

Feb 12, 1945

Germany

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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,

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dangerous it was. You had a lot
to live for and to fight for, and he
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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" could find a new friend, he wasn't long in showing your pictures and bragging about them 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.

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P.S. I will send you some more pictures of Don that I have as soon as I get them processed.

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