

NAME: Raymond

RANK: Corporal

ORGANIZATION: 395th Infantry Regiment

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

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Raymond writes some friends in the United States:

“Tues,A.M., Nov. 14 – 44 –

Hello everybody & how are you all by this time & is it getting getting cold there yet. I received quite a lot of mail yesterday but still none from you. But I guess I will get one soon though, at least I hope so.

It is still snowing today which makes about the fifth straight day of it. There is quite a lot of snow on the ground now & the trees are also loaded down with it. It sure is pretty outside even though it is Germany. By the way, have you received all the letters that I have written...

...I can tell you now that we are living in German houses which are fully furnished. The people had to leave in such a hurry that they didn't have time to take anything, not even their clothes. But I don't feel sorry for them as, after all, they are Germans...

...Ill close now & will be looking for a letter soon. Be good & take care of yourselves.

Will All My Love

Raymond”

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- Raymond made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers the above time period and Raymond's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/CB-35>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Raymond's wartime organization, the 395th Infantry Regiment (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/395th_Infantry_Regiment_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/395th_Infantry_Regiment_(United_States))