

**NAME:** Donald

**RANK:** Private First Class

**ORGANIZATION:** 1st Infantry Division

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

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Donald. This is the only letter from Donald in the site curator's possession.
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**Donald writes his relatives in the United States:**

“Germany  
Tue. Dec. 5 – 44

Well we have got to make a trip up front tonight to get some dead, so I guess I had better wright now. Its about 2,30 now. This fire in the stove shore feels good. I dont care much for the job I got but it is shore great not to have to be in a fox hole day and night.

...Its pretty tough right now...a lot of things are happening right now. I wish I could wright about, but I cant.

...The fellows in this Div. seam to think they are going to the Pacific after they are through over here, I hope they are wrong. I have had all I can take of this.

...Well one of the boys just got a Xmas box...I wonder what I will be doing this Xmas. Two years ago I was at Camp Croft. Last year I was at the Replacement Center at Algears N.A.. I left the next day for England. I wish I could be any place but here this years.

...Heres some more stamps I dont think you have in your colection.

Love to all  
Donald”

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- Donald 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 Donald’s organization (viewer discretion advised):**  
[https://archive.org/details/1944-12-04\\_Nazi\\_Border\\_Pierced\\_By\\_Allied\\_Might](https://archive.org/details/1944-12-04_Nazi_Border_Pierced_By_Allied_Might)
  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Donald’s wartime**

**organization, the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st\\_Infantry\\_Division\\_\(United\\_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Infantry_Division_(United_States))