

HEADQUARTERS 232D INFANTRY
APO 411, c/o postmaster
New York City, New York

17 December 1945

Mrs. Louise Schkade
General Delivery
Albany, Texas

Dear Mrs. Schkade:

Receipt of your letter of 1 December 1945 requesting further information about your son is acknowledged.

Private Bernhard W. Schkade, 38 080 030, Company A, was killed in action near Sessenheim, France, on 19 January 1945. On that date, the house which your son was occupying in the defense of the Alsatian town was struck by an enemy heavy artillery shell. Your son sustained severe injuries which led to his immediate death. From the testimony which has been received from members of Company A, it is certain that death followed so soon after the explosion that your son had no knowledge of the incident and that he experienced no suffering prior to his death.

It is regretted that this Headquarters has no further information regarding your son's death other than that contained in this and a previous letter addressed to you on 6 August 1945. Frequently events of war have no eye-witnesses, and such detailed information as you have desired cannot be obtained.

The members of this Regiment extend to you their deep sympathy in the tragic loss which you have suffered. It is hoped that the knowledge that your son performed his duty with courage and heroism will give you strength to carry your burden as he would want you to do.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Bjelland

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