Feb 12, 1945 Dermany My Dear Louta do hold that this letter does not sadden you more. I, and all the Officers and men wish you to know that our thoughts have been with you in your sorrow and that we do share Lorour loss very deich with you This may seem to wow a very fate date for such a letter but consorship did not allow my writing before this The army is very strict about that so Allase dout think that I left Lou down or in any way for got your suffering () hur there is nothing that I can say that will soften your heartache but I and all thus want you to know that we shall always remember Low as the friendliest most generous and most thoughtful friend that a man ever had . You know yourself Loretta. that he was known and loved by everyone in the 773 Rd That he fuched me as his best friend was

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My Dear Loretta,

I do hope that this letter does not sadden you more. I, and all the officers and men, wish you to know that our thoughts have been with you in your sorrow, and that we do share your loss very deeply with you.

This may seem to you a very late date for such a letter but censorship did not allow my writing before this. The Army is very strict about that, so please don't think that I left Lou down or in any way forgot your suffering.

I know there is nothing that I can say that will soften your heartache, but I, and all of us, want you to know that we shall always remember Lou as the friendliest, most generous, and most thoughtful friend that a man ever had. You know yourself, Loretta, that he was known and loved by everyone in the 773rd. That he picked me as his best friend was, and always will be, an honor to me! We were as close, I believe, as any two men ever were and I assure you that your great loss was also mine.

The only hollow note of consolation that I can give you is that he went to God suddenly and without suffering. That is what he hoped for in case he had to go. I pray that God may ease your burden and that you may find comfort and pride in your memories of him. I know, my dear, that is a big order, but if you can bring yourself to remembering his accomplishments as a soldier you can well be proud. He was every inch a good soldier, and never once did he shirk any duty no matter how unpleasant or dangerous it was. Lou had a lot to live for and to fight for, and he certainly proved his metal in so doing.

And to all of you famous "kids" of Lou's, I also share your loss and sorrow. "Famous" you all are known in every country, state, and town that we ever stopped in. Any place "Pop" would find a new friend, he wasn't long in showing your pictures and bragging about each and every one of you.

If I should seem to be abrupt, I wish you would forgive me, this is somehow very hard for me. If you wish to ask me anything else or in any way I can do anything in the world for you please write to me.

May God bless you and comfort you,

Very sincerely,

Ken