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My Beloved Judy,

The latest rumor is that tomorrow we will be informed on that our status will be . Its one of three things. Occupation troops, return to the States or go direct to the Pacific from here. Just be patient darling as Im anxious to know the score also.

Received your air mail letter of May 9th today which I was delighted to get.

Why didnt you add your name to the card you send to Mom with the Mothers Day flowers? I think you should have even though its to late now.

Here is some dope on my battalion on percentage of men on how long they been in the Army. twenty seven per cent of the men have been in the in the Army for less than one year . Forty eight per cent for more than a year and of that forty eight per cent thirty four per cent have more than two years service. Its a high percentage of men with less than one year service but that because of the rapid turnover of men due to casualties .

I burn up even though I know about it concerning the treatment of German prisoners. Read an article in the New York Post and one amazing thing I didnt know is, to this day no anti Nazi books may be sent to the prisoners. Can you figure it out honey. What going to happen ? These prisoners will be returning home with the same fanatic ideas they had when they entered their Army.

The weather has beencool during the past few

days therefore I had no intensions of going swimming.

Tomorrow we are due to have our first parade. We are to receive our combat Infantry badge.

Evidently the combat Infantry badge isnt rated much since it doesnt count on discharge points. For all the dirty work the doughboy did I feel that the badge should have been considered

In one way its just as well since the badge was given out to leniently. The badge was originally intended for men up preformed their duty in the face of the enemy but practically everyone in the Infantry gets the badge that includes the clerks, cooks and generally the men who are always in the rear and after a town is cleared they come rolling in. All we do is gripe and bitch all day even though it doesnt do us any good.

Good night darling, pleasant
dreams and sleep well. I love you
with all my heart and I will
forever,

yours,
Ben