

My platoon leader until July 11, 1944. Lost foot in mine field
I was appointed acting platoon leader and served until I was wounded.

England General Hospital
Atlantic City, New Jersey.
8 May, 1945

Dear John--

I have been meaning to answer your swell letter for a long time, but have put it off hoping I would get some news to tell you of some of the boys. But I have nothing to tell as yet. [I wrote several letters through the old company, as I did the one to you, but yours was evidently the only one that was forwarded successfully. I was especially anxious to hear from Ben Davis, or about him, but no word. Funny thing is that none of the other letters was returned to me. Earlier one had been--one of the biggest heartbreaks I ever had I think--when my letter to Lt Harnden was returned marked "deceased". But you probably know about that as I gather from your letter all the officers were gone when you got back to K Co.]

I have lost track of Capt. Smith too. The last letter I had from him he was in hospital in England with a wrist wound. That was way last summer. Maybe he went back into action.

I had a letter from Sgt Willey since I left Battey Hospital. He gave me Sgt Harris's address and I am going to drop him a note. I was glad to hear he and Carlson were MPs like you.

I was sent up here for another operation. I am about OK now and am waiting out the board that will decide what to do with me. I am walking pretty well, get around well enough for ordinary purposes tho I am not good for much distance. (No more Infantry at least!) I am very lucky, and never forget that fact.

Today is official V-E day. I am so happy the mess is over in Europe, but I have no heart for celebrating. Also I know that there will probably be a lot of little messes to clean up even still over there, let alone Japan before we can call it quits. I hope so much that you will be kdpt in the MP outfit and have an early return to the States. Please let me know how things stack up for you if you can. Also would like any details you can tell of your work. I'm glad you find it interesting, that helps.

I want to thank you for the things you said about me in your letter. I value your tribute very highly, John, much more so coming from you than if it had come from some high officer. I only did my best--which you understand because you always did too.

I must stop and get some other letters done. Take care of yourself, and the best wishes and luck for an early homecoming!

Sincerely
Wallis A. Nash

P.S. I was promoted to 1st last July while still in action - but didn't know about it until a couple of months ago!