

NAME: Keith

RANK: First Lieutenant

ORGANIZATION: 83rd Infantry Division

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

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Keith writes a friend in the United States:

“19 MAY 45
...Germany

Now that the shooting is over I can get a chance to answer your letter of 28 Feb. & your V-mail job of 8 April.

We have it fairly easy now doing Military Government work & I've been appointed Summary Court Officer for this district & expect to start slapping H _ _ nies in the 'clink' starting Monday.

We are staying in a small hotel with beds & sheets & a bath & beer on tap – not bad!

...Got drunk for the first time in a good long while on V-E day on Dutch whiskey we captured from the J _ rr _ _ s who in turn took it from the Dutch – lousy stuff – but what the h _ _ l!

Fraternally,
Keith.”

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- Keith made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 60s.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers Keith's organization (viewer discretion advised):** <https://archive.org/details/FB-67>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Keith's wartime organization, the 83rd Infantry Division (reader discretion advised):** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/83rd_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/83rd_Infantry_Division_(United_States))