

NAME: Delmar

RANK: Private First Class

ORGANIZATION: 87th Infantry Division

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

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Delmar writes a friend in the United States:

“Germany
2 April 45

I hear that you folks at home had a false armistice and began to celebrate. I hope the real peace isn't far off and we are, most anxiously of all, waiting for it.

White flags are the order of the day in Germany and towns by the hundreds are showing them. Resistance is light and scattered so really we are on a triumphal march through the Reich. The Russians seem to be doing as well...

...I am beginning to believe that this evil of Nazism can wear off if the allies help to build a democratic government that can function and win the respect of the people. Then, once free information begins to circulate, the German people will know that they have been lied to and tricked and will tear out Nazism themselves.

No mail yet. I keep hoping.

Love, Delmar”

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- Delmar 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 the above time period (viewer discretion advised):**
https://archive.org/details/1945-04-02_Death_Knell_For_Germany
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Delmar's wartime organization, the 87th Infantry Division (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/87th_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/87th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))