

NAME: Edward

RANK: Second Lieutenant

ORGANIZATION: 8th Air Force

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Edward. This is the only letter from Edward in the site curator's possession.
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Edward writes a friend in the United States from a German Prisoner of War Camp:

“OCT. 16, 1944.

...My left leg and ankle is well. So I can walk and run now. I exercise regularly. Baseball season has come and gone. We had one track meet and now we have football. I play volley ball some. During the summer I went swimming four times, and picked wild blackberries on the way. I still have a fair tan.

The library is much better now. I read either technical or non-fiction books. One certainly learns to get along with his neighbors here...

...But things aren't too bad considering the fact that we have food, shelter, recreation, and books...Send my love and Merry Christmas to everyone – Edward”

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- Edward made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers Edward's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
https://archive.org/details/1944-03-20_Blast_Berlin_By_Daylight
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Edward's wartime organization prior to his capture, the 8th Air Force (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighth_Air_Force