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TO: James M. Nabrit, Jr.
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FROM

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A.P.O. 4037, P.O. NY C
May 1, 1945
(Sender's Complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Dear Howardite: Please accept my thanks for the most interesting letter sent Alumni everywhere. This battalion debarked upon Utah Beach, France complete with equipment and personnel, the battalion started to move with the third U.S. Army in hot pursuit of the fleeing German forces and in nine days marched more than 180 miles in face of armed resistance, occupying thirteen positions. From the position at Blacourt, and at Mantua, Massico, occupied on the infantry outpost line, over 10 tons of ammunition were expended in helping the 79th Division established a bridgehead over the Seine River. This action sealed off the last escape route for the Seventh German Army, which had been encircled by the swift advance of the Americans. During this time every night, the Seine was lighted by the heaviest concentration of artillery ever assembled.

After this offensive, positions were occupied near Combley and Gorge. Before reaching these positions the battalion passed through Verdun, battle site of World War I. From these positions, which were beyond a doubt the hottest for our ground observers and wire crews, fire was placed on forts surrounding Metz. The battalion then moved south, supporting the 79th Division and the 2nd French Armored, whose vicious offensive pushed the Germans back across the Moselle & Meuse Rivers. Ending a period of general support near Lureville, the battalion again joined in the pursuit and destruction of routed German forces culminating in the capture of the important city of Sarrebourg and after crossing the Vosges Mountains, took Bavaria and finally the Rhine City of Strasbourg. In one of these positions, Baker battery was the most forward and bravely advanced artillery of the Allied Armies on the Western front. Near Bittel, one platoon of Baker moved forward on short notice and aided materially in the neutralization of Ft. Sinnerhoff, an important point in the Maginot Line. Nearly twenty-five hundred rounds were expended in one of the most daring and spectacular advances made by the Allies.

Next comes the battle of the Colmar pocket, won by aggressive American and French forces.

Since that time the battalion has crossed the Rhine River twice

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Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the University's Bulletin. It is good to hear of the University's activities and its contribution to the war. Over here we are near the Rhine river and expect to cross it soon. I can't say I am doing fine but have been touched with some of the good luck of a soldier.

I send best wishes for the continued service of Howard University.

Sincerely,

J. Marshall

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