

**NAME:** Kenneth

**RANK:** Private

**ORGANIZATION:** 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** European Theater of Operations

- The following excerpts are directly from two original wartime letters written by Kenneth. These are the only letters from Kenneth in the site curator's possession.
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**Kenneth writes his mother in the United States:**

“Nov.25, [1944]

Well I can tell you I'm up in the Seigfried Lines. in Germany. I received 10 packages last night of newspaper (papers – comic book – socks – pencil set but don't know when I'll get to use it. Got several letters. It all came at once. No food as yet. Boy the fellows went for the funnies...Plenty of writing to do. Having trouble with frozen feet. Have been resting up a few days with them. I'm sending a request for 5 lbs of food & candy. Write and let me know what you have to send so I can request it from you...Sending watch home soon.

Kenneth.”

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**Kenneth writes his mother again in the United States:**

“January 1. [1945]

Well I've some good news and some bad. First of all good. I'm alright, well but sure wish I were home. It's the new year. Hope things are brighter then they were the past one. The bad news is that I lost my watch, address book, pictures, pencil set. and a lot more of my personel belongings. The Germans over took our kitchen where a lot of us boys left our things one day when we moved out. I hate like everything to lose it. But I guess I can't holler if I lose that and be thankful I have a hide left. Received package No 2. (flashlight film etc) Don't send odd articals I can't carry them. Leave behind...

Happy New Year

Kenneth”

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- Kenneth made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 70s.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period and Siegfried Line operations (viewer discretion advised):**

<https://archive.org/details/gov.archives.arc.39156>

- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers the Siegfried Line which Kenneth mentions in his first letter (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegfried\\_Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegfried_Line)