

NAME: Edgar

RANK: Captain, Chaplain Corps

ORGANIZATION: Seventh Army

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

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Edgar writes his wife in the United States:

“Thursday 25 Jan 1945 France

There were two letters from you today, a long one and a short one, December 28 and 29...Winter is pretty but definitely inconvenient. It is especially a poor time for fighting a war...Also with you I trust Evelyn will make such a gay impression on Albert and the other young males that she will get a rush. It was one of the things that saddened me in this French house where I stayed. Her was this awfully cute and chic little French girl nineteen years xx old and without any xxxxx social life at all. All the time she was growing up she had to be sheltered from the occupying armies, and the American Army is no exception. As I remarked to Nina the officers were sometimes distressed that she preferred to sit in the kitchen with the old folks and help the Chaplain with his French when they wanted dates, but they do not realize how puritanical the French are and how well they remember from the last war the scarcity of honorable intentions. To me the starvation of that element in these youngsters lives is one of the saddest things about war. Romance was born in haste and often it will or has repented in bitter leisure. All my love, Devotedly Edgar”

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- Edgar made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers the above time period and Edgar's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/CB-40>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Edgar's wartime organization, the Seventh Army (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventh_United_States_Army