

Dear Brain

I enjoyed your P Day.  
I have in closed a letter I  
have had for many years  
We arrived on PP plus  
3. I could tell you some  
real story that are never  
told to the Public.

The letter concerns the  
30 Division of which I was  
a member.

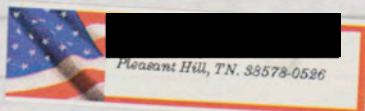
Thank You again for

Series,

I had hope to tape it  
but I had no Blank Tapes  
on hand,

once again thank alot  
there are not many of us that  
were there still around  
those of us left thank you  
Very much.

Sincerely your





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March 16, 1946

Dear General Hobbs:

Now that I am leaving the service, I thought it might be well to give you the following information for whatever you may derive there from.

[REDACTED] Toward the end of last fall, for the purpose of the log-gam of paper concerning Division Presidential Citation, GENERAL EISENHOWER instructed me to draw up a rating sheet on the Divisions. This entailed in the actual processing that we had to go over the total work of all of the more experienced divisions, infantry and armor, and report back to him which division we considered had performed the most efficient and consistent battle service.

We did so, and we name certain infantry division in the first category and the same with armor. We placed others in a second category, and yet others in a third. The 30th was among five divisions in the first category.

However, we placed the 30th Division No. 1 on the list of the first category division. It was the combined judgment of the approximately 35 Historical Officers who had worked on the records and in the field that the 30th division had merited this distinction. It was our finding that the 30th had been outstanding in three operations and that we could consistently recommend it for anyone of these three occasions. It was found further that it had in no single instance performed discredibly or weakly when considered against the average of the Theater and that in no single operation had it carried less than its share of the burden or looked bad when compared with the forces on it's flanks. We were impressed with the fact that it had consistently achieved results without undue wastage of the divisions men.

I do not know whether any further honors will come to the 30th. I hope they do. We had to keep looking at the balance of things always and we felt that the 30th was the outstanding Infantry Division of the ETO.

Respectfully yours,  
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West Palm Beach, Florida

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