

COMPANY "D"
34th Medium Tank Battalion
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

9/12/1949

Dear Mr. Lumir Brazda

It is my pleasure to inform you that your son has recently entered the military service and will be assigned to this organization for the next 14 weeks. His adress is:

Rct. Dave J. Brazda ASN RA 16306443
Co. "D ", 34th Medium Tank Battalion
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

I assure you that the Army is highly desirous of not only developing your son into a soldier of the highest caliber but to provide for his moral, spiritual, and physical welfare.

He has been examined by a physician and dentist. All medical and dental treatment required will be provided. A chaplain has interviewed him for the purpose of continuing his religious activities if he so desires. He has also been advised on matters relating to continuing his education, insurance, savings bonds and the saving of money.

His program for the next 14 weeks will be highly beneficial and educational. He may participate in whatever athletics he may choose. Theaters showing the latest movies are at his disposal. The Service Club is eager to entertain him in his leisure time. His clothing, food and housing are of the highest quality. Without doubt he will soon make new friends with other soldiers of his age which will develop into lifelong friendships.

He will have little opportunity to go on pass during the period of his basic training, but when he does receive a pass or leave, kindly do not ask him to overstay the privilege. This is a serious offense.

You are encouraged to write to him as frequently as you like. He will seek letters and miss you. Therefore, I am asking that you make your letters as cheerful as possible since a soldier with family worries has little interest in his duty. If his presence is required at home, kindly notify your local chapter of the American Red Cross and I assure you that he will be granted an emergency leave if the situation requires.

If I may be of assistance, do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES H. EDMISTER
Capt. Cav.
COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS
Combat Command "A"
Office of the Chaplain
5th Armored Division
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

19 September 1949

Dear Mr. Brazda:

Your son was in my office recently and I am indeed pleased to make his acquaintance. While he is in the Army, the Chaplain would like to be his friend, counselor, pal, and a sort of "stand-in" for Dad. Because of this interest I would like to have him drop in and discuss his progress, problems, and other important happenings in his life and I have ask him personally to do so at any time.

The U. S. Army has not only given the Chaplain an opportunity to be a guide in the matter of religion and morals but also has added to his daily work the responsibility of proper citizenship and character training as a continuation of your teachings at home. We are happy to assume this added responsibility and think you will be also because we feel we can help each soldier in his appreciation of our country and its way of life. This is the American heritage; in this also, we feel that you will agree. Character development is stressed in the training program since one can never achieve real success in life or attain worth-while goals without it. This we believe is one of the chief requirements of true citizenship.

Should you want information concerning a lad in the service we encourage you to contact his Chaplain. In your letters to yours in the Army who serve our country, we respectfully suggest that you encourage him to make the most of his Army training, make a friend of his Chaplain, and develop his spiritual resources by regular chapel attendance.

Major General Robert S Beightler, our Division Commander, had considerable to do with formulating the training plans for our new Army. During the recent war he led a Combat Division in the Pacific and clearly demonstrated his ability to lead our American citizen-soldiers in a victorious and praiseworthy manner. Those who serve under him now will receive the same type leadership. General Beightler is giving his every support to training under the new Army system and his goal is to have every man in his command a gentleman of high character as well as a good soldier. Every effort is being made to furnish a religious and moral training which will not only meet the present need but will continue to be most effective in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Elrod

Chaplain, Combat Command "A"

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Dave

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Brazda

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Arizona

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Name	Age	Location	Possible Relations	Complete Details
<u>Dave J Brazda</u>	Died in 2003 (71)	Show Low, AZ	Kathy L Brazda Mark D Brazda	That's the one

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