobby Husted is five years of age going on to six - he goes to school and does pretty well. Know that he will enjoy reading Peter's letters.

The pictures I sent you has a picture of Lad. Guess it hasn't reached you yet - it is the smaller of the two packages I mailed to you. Give my best regards to Capt Wood and tell him that I expect to see Buck Weaver in the near future. Who knows but I may run across him -

Keep on writing to me here as I suspect we are going to be here for a little stretch as yet. One never knows in the army just what they plan to do at any time.

Love

Dad