

NAME: Henry

RANK: Colonel

ORGANIZATION: Third Army

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Henry. This is one of many letters from Henry in the site curator's possession and more will be transcribed in the future.
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- No controversial material has been omitted from the following excerpt. No grammatical or spelling errors have been corrected.

Henry writes a friend in the United States:

“FRI 9/22

I THINK 1944

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED SEPT 7th. GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU – YES, I AM GOING OVER THE SAME GROUND THAT I WENT OVER IN 1918 – STORIES WERE GOOD. JUST LIKE THE LAST WAR NOW – DEAD MEN, ANIMALS AND WRECKED TOWNS. AM WITH GNL PATTONS FORCE – NOT A LONG DISTANCE FROM THE GERMAN BORDER...LIVE AND SLEEP WHEREVER WE CAN – FOX HOLES, CELLARS, BARNs, WOODS OR ANYWHERE – SEEMS KIND OF NICE TO TAKE MY PANTS OFF ONCE IN A WHILE...DONT NEED A THING OUTSIDE OF CIGARS – THESE GERMAN SS TROOPS ARE A DIRTY BUNCH – HAVE BEEN SHOOTING OUR MEDICAL AID MEN ATTENDING OUR WOUNDED – RESULT – WE DONT TAKE THEM PRISONERS, CATCH ON? RIGHT NOW AM IN A WINE CELLAR – (NO WINE) LACK OF SLEEP IS WHAT HITS US MOST – WELL, HOPE YOU ARE OK AND THAT ALL ARE WELL LOVE HENRY”

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- Henry made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period and Henry's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
https://archive.org/details/1944-11-02_3rd_Army_blasts_Nazi_Strongholds
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers U.S. war crimes in the Second World War like those Henry refers to in his letter (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_war_crimes