

NAME: Roland

RANK: First Sergeant

ORGANIZATION: 99th Infantry Division

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

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Roland writes his wife in the United States:

“Jan 6 [1945]

Just a line to let you know that I still think of you. I don't know how my letters have been coming through so I'll repeat a little bit. The Red Cross has probably notified you that I had been hurt. Today I was allowed to walk to the wash room for the first time. They took the patch off my right eye a couple of days ago. I expected to be able to write my own letters then but my sight hasn't returned enough yet. It's getting better every day. The operation in my left eye has healed enough now that there's no pain, but I won't be able to see out of it until they work on it some more.

At first I expected to go back to the front, but now they tell me I'll probably be sent back to the States...I haven't written to the folks yet...Dont worry darling because I will be O K, even with one eye it wont be so bad. We receive the best of treatment here.

I love you very much!

Roland”

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- Roland 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 the Battle of the Bulge where Roland was wounded (viewer discretion advised):**
https://archive.org/details/1944-12-20_Allies_Fight_Fierce_Nazi_Counter-Blow
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Roland's wartime organization, the 99th Infantry Division (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/99th_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/99th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))

