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Drop me a card, please.

Capt. Gordon A. Simpson.

Capt. Gordon A. Simpson
Reg. Hq. 47th Div. A.P.O. 44
P.M. New York NY - June 10 1943

Dear Folks -

I feel that I almost know you because I
have heard Fred speak of you so often. Needless
to say the letter is very hard for me to write
for I loved Fred very much. If such a thing as love
exists between men, then I loved your son.

He was his company commander during
the landing at Salerno. His loyalty, courage and
devotion to duty was something you can well be
proud of. The actions and utter disregard for
his own personal safety marked him as one of
the outstanding soldiers of the battle.

Our next battle was at El Guettar where
I was his battalion commander. As soon as
I took command, I looked around and of course the
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many times ran messages to the different
company Commanders under the most difficult and trying conditions-

And here again he exhibited courage + bravery.

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