

December 1944 Eds grief-stricken letter about the death of his mom

Red Cross Field Director

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Dear Sir.



My name & address: *Ed* P.F.C.

DEGNER

Edward O. Degner, Co. I, 160th
Infantry APO #40 S.F. Calif.

Yesterday I received a letter
from my dad, Mr. Stanley W.
Degner - Box 241, Mundelein,
Illinois, telling me of the
death of my wonderful mother.

I am unable to write
any more, and as there is
hope that, perhaps with
the aid of God, I'll be

able to get this ashore and to
you (the red cross)

I would greatly appreciate
your writing my dad and letting
him know I received his
letter.

Would you tell him too
that I firmly believe in life
after death, and tho he and
I, and my brothers too, will
face the rest of our lives without
our mother and his wife, some
years later ~~we~~ we will meet
again.

Tell him too, please, to take
care of himself for now, there

is no one to come home to
excepting him. And if something
should happen to me, why would
I ever come back, and what
for?

Tell him too, that I have
a few hundred in the
Lake Zurich Bank, and
some in the Mendota Bank,
that is his for any use.

Tell my dad too, that I
hope he will buy some
place and call it home
for all of us.

Tell him too, ^{4.} that my heart
is ^{all} but broke.

Tell him too, that I
won't be able to write for
a few months.

Tell him too, that to me,
there has never been and never
will be, a man more worthy
of the name Pop. And to ~~make~~
his last request ask him to
Carry On.

Ed. Dequor

Sis: I can only hope that
you will write this letter I
ask. However, I firmly believe &
trust you will. Thank you